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Catskill Scenic Trail New York



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About the Route

From the Catskill Scenic Trail's western endpoint in the village of Bloomville, a short path downhill from the parking lot on Agway Road takes trail users across Route

10 and to the rail-trail. The Sheffield Farm Dairy plant, located near the trail in Bloomfield, contained the country's first milk pasteurization facility. The Ulster and Delaware railroad trains served the plant in the early 1900s. Continuing east, the trail crosses a series of bridges back and forth over the river, with numerous fishing access points.

In South Kortright, the trail passes through a farmyard. Be prepared—and use caution—when resident turkeys approach looking for a handout. After crossing Route 10 again the route passes by the beautiful Belle Terre facility. Formally a private estate, the grounds now house a substance abuse rehabilitation center.

The West Branch of the Delaware River runs right along the trail for most of the 4 miles between Hobart and Stamford. There are some pretty spots to relax with a book or enjoy a picnic; consider heading into Hobart via Maple Street to stock up on refreshments or browse the used bookstores on Main Street.

Entering Stamford, the restored train station serves as an information center and houses the Catskill Revitalization Corporation, which owns and manages the Catskill Scenic Trail as well as the nearby Delaware and Ulster scenic railroad. Stamford sits at the base of 3,241-foot Mount Utsayantha. The mountain is named for a local American Indian maiden and the tragic legend at the heart of the story.

For the last 5 miles, from Stamford to Grand Gorge, the trail remains near the river, passing signs of busy beavers creating dams, building lodges and occasionally dropping a tree across the trail.

The trail continues for another 7 miles to its eastern endpoint in the village of Roxbury. Most of this segment follows the banks of the East Branch of the Delaware River, offering a glimpse of many interesting rock formations.







States: New York Counties: Delaware,Schoharie Length: 26miles Trail end points: SR 10 at Feed Store Rd. (Bloomville) to SR 30 at Hardscrabble Rd. (Roxbury) Trail surfaces: Cinder,Crushed Stone,Dirt,Gravel Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Fishing,Horseback Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross

## **Parking & Trail Access**

The Catskill Scenic Trail runs between SR 10 at Feed Store Rd. (Bloomville) and SR 30 at Hardscrabble Rd. (Roxbury) with parking available at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

- SR 30 at Ferris Hill Rd (Grand Gorge)
- Railroad Ave. (Stamford)

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









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