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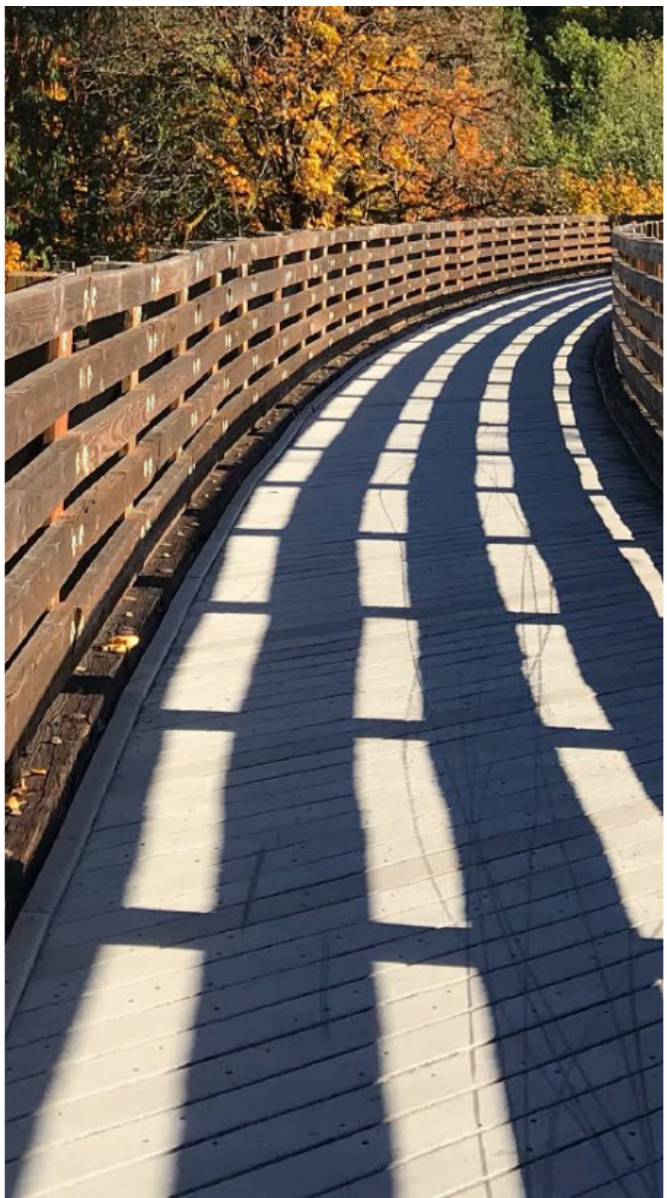

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About the Route

Travelers on the trail will enjoy spectacular views of the Catskill Mountains and the nearly 123 billion-gallon reservoir. The area abounds with red maples, birch and eastern white pine trees, and the pathway features protected wetlands and a 525-foot boardwalk. The route also crosses the 2,850-foot long, 60-foot tall Glenford Dike, an engineering marvel completed in 1912 to allow passage of trains bringing supplies to and tourists from New York City via the railroad.

The trail's crushed-stone trail surface, measuring 10 to 12 feet in width at various points, is so compacted that thin-tired bikes can safely travel on it. The pathway is also ADA-compliant and features no crossing streets. In winter, the unplowed trail can be enjoyed for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and fat-tire bike riding.

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States: New York
Counties: Ulster
Length: 11.5miles
Trail end points: New York City Rd. (Boiceville) to Basin Rd. (West Hurley)
Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Ashokan Rail Trail runs between New York City Rd. (Boiceville) and Basin Rd. (West Hurley).

Parking is available at:

- 5080 NY-28A (Boiceville)
- 3045 NY-28 (Olive)
- 1285 NY-28 (West Hurley)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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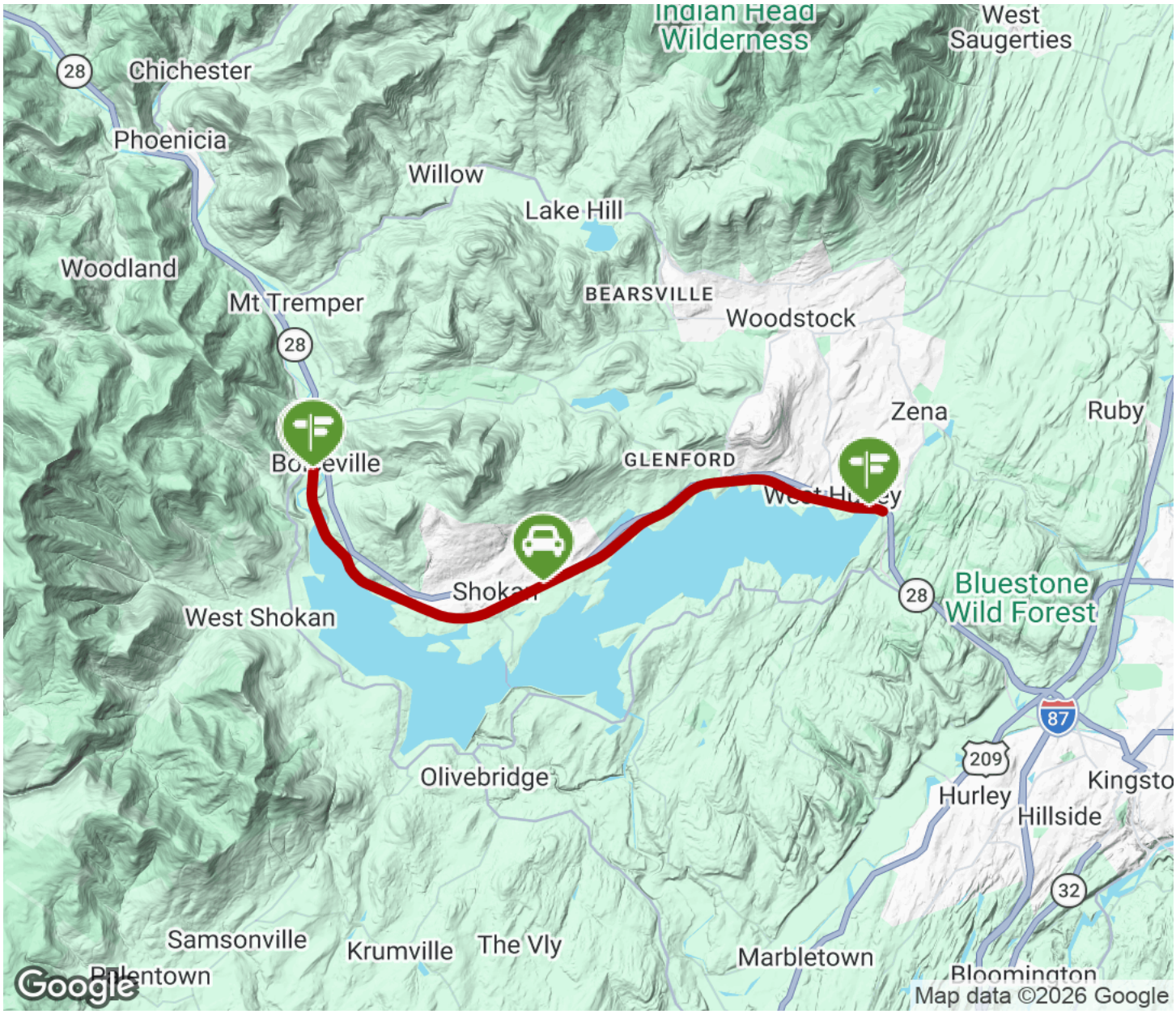

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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