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Guides



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The trail starts on East Main Street in the city of Middletown, roughly 8.8 miles northwest of Hartley Road and 11 miles northwest of Goshen.

4 miles down the trail from the northern endpoint, trail users can find limited parking for two or three cars at Hartley Road in Goshen. The trail here is narrow and has a rural feel to it, with a compacted earth and crushed-limestone surface. About 1 mile from Hartley Road, the

trail crosses 6½ Station Road, where alternative parking is available. At this junction, trail users can also find the first of several scenic attractions along the trail. Here, nature lovers will enjoy passing through the 62-acre 6½ Station Sanctuary, a marshland that's home to more than 200 species of birds.

A mile after crossing 6½ Station Road, the trail passes beneath busy NY 17 as it approaches the town of Goshen. This mostly on-road section of trail is not very clearly marked, but in Goshen it changes to a paved, 10-foot-wide trail. As you travel through Goshen, you'll pass Good Time Park, a mile-long racetrack that hosted the Hambletonian Stakes horse race 1930–1956. For parking here, follow signs for St. James Place.

About 11 miles from the northern endpoint as you approach the town of Chester is the historical Chester Depot Museum. Owned and operated by the Chester Historical Society, the museum has become a convening place for charity walks, community cookouts, yard sales, and general community gatherings. The museum has parking, restrooms, and food.

Next the trail passes over several streams and brooks, including Seely Brook and Youngs Brook. The green fields and residential areas by this section of trail make the ride more enjoyable. As the trail approaches the town of Monroe, it passes Orange-Rockland Lake to the left at 10.8 miles. Just before the southern endpoint at Mary Harriman Park, you'll pass the playgrounds at Airplane Park and traverse a wooded stretch on your way to the village of Harriman.



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**States:** New York

**Counties:** Orange

Length: 19.5miles

**Trail end points:** Orange Heritage Trail trailhead at East Main Street (Middletown) to Mary Harriman Park at Meadow Ave. and River Road (Harriman)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Crushed Stone,Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross

## Parking & Trail Access

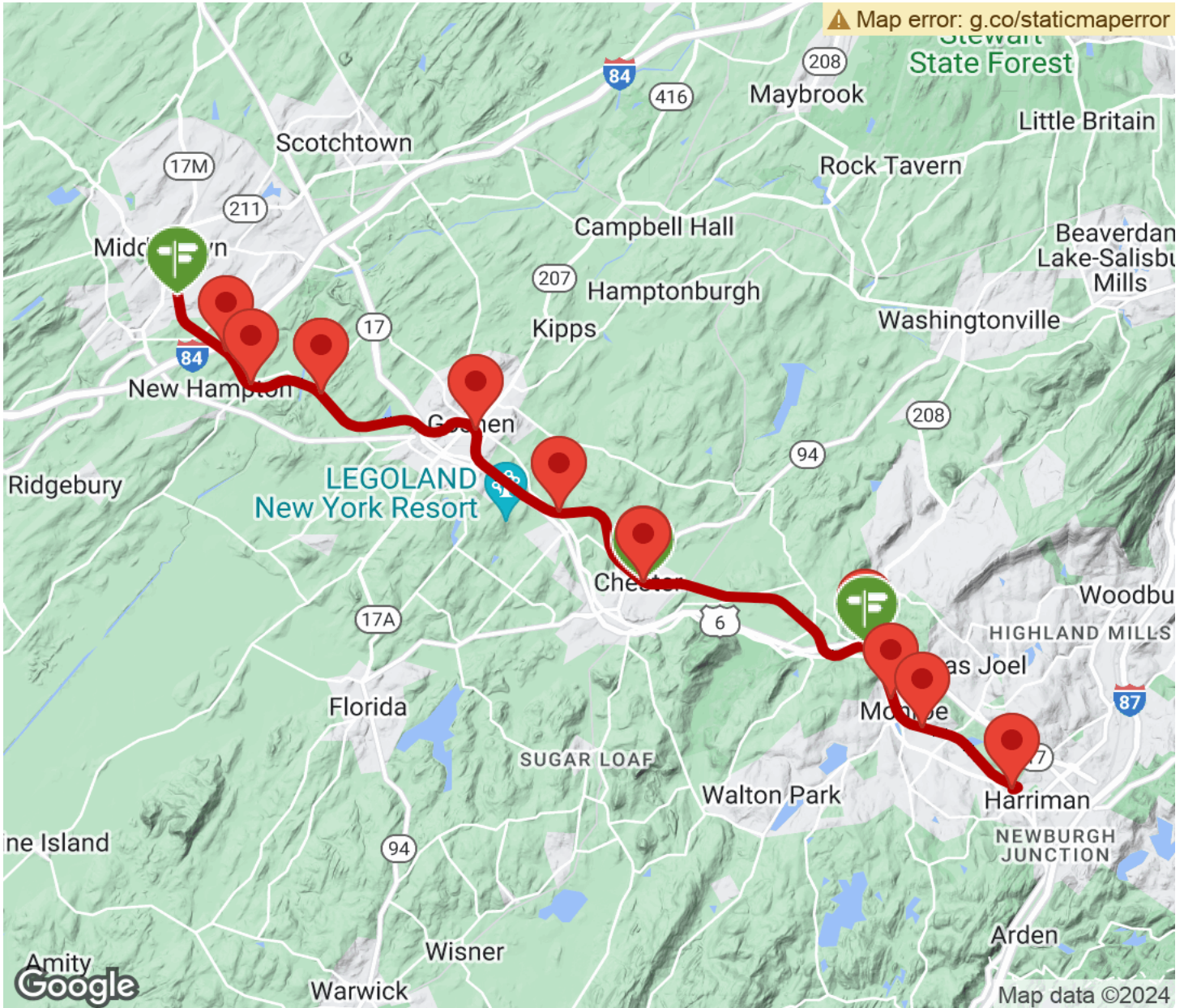
There are several parking options available along this trailhead including in New Hampton, at 202 Ryerson Rd, at 559 County Rd 50, 99-113 Hartley Rd, in Goshen at 28 St James Pl, in Airplane Park along Millpond Parkway and more.

See [TrailLink Map](#) for more option and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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