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Guides

Old Railroad Trail (NH)

New Hampshire

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States: New Hampshire

Counties: Hillsborough

Length: 2.7miles

Trail end points: Trailhead near Peterborough Recycling Center (Peterborough) to Forest Road (Hancock)

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing
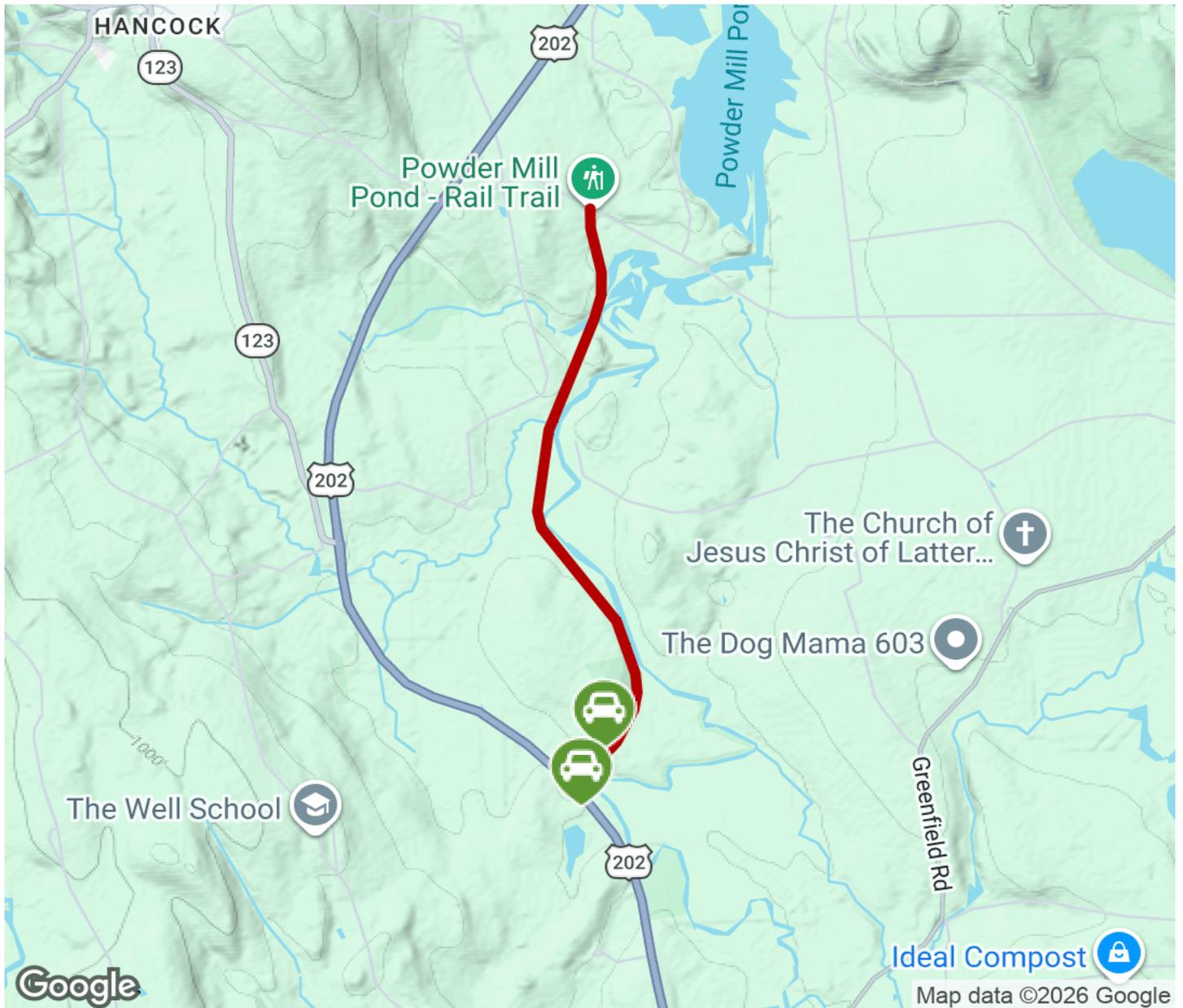
Parking & Trail Access

To reach the trailhead near the Peterborough Recycling Center from the intersection of SR 101/Wilton Road and NH 123, head north on Granite St./US 202, and go 4.1 miles (the road becomes Pine St., then US 202 E/Concord St., then Hancock Road). Turn right onto Scott Mitchell Road, go 0.2 mile, and turn right into the trailhead parking lot (immediately after Sanitation Lane).

For the alternate trailhead connecting to the Common Pathway, follow the directions above, but turn left instead of right at Scott Mitchell Road. Look for the parking lot immediately on your left. The northern endpoint is located about 0.2 mile north along the trail.

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Trailhead	**Restroom**	**Parking**	**Water Fountain**	**Tunnel**

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