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About the Route

From its eastern endpoint on Wading River Manor Rd, the trail runs west from the hamlet of Wading River to the border between the hamlets of Mount Sinai and Port Jefferson Station. Paralleling NYS Rt. 25A, the North Shore Rail Trail connects local recreational areas, schools, businesses, residential areas and athletic fields. There are trail kiosks at both endpoints and quarter-mile markers along the route. Whether commuting, exercising or just enjoying some recreation, this trail provides a safer alternative for residents to walk, run and bike.

The North Shore Rail Trail is part of Suffolk's county-wide Hike and Bike Master Plan, whose goal is to create a connected network of trails and fill in existing gaps. Part of this plan includes adding a 175-mile extension (from Battery Park to Montauk) to New York's Empire State Trail, which currently skips Long Island in its cross-crossing of the state.

This ADA compliant trail is 30ft wide with a 10ft paved section down the middle and an additional 10ft on either side, making it quite accessible for those using mobility aids or for families with strollers.

Open from dawn to dusk only, the trail has no lights, benches, garbage cans, water fountains, or restrooms. This is necessitated by its status as an active Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) right-of-way, which means that the LIPA can use the path to access their electric system should the need arise.

Dogs are allowed to be walked on leashes and must be picked up after. This is a carry in/carry out trail—all animal waste and garbage must be disposed of offsite.

No electric or motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed on the trail, including but not limited to ATVs, electric scooters, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, mopeds, cars, snowmobiles and any other recreational motorized vehicles. There is an exception for electric wheelchairs, electric mobility scooters and other mobility aids.

Trail History

The North Shore Rail Trail runs along the former Wading River railway corridor in Brookhaven—the largest town in Suffolk County, NY. A branch of the Long Island Rail Road, the Wading River railway line was used by Nicola Tesla to commute to his Long Island laboratory. The railway line was abandoned in 1939 and the idea of turning it into a rail-trail was first introduced in the 1970s. Over fifty years later



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States: New York

Counties: Suffolk

Length: 10.4miles

Trail end points: Wading River Manor Rd (Wading River) to Crystal Brook Hollow Rd (Mt Sinai)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The North Shore Rail Trail runs between Wading River Manor Rd (Wading River) and Crystal Brook Hollow Rd (Mt Sinai).

Parking is available at:

- Sylvan Ave Park, 116 Sylvan Ave (Miller Place)

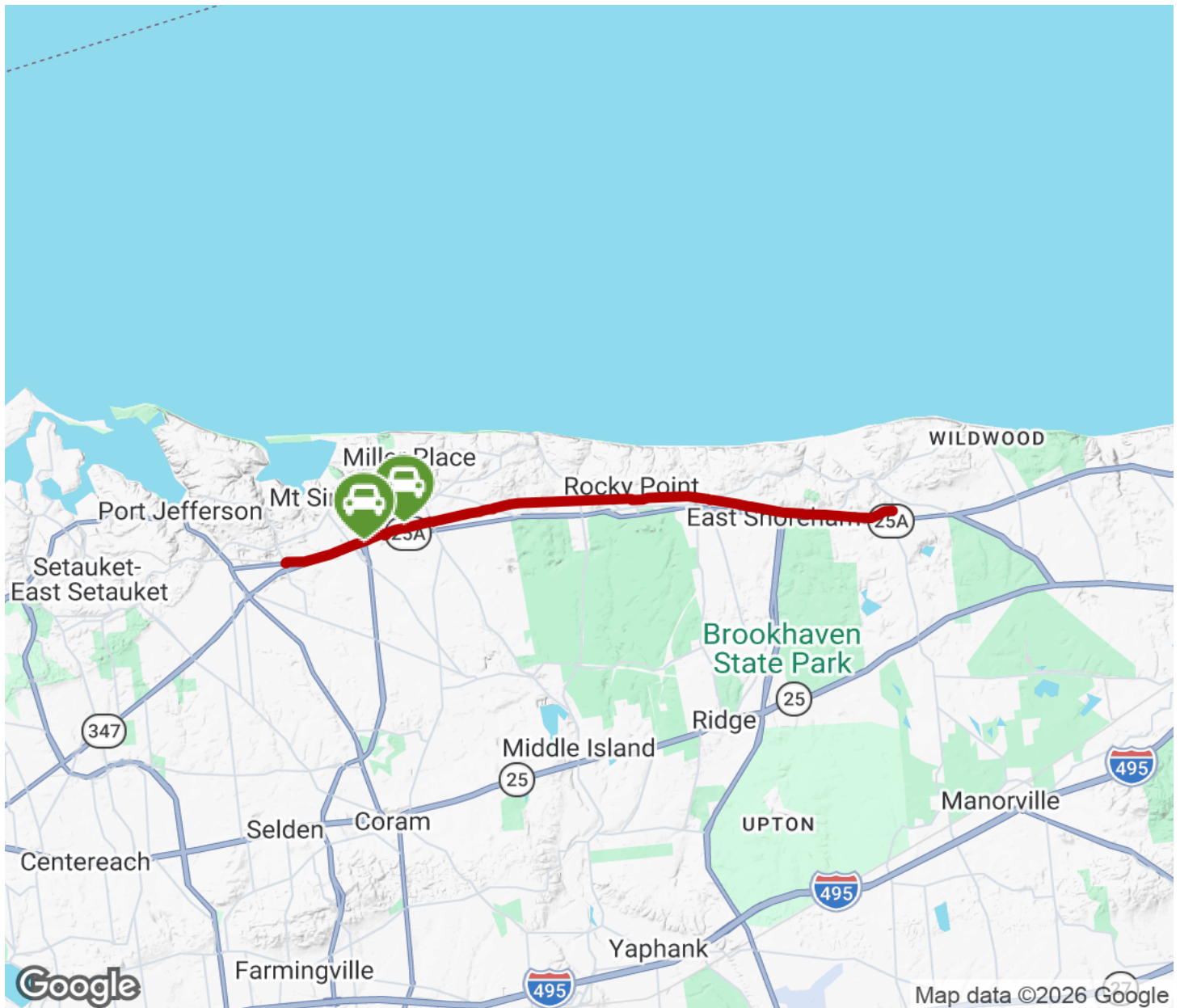
The Suffolk County Transit bus system provides access to both ends of the trail.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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