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Guides



## **Black River Wildlife Management Area Trail**

*New Jersey*



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terminate in West Essex Park in Livingston, and east to Stephens State Park in Hackettstown area. Plans are under way to open the rail bed to Horseshoe Lake Park in Succasunna across water authority property.

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The trail follows the right-of-way of the former Chester Branch of the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad, from Chester Station to Ironia. The main spine of the [Patriot's Path](#) (white blazes), as well as the Liberty-Water Gap Trail, also follows much of this route.

The trail leads from west to east through Black River WMA on the south side of an extensive wetland surrounding the Black River. The white blazes of the Patriot's Path depart to the right and ascend to the community of Ironia. Patriot's Path continues east to



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**States:** New Jersey

**Counties:** Morris

Length: 4miles

**Trail end points:** Chester (Pleasant Hill Road)  
to Ironia (Main Street)

**Trail surfaces:** Ballast

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Fishing, Horseback  
Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Cross  
Country Skiing

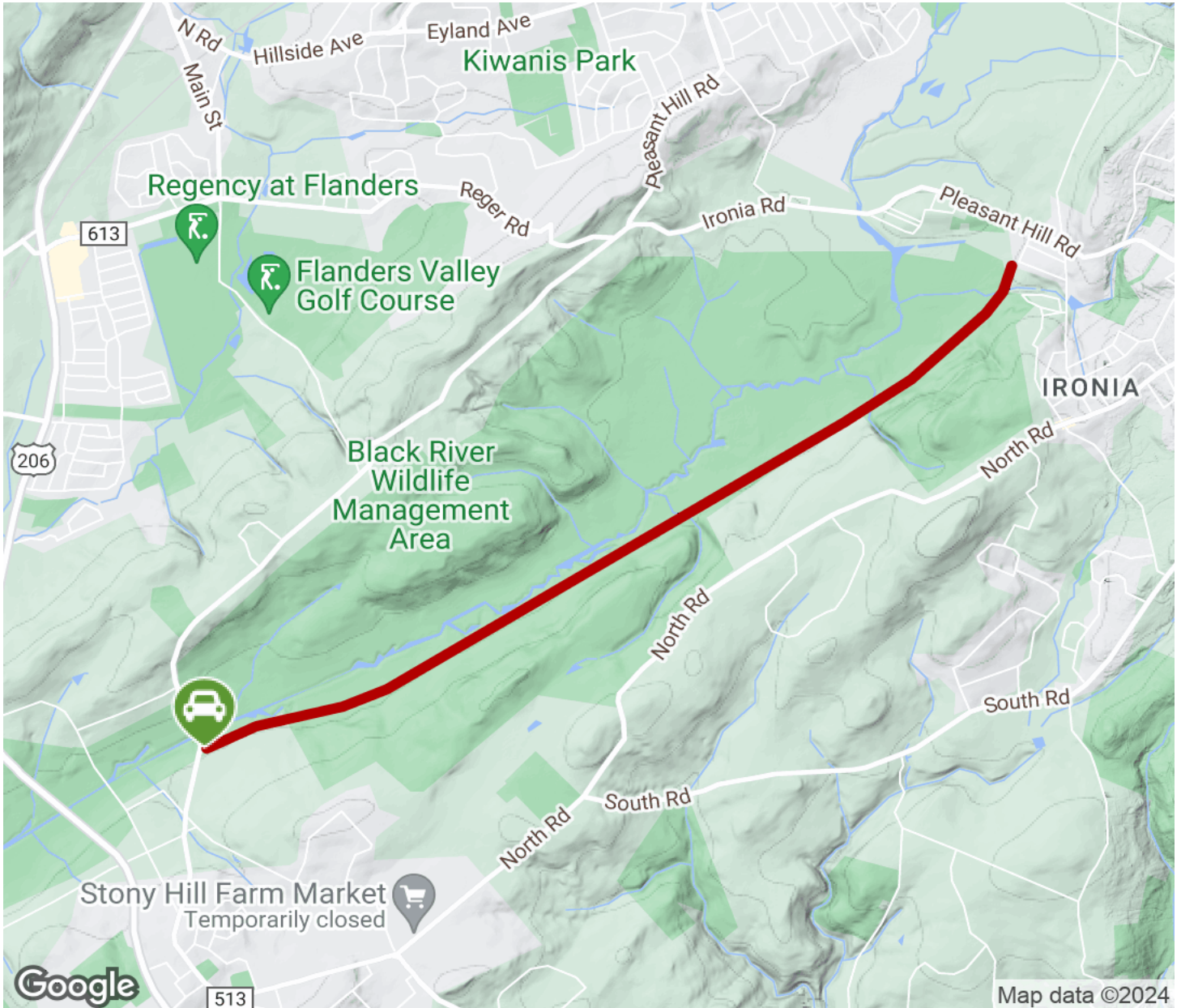
## Parking & Trail Access

Take route 206 to County Road 513 to Main Street. Go west on Oakdale Road. Then right on Pleasant Hill Road. The trailhead is on the left after the driveway of the Hermits of Behlehem.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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