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Overview

When complete, the Erie Canalway Trail will run for 360

miles in upstate New York—from Buffalo in the west to Albany in the east—linking many other communities along the way, including Rochester, Syracuse, Rome, Utica, and Schenectady. It currently comprises more than 290 miles of open trail and has a few remaining gaps. In 2018, a 5-mile gap on the eastern side of the trail was closed when a new section of the trail opened between Pattersonville and Amsterdam.

About the Route

Most of the trail follows these canal and rail corridors and it is nearly level with an average grade of 1 percent. A few steeper grades and hill climbs can be found in the Mohawk Valley section on the trail's eastern half. Large sections of the trail are surfaced in stone dust from crushed limestone; however, some stone dust sections are being converted to asphalt paving. A range of bike types can be used effectively on the trail, including mountain and hybrid bikes, as well as road bikes equipped with wider tires (28 mm or more recommended). The two longest paved sections are at either end of the trail: from Albany to Schoharie Crossing and from Buffalo to Pendleton.

There are several on-road gaps throughout the trail, but most are easily navigable with trail signage and road markings.

For those who want to cross-country ski, the western and central portions of the trail receive the most average snowfall. The trail is open year-round, but it's up to each municipality whether they wish to plow, so check with the local government if planning to use the trail in the winter months, especially if interested in snowmobiling, which is permitted in some of the more rural areas.

The western segment of the Erie Canalway Trail is also referred to as the Shoreline Trail. The southern endpoint is in downtown Buffalo and travels about 13 miles north to Tonawanda. Part of the route includes the Riverwalk along the Niagara River, which is quite scenic and provides access to



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States: New York

Counties: Albany, Cayuga, Erie, Herkimer, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Orleans, Schenectady, Wayne

Length: 335.2 miles

Trail end points: Erie St. (Buffalo) to Corning Riverfront Park at Quay St. (Albany)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Parking & Trail Access

The Erie Canalway Trail runs between Erie St. (Buffalo) and Corning Riverfront Park at Quay St. (Albany).

Additional parking is available at:

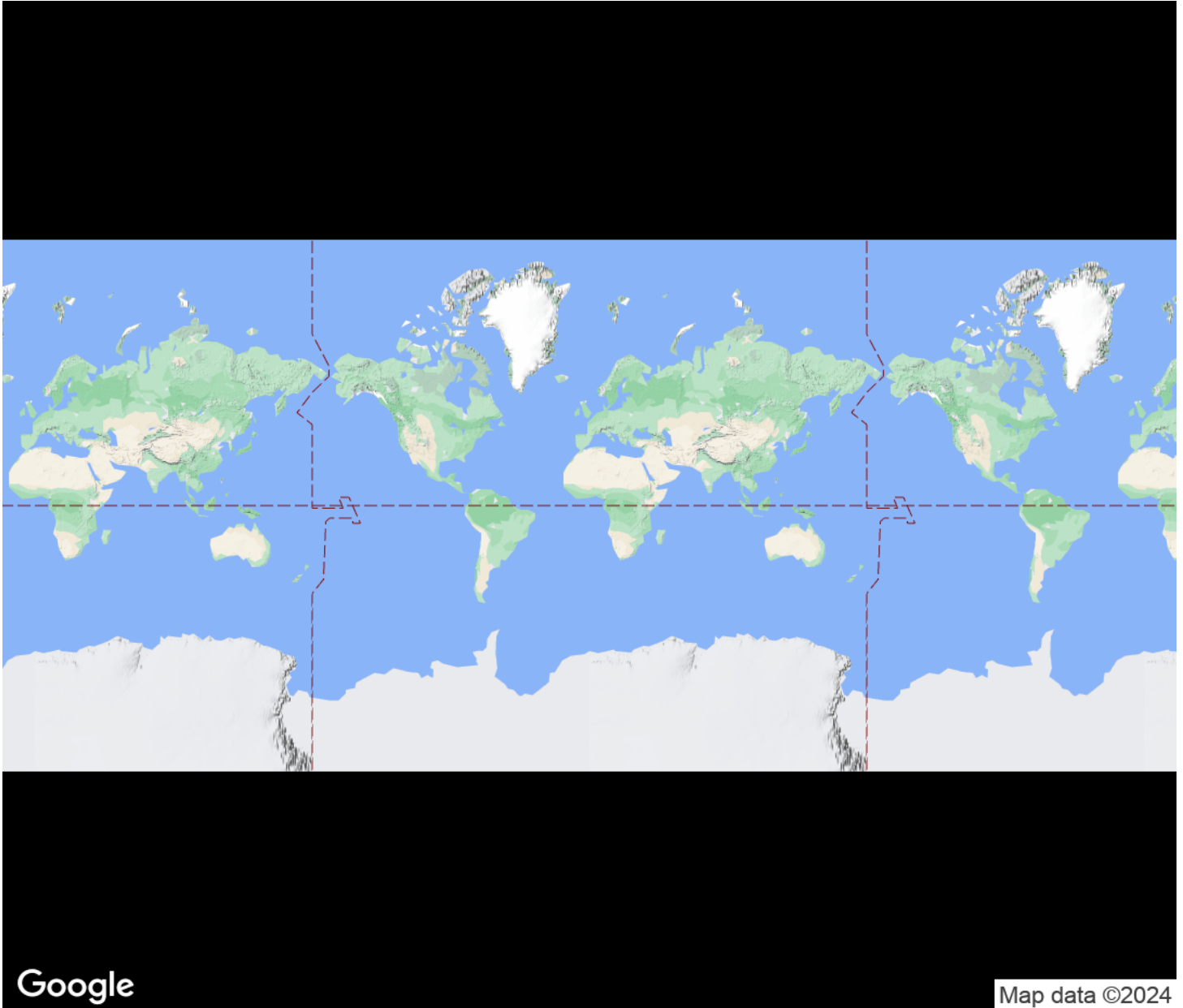
- 1170 Niagara St (Buffalo)
- 22 N Main St (Pittsford)
- 2 Rice Rd (Schenectady)

There are numerous parking options along this trail, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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