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**North County
Trailway**
New York



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The trail trends somewhat downhill as it heads south toward the connecting South County Trailway. Vegetation protects sections that pass through residential and commercial areas or run next to roads. Two short sections (one spanning 0.5 mile and the other 0.8 mile) use the shoulder of Saw Mill River Road.

About the Route

The northern end of the North County Trailway is located in the West Chester community of Baldwin Place. From here, the trail heads south and passes the 1830's Amawalk Friends Meeting House on Quaker Church Rd. Along this section of the trail (near where it crosses Granite Springs Road), there are a number of pick-your-own apple orchards.

As the trail crosses through the business district of Yorktown Heights, which sports a number of Revolutionary War landmarks, trail users may also be able to spot an old Putnam Division railroad depot. Three miles south of here, the trail passes through the Kitchawan Preserve and crosses the New Croton Reservoir on a rail trestle bridge.

South of Millwood, there are two short sections of on-road trail, one of which takes trail users by Echo Lake State Park. This section of trail also passes the a short spur trail, that trail users may take to the Briarcliff Manor Library, which was originally one of the 23 railroad depots that served commuters in Westchester County. This section of the pathway follows alongside the Potantico River and Saw Mill River Rd.

As the trail continues south, it skirts Pocantico Hills and the Rockefeller State Park Preserve as it curves toward its southern endpoint, which continues directly along the South County Trailway.

Connections

At its northern end, the North County Trailway continues as the [Putnam Trailway](#).

At its southern end, the North County Trailway continues as the [South County Trailway](#).

Trail History

The North County Trailway runs along the New York Central Railroad's Putnam Line, "Old Put" railroad. Several mid-19th-



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States: New York

Counties: Westchester

Length: 20.7 miles

Trail end points: Tomahawk St. (Baldwin Place)
to South County Trailway at Old Saw Mill River
Road (Elmsford)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The North County Trailway runs between Tomahawk St. (Baldwin Place) and the South County Trailway at Old Saw Mill River Road (Elmsford), with parking available at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

- 281 Underhill Ave (Yorktown Heights)
- 14088 Station Rd (Millwood)
- Law Memorial Park, 1031 Pleasantville Rd (Briarcliff Manor)

The trail is also accessible via. light rail. Please see New York MTA for more information.



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