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Guides



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and flood-prone after rainy weather.

Although currently used primarily by locals, township officials envision the French Creek Trail being extended east into Phoenixville, where it will connect to the Schuylkill River Trail and west to the Horseshoe and Big Woods trails in Warwickn County and French Creek State parks, forming a major link in Southeast Pennsylvania's burgeoning trail network.

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Although a small part of it follows the route of the former Pickering Creek Railroad, most of the trail runs along a route much closer to the creek for which it is named. The trail passes several prominent local historical sites, including Rapps Dam, Snyder's Mill, Rapps Dam Covered Bridge and Jacob Rudy's Powder Mill.

A roughly one mile section from Rapps Dam Road west to a bridge over French Creek is paved with asphalt and is wheelchair-accessible as well as suitable for cycling. However, most of the trail is natural surface of dirt or grass. This portion is not handicapped-accessible and is best for hiking and mountain biking and is often muddy



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Chester

Length: 4.6 miles

**Trail end points:** Township Line Road to Hares Hill Road

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Dirt, Grass, Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

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

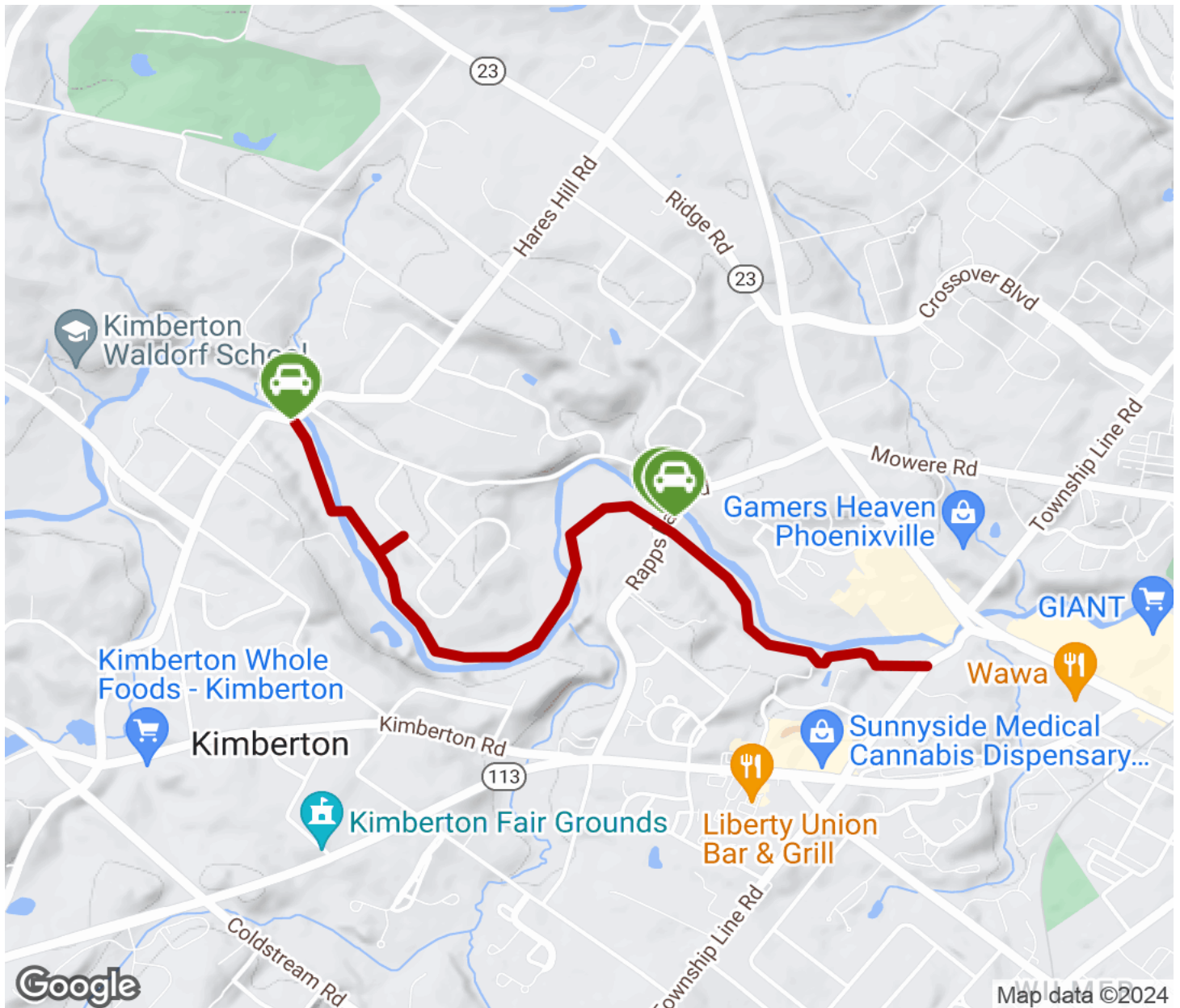
## Parking & Trail Access

The best parking is on either side of Rapps Dam Road, immediately south of the covered bridge. The paved portion, as well as the ruins of Snyders Mill and an archeological site where Jacob Rudy's Powder Mill once stood can all be accessed from here. There are other trailheads to the west and east.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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