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Lehigh Valley Trail New York



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About the Route

At its eastern end, the trail starts in the lovely Lehigh Crossing Park in Victor. The 54-acre park marks the confluence of the Lehigh Valley Trail, Auburn Trail, and Trolley Trail and offers ample parking as well as a fishing pond, a playing field, a picnic area, and seasonal bathrooms. Helpful signs are placed around the park and along the remainder of the trail to steer visitors in the right direction.

Heading west, trail users will travel 0.8 mile on a stone-dust path before reaching a railroad trestle bridge at a second intersection of the Auburn Trail. In 1.6 miles, the route approaches Old Dutch Road in Victor. For the next 1.4 miles to Mendon, horses are permitted on a parallel grass trail. In Mendon, the trail passes a cluster of youth baseball fields, restroom facilities, water fountains, a lightning protection shelter, and parking.

Continue under comfortable tree-lined shade to the Rochester Junction trailhead at Plains and Junction Roads in Honeoye Falls. Here the developing North Branch of the Lehigh Valley Trail splits off and makes its way northwest, past the Rochester Institute of Technology campus. Ending at Genesee Valley Park, the North Branch connects with the Genesee Riverway Trail, the expansive Erie Canalway Trail, and the University of Rochester. In addition to its many connections, Rochester Junction also supplies visitors with parking areas, bathrooms, water fountains, and the opportunity to explore railway remnants and a replica freight house.

In 2.5 miles, the trail reaches Veterans Memorial Park in the charming town of Rush. Along the way, slow down to enjoy breaks in the trail's surrounding foliage that permit views of nearby creeks and glimpses of golden agricultural lands. In town, there is parking as well as several trailside eateries before crossing the fairly quiet West Henrietta Road to rejoin the last stretch of trail.

For the last 5 miles, travel over Honeoye Creek, under I-390, and through wetlands to an impressive railroad trestle bridge along the Genesee River. Immediately after crossing the river, there are large stone abutments. These railroad relics mark the intersection of the Genesee Valley Greenway.







States: New York Counties: Monroe,Ontario Length: 16.4miles Trail end points: W River Rd/County Rd 84 (Scottsville) to Lehigh Crossing Park (Victor) Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Horseback Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Lehigh Valley Trail runs between W River Rd/County Rd 84 (Scottsville) and Lehigh Crossing Park (Victor), both of which offer parking.

Parking is also available at:

- East River Rd/Country Rd 84 (Rush)
- Rochester Junction, Plains Rd (Honeoye)

These are not official addresses, please visit the <u>TrailLink map</u> for all parking options and more detailed directions.









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