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Guides



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even the hottest summer days. With the peaceful Delaware and Raritan Canal in view at all times, you will bear witness to its popularity with boaters, birders and anglers. Canoes, kayaks and small craft with electric motors are permitted along this section of the watered canal. Bass, sunfish, perch and annually stocked trout are just some of the fish in the canal.

On your way back to the trailhead on Route 27, take time to explore the restored Lock #8, the locktender's house and the site of an old mill. The charming village of Kingston contains five historic districts worth exploring for an afternoon.

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From the parking lot on the north side of State Route 27/ Lincoln Highway, the crushed stone rail-trail travels 1.75 miles to State Route 518/Georgetown-Franklin Turnpike. Walk across the bridge over the canal on the narrow sidewalk, and turn left for the return trip south on the canal towpath.

The entire route is tree-lined and remains fairly cool on



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States: New Jersey

Counties: Somerset

Length: 1.75miles

Trail end points: Main St./Lincoln Hwy/SR 27
(Kingston) to Georgetown Franklin Trnpk. CR
518 (Rocky Hill)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone, Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing, Horseback
Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking

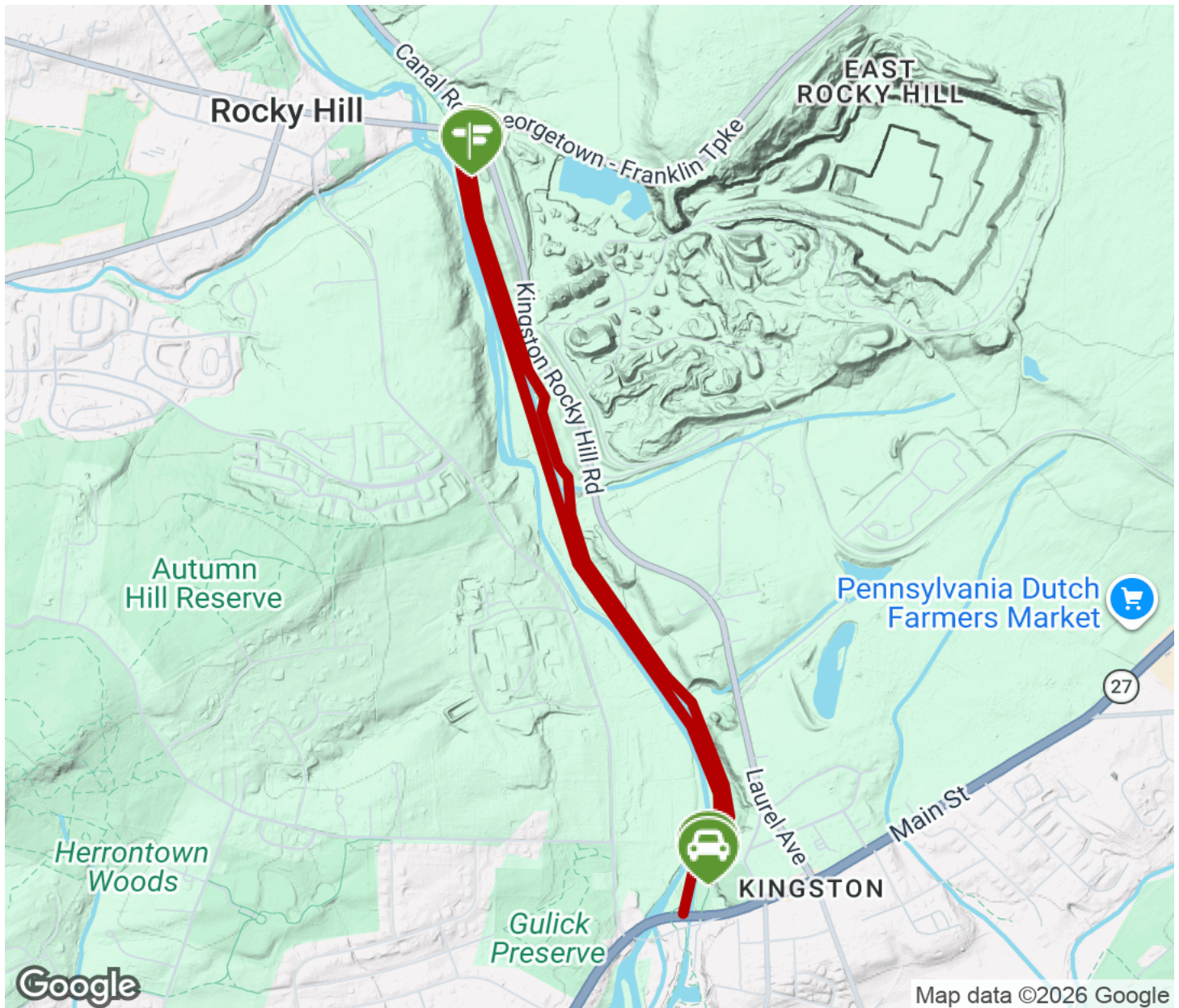
Parking & Trail Access

From US 1 take Ridge Road west to Kingston. At the SR 27 traffic light turn left. Proceed approximately 0.25 mile, and turn right into the parking lot.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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