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Rail Trail**
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Eagles Mere, located at an elevation of 2100 feet in the Endless Mountains of Northeast Pennsylvania, is a town rich with history dating back over 200 years. In 1794 George Lewis bought the lake and surrounding land, and erected a glass factory which operated until the end of the War of 1812. In 1892 the Eagles Mere Railroad was built between Sonestown and Eagles Mere. At Sonestown it connected with the Williamsport and North Branch. The railroad stretched eight miles, and in 1904 was extended around the lake at Eagles Mere Park.

Through the roaring 1920s, excursion service to Eagles Mere offered the wealthy a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of large cities like Philadelphia. The Eagles Mere Railroad garnered praise as one of most scenic lines in the state. While in transit along the Eagles

Mere Railroad, passengers marveled at the wildflowers and waterfalls along the route.

Today, Eagles Mere continues to offer a place of escape. The Eagles Mere Conservancy's Rail Trail offers a peaceful path of 1.6 miles along the former narrow-gauge corridor, connecting to several nearby State Forest trails which in turn lead on to more than 100 additional miles of trails within state lands, ranging from easy hiking paths to singletrack mountain bike routes. Please note that Conservancy paths and trails that connect with the railroad grade are restricted to hikers only, with bikes limited to the rail trail.

The rail trail comes to an end in the woods at a junction with another former railroad grade, which hikers can follow to access the park's Yellow Arrow Trail to continue exploring the pleasant, historic grounds. Or you can turn around and head back to the trailhead for a relaxing out-and-back experience.

Regardless of the route chosen, natural splendor will follow. An easy walk along the rail trail from the trailhead provides gorgeous views of the spring-fed Eagles Mere Lake, while a more challenging jaunt off the rail trail along singletrack paths leads to scenic waterfalls and shaded retreats.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Sullivan

Length: 1.6miles

Trail end points: Rt. 42 and Lakewood Avenue
to Eagles Mere Park, NE of Lakewood Ave.

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

To Route 42 trailhead: From Williamsport, take I-180/US 220 northeast through the towns of Picture Rocks and Tivol. At Muncy Valley turn left onto PA 42 and head north for 6 miles to Eagles Mere. Drive through town until you see a pond on the left (Lakewood Ave.) and a gravel trailhead parking lot in front of it. The trailhead is immediately on the right.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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