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Guides



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blazes downstream, arriving at where an old trestle of the Hacklebarney Mine Railroad spanned the river. Keep following the blue blazes, which soon join the railroad right-of-way. Eventually, you arrive at Kay's Pond below old mine areas on the slope to the left. Beyond the pond are the refurbished dam and the Hacklebarney mine site, which are chained off.

From here, the trail follows the obscure right-of-way of the former Langdon Mine Railroad.

#### Connections

At the southern end of the trail, trail users can continue along the [Patriot's Path](#).

In the mid-1800s Chester, New Jersey, was the home of the iron ore industry; railroads shipped the ore all over the county. With the end of the industry, however, the rail lines were abandoned, and turned into trails, and the area is now managed by the Morris County Park Commission. The Black River County Park Trail is a poignant reminder of the once-industrial nature of what has become a beautiful, unspoiled river valley.

#### About the Route

This trail follows the Black River and passes by the northern section of Hacklebarney Pond. It was donated in 1962 by Elizabeth Kay and many other private landowners.

From Cooper Mill, follow the Black River Trail's blue



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**States:** New Jersey

**Counties:** Morris

Length: 2.3miles

**Trail end points:** Rte. 24 (Chester) to Kay Environmental Center, 200 Pottersville Rd. (Chester)

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Fishing, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

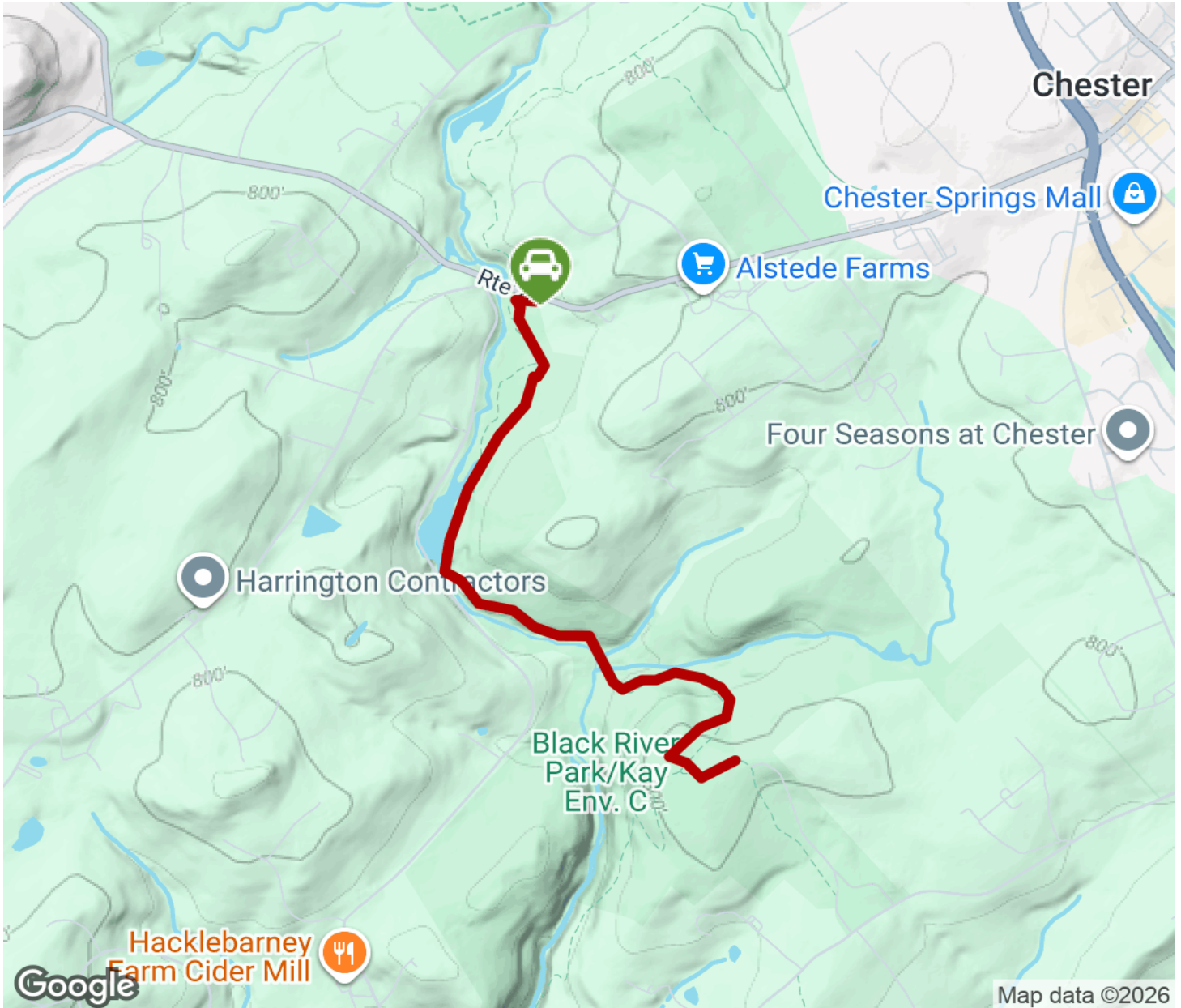
The Black River Country Park Trail runs between Rte. 24 (Chester), where parking is available, and Kay Environmental Center, 200 Pottersville Rd. (Chester).

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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