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Guides



**Dahlgren  
Railroad  
Heritage Trail**  
*Virginia*



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The Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT) traverses a scenic forested landscape abounding with wildlife in Virginia's Northern Neck. The rail-trail, which was designated as a National Recreation Trail in 2018, follows the route of the old Dahlgren Branch Line from the Dahlgren Naval Surface Warfare Center west toward Fredericksburg. The pathway is also part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, which extends from the Chesapeake Bay to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The trail opened in 2006 as a privately owned recreational facility accessible by permit. The trail is maintained by a non-profit organization known as the [Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail](#). Permits can be completed for free and online at the Friends of the DRHT website: <https://www.dahlgrentrail.org/use-permits.html>



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**States:** Virginia

**Counties:** King George

Length: 15.7miles

**Trail end points:** US 301/James Madison Pkwy  
(Dahlgren) to Bloomsbury Road/SR 605 nr.  
Birchwood Crk Rd. (nr. Sealston)

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Mountain

Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

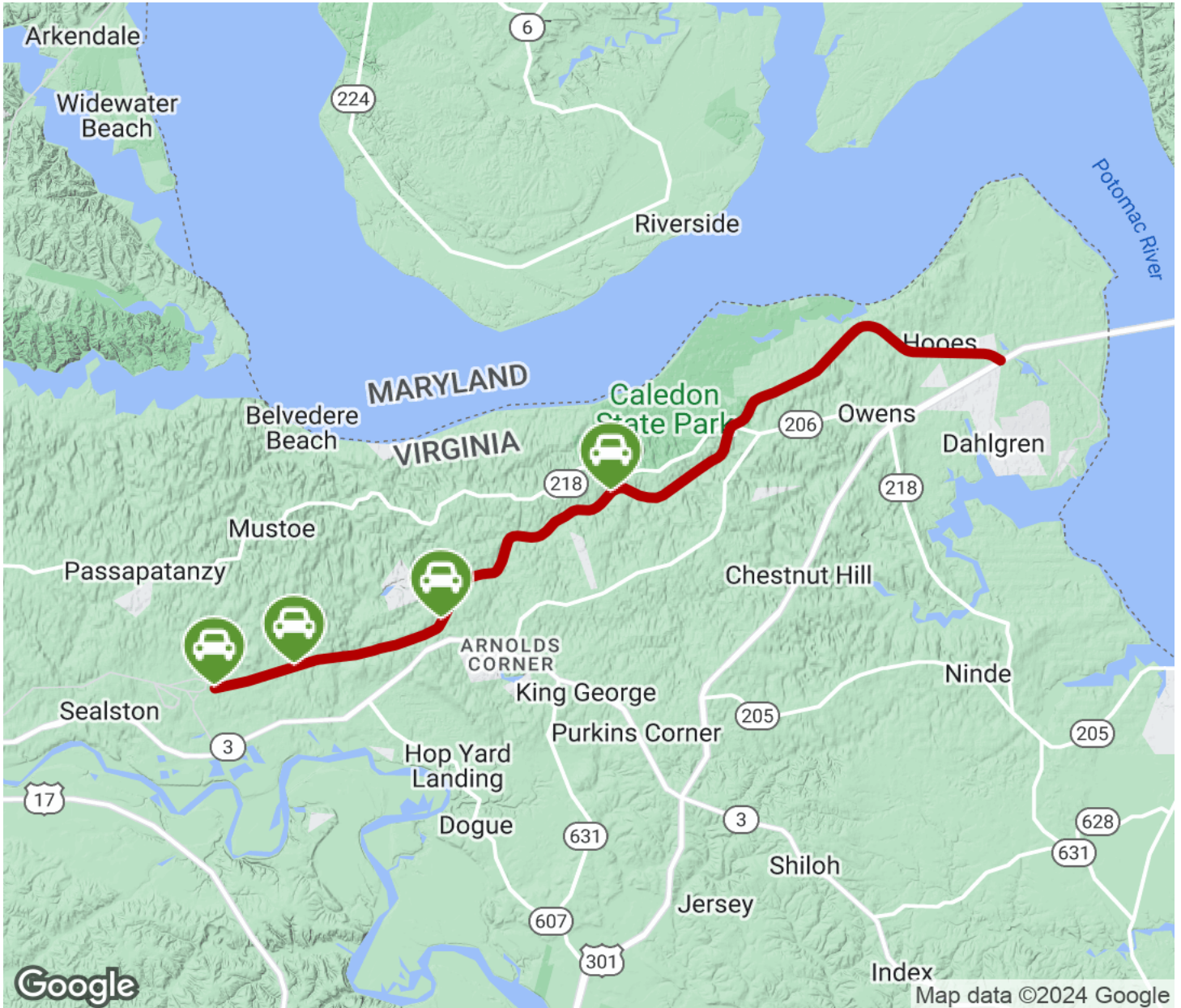
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking and access information is available on the [Friends of DRHT](#) website.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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