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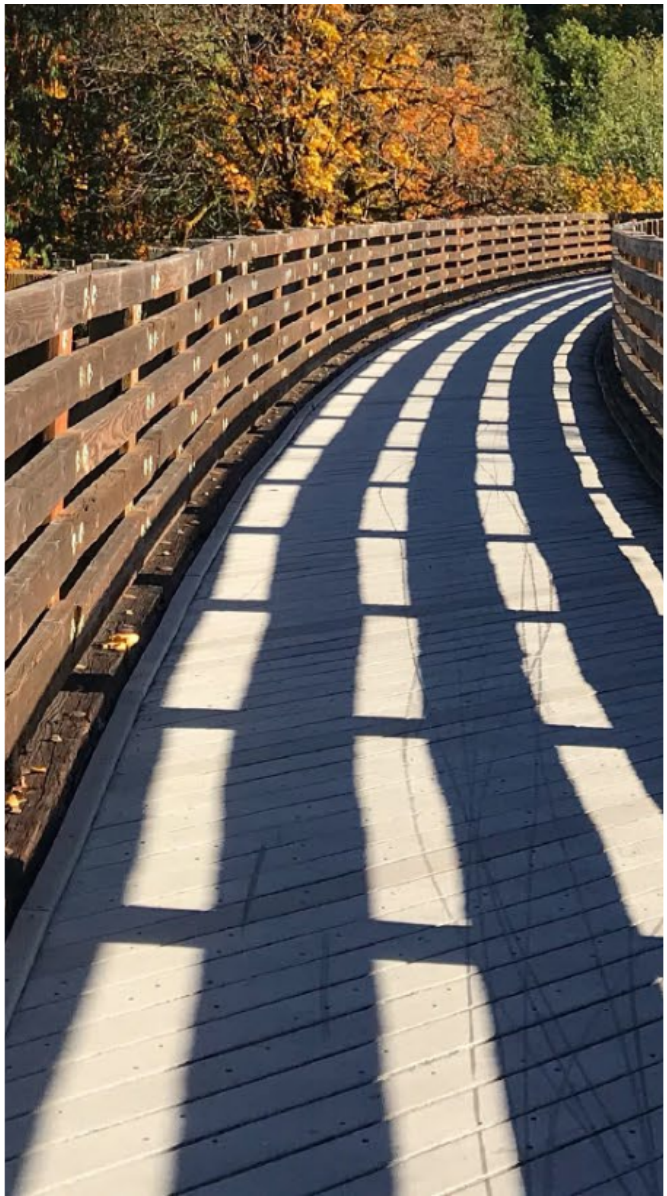

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Spanning 73.6 miles, the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park Trail is the longest completed multiuse trail in the state and is described by many as the crown jewel of New Jersey trails. A portion follows the towpath of the Delaware & Raritan Canal, built in the early 1830s as a transportation corridor between Philadelphia and New York, while another portion tracks the route of the former Belvidere Delaware Railroad.

The trail is shaped like a V, with Trenton at its center, and is paved within the capital city. Most of the trail runs along the canal, where it is a well-maintained surface of finely crushed stone over hard-packed dirt; travelers will be most comfortable riding it on a hybrid or mountain bike.

Two types of mileage markers are used along the canal. The concrete mile markers with two numbers etched on them are historical, indicating the number of miles between the terminus points at Bordentown and New Brunswick. The other type marks every 0.5 mile starting from the Battle Monument in Trenton.

About the Route

Northwest of Trenton, the trail leaves off from its western endpoint near Frenchtown, a pedestrian-friendly village, and connects many towns along the way, including Stockton, Lambertville, Titusville, and Ewing Township. Heading northeast out of Trenton, the trail runs through Lawrence. Continuing farther, the trail skirts near the Princeton University campus and passes through Kingston and Franklin Township, reaching its eastern endpoint in New Brunswick.

The trail offers something for almost everyone. Along the route, history buffs will appreciate the 19th-century bridges and bridge-tender houses, remnants of locks, cobblestone spillways, hand-built stone-arch culverts, rail depots, and historical railroad markers, as well as an early 18th-century gristmill near Stockton and a 19th-century one in Kingston. Hungry trail users can choose between periodic trailside picnic tables or trailside cafés in towns along the way, including Frenchtown, Stockton, and Lambertville. Nature lovers can enjoy occasional wildlife sightings and river views. You can even rent canoes in Griggstown or Princeton if you prefer the water route.

A noteworthy attraction just on the other side of the river in between Lambertville and Trenton is Washington Crossing Historic Park, commemorating the turning point in the American Revolution when, on that fateful Christmas night in 1776, George Washington's surprise attack and subsequent victory over opposing forces provided a much-needed boost to the Continental Army's dwindling morale.

South of Trenton, there is another short, disconnected

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States: New Jersey

Counties: Hunterdon,Mercer,Middlesex, Somerset

Length: 73.6miles

Trail end points: 500 Frenchtown Rd (Milford) to George St. & Landing Lane (Piscataway)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone,Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Horseback Riding,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park Trail runs between 500 Frenchtown Rd (Milford) and George St. & Landing Lane (Piscataway), with a separate section in Bordentown that crosses Duck Island.

Parking is available at:

- 3 Station Ct. (Lambertville)
- 4278 Quaker Brg Rd. (Princeton)
- 685 Weston Canal Rd. (Somerset)

Parking is available at numerous locations along the trail. See TrailLink map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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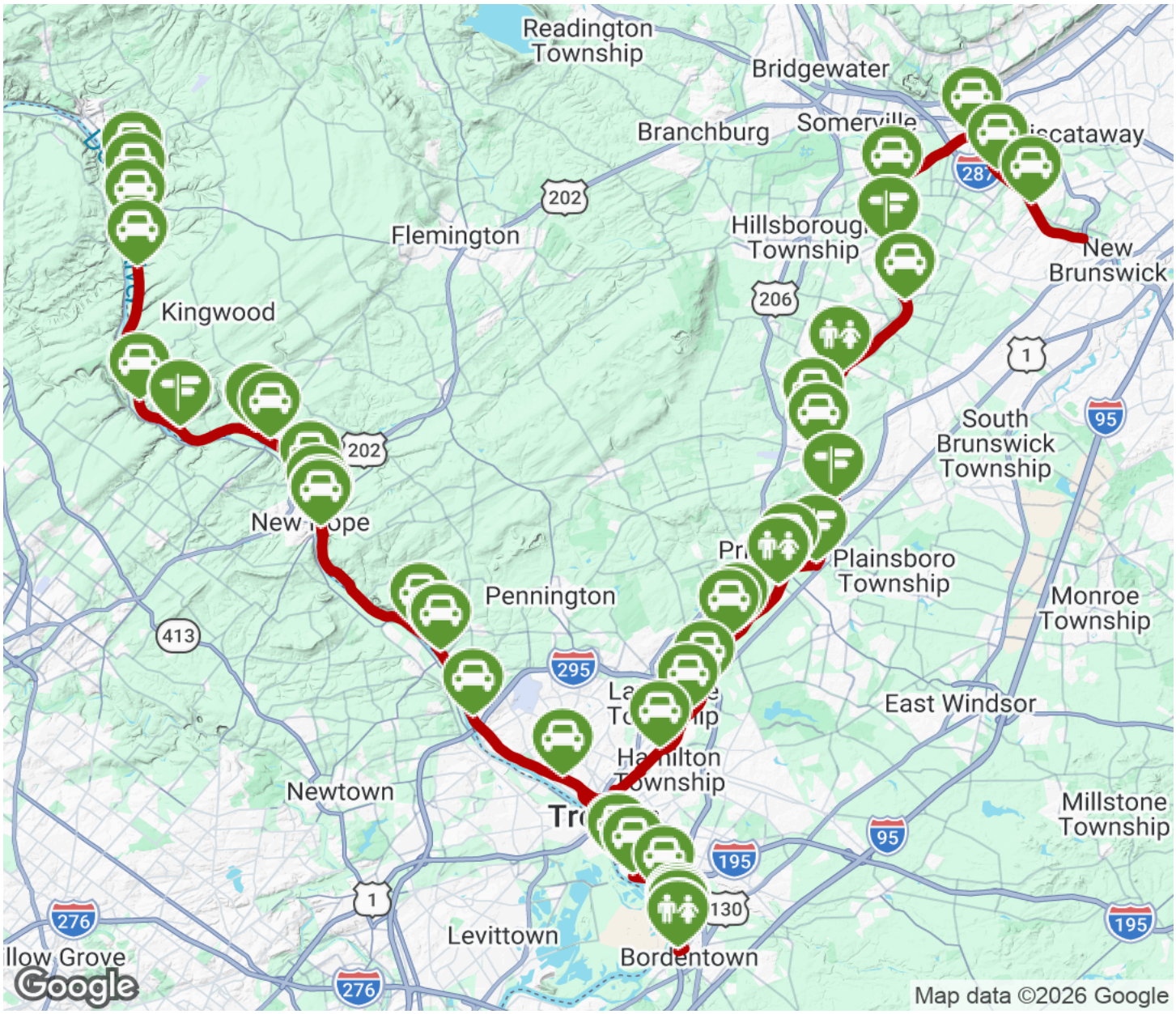

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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