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About the Route

The Monroe Township Bike Path carries visitors through the tranquil woodlands of the Glassboro Wildlife Management Area. From the trail's western endpoint in Glassboro, the trail heads east through a commercialindustrial complex before entering the northern edge of a hardwood forest in the Glassboro Wildlife Management Area. The 2,300 acres are popular for squirrel, grouse, and deer hunting in season. The tree cover makes for shady trail travel in the summer.

The vegetation screen thins out a bit after 1.3 miles at Moore Avenue, then gets heavy again until the path crosses County Road 655 in another 1.3 miles. After a 0.5-mile jaunt through a neighborhood, the forest becomes dense again for nearly a mile until the outskirts of Williamstown, a one-time glass manufacturing center. The trail passes a sprawling educational campus before passing through a leafy residential neighborhood around the old station site on Railroad Avenue.

The route passes by a plaque near the trailhead designating this section as the George F. McDonald Sr. Memorial Bike Path, named for the 1975–1978 mayor. A nearby convenience store is a good place to stock up on snacks before heading back to Glassboro or arriving at the trail's eastern endpoint is on Blue Bell Road/County Road 633 between Virginia Avenue and Chestnut Street in Williamstown.

Trail History

The borough of Glassboro's name reflects the glassmaking industry that thrived here throughout the 19th century. In fact, the 6.3-mile paved trail owes its existence to that boom. The route follows the former corridor of the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines, which in 1933 acquired tracks originally laid by the Williamstown Railroad (later the Williamstown & Delaware River Railroad) in the 1870s and early 1880s. Originally conceived to serve the many glass and bottle makers in the area, the railroad later connected to other lines to carry tourists to the Jersey Shore destinations of Atlantic City, Ocean City, Wildwood, and Cape May

Unlike some other eastern rail corridors that follow meandering streams, the railroad followed the shortestdistance rule that results in today's nearly arrow-straight



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States: New Jersey Counties: Gloucester Length: 6.2miles Trail end points: Delsea Dr S/NJ 47 between Awalt Dr & Grove St (Glassboro) to Blue Bell Rd/ County Rd 633 between Virginia Ave & Chestnut St (Williamstown) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Monroe Township Bike Path runs between Delsea Dr. S/ NJ 47 between Awalt Dr & Grove St (Glassboro) and Blue Bell Rd/County Rd 633 between Virginia Ave & Chestnut St (Williamstown), with parking available at both endpoints.

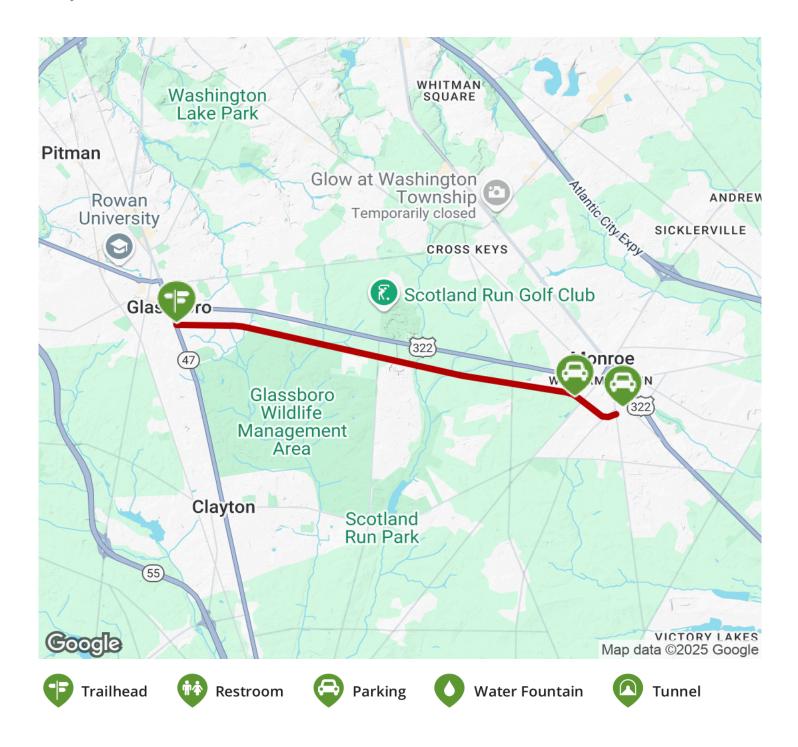
Parking is also available at:

• 561 Clayton Rd. (Williamstown)

Please see the <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.









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