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The Susquehanna River Walk and Timber Trail provide easy walking and biking experiences for all ability levels in the communities of Williamsport and South Williamsport. The trails are built primarily atop levees along the north and south shores of the West Branch Susquehanna River. Active freight railroads border both sides of the river, with the short-line Lycoming Valley Railroad to the north and the Norfolk Southern mainline to the south.

As you ride along the trail, it is easy to imagine the level of complex partnerships required to make the trail a reality. Tastefully engineered to incorporate electric utilities, sewage inlets, active railroads, highway bridges, and levee views, the trails appear seamlessly connected, providing a real-life inspiration for partnership in trail building. The

local government and community advocates have much to be proud of here.

A surprising diversity of native plants, trees, and wildlife are consistent throughout the route. Especially wonderful views of the river and South Williamsport add to the trail's simple beauty. Look out for a low dam between the Market Street and Maynard Street Bridges that provides a beautiful contrast to the relatively slow-moving Susquehanna. Also prevalent along the path is interpretive signage—not to mention lumber-themed public art—highlighting the importance of logging to the region.

Start your journey at the southeastern terminus of the Susquehanna River Walk portion of the trail in South Williamsport, passing Paws Park to your right. Follow the trail over a railroad crossing, then continue on the trail with the river to your right. At US 15/Market Street in South Williamsport, you can either turn right to cross the Market Street Bridge or continue on the Timber Trail to cross the Maynard Street Bridge. Both bridges feature a dedicated pedestrian-bicyclist portion on the west side to provide easy, protected access to both the north and south portions of the riverside trail. Gradual grades on the entrances and exits of ramps under the bridges provide easy access for all ability levels.

The C-shaped Timber Trail portion of the trail connects the southern and northern sections of the Susquehanna River Walk. Running west from the Market Street Bridge in South Williamsport, with the river to the right, the Timber Trail heads 1.3 miles to cross the Maynard Street Bridge. Loop beneath the bridge and follow the trail to Market Street in Williamsport, with the river to your right.

From here, the Susquehanna River Walk resumes, heading 1.5 miles to the northeastern endpoint at Commerce Park Drive, just south of I-180. The trail shares a parking lot with the Susquehanna Bikeway, which heads another 3.2 miles east



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Lycoming

Length: 4.2miles

**Trail end points:** Charles St. and E. Central Ave. (South Williamsport) to Susquehanna Bikeway at Commerce Park Dr. just south of S. Northway Road (Williamsport)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

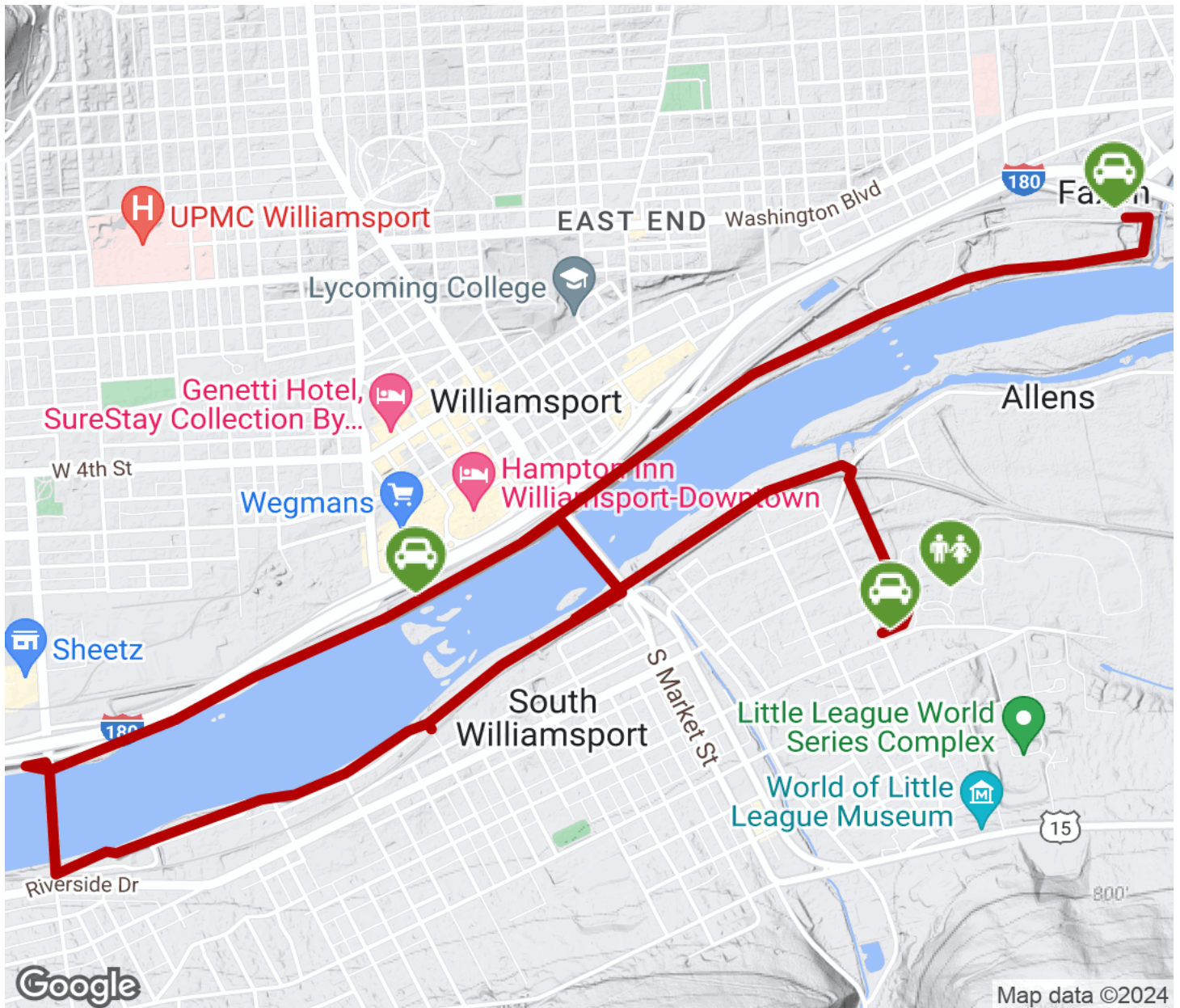
To reach the southeastern endpoint in South Williamsport from I-80, take Exit 210B to merge onto US 15 N. Go 15.5 miles, and turn right onto Fairmont Ave. Go 0.4 mile, and turn right onto E. Mountain Ave. Take the second left onto Charles St., and go 0.1 mile. Turn right onto E. Central Ave., and immediately turn left into the parking lot.

To reach the northern endpoint in Williamsport from I-180, take Exit 25 toward Faxon. (From I-180 E, turn right onto Commerce Park Dr. From I-180 W, keep left at the fork, and turn left onto S. Northway Road. Go 0.1 mile, and turn left onto Commerce Park Dr.) A parking lot for both the Susquehanna River Walk and Timber Trail and the Susquehanna Bikeway is located immediately over the railroad tracks to your right. The trail access point, marked with bike route signage, is located across Commerce Park Dr.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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