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Guides



**Heritage Trail
(NY)**
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Built on the former Erie Railroad main line, the 15-mile Heritage Trail runs through the small Orange County towns of Goshen, Chester, Monroe, and Harriman. The shaded trail runs through different landscapes as it weaves through the area's villages and towns, ideal for a quick bite or gift shopping.

About the Route

The trail leaves off on the western end on East Main Street in Middletown, roughly 8.8 miles northwest of Hartley Road and 11 miles northwest of Goshen.

4 miles down the trail from the northern endpoint, trail users can find limited parking for two or three cars at Hartley Road in Goshen. The trail here is narrow and has a

rural feel to it, with a compacted earth and crushed-limestone surface. About 1 mile from Hartley Road, the trail crosses 6½ Station Road, where alternative parking is available. At this junction, trail users can also find the first of several scenic attractions along the trail. Here, nature lovers will enjoy passing through the 62-acre 6½ Station Sanctuary, a marshland that's home to more than 200 species of birds.

A mile after crossing 6½ Station Road, the trail passes beneath busy NY 17 as it approaches the town of Goshen. This mostly on-road section of trail is not very clearly marked, but in Goshen, it changes to a paved, 10-foot-wide trail. As the route cuts through Goshen, the trail passes Good Time Park, a mile-long racetrack that hosted the Hambletonian Stakes horse race from 1930–1956. To park here, follow the signs for St. James Place.

About 11 miles from the northern endpoint as the trail approaches the town of Chester is the historical Chester Depot Museum. Owned and operated by the Chester Historical Society, the museum has become a convening place for charity walks, community cookouts, yard sales, and general community gatherings. The museum has parking, restrooms, and food.

Next, the trail passes over several streams and brooks, including Seely Brook and Youngs Brook. The green fields and residential areas by this section of the trail make the ride more enjoyable. As the trail approaches the town of Monroe, it passes Orange-Rockland Lake to the left at 10.8 miles. Just before the southern endpoint at Mary Harriman Park, the trail passes the playgrounds at Airplane Park and traverses a wooded stretch on your way to the village of Harriman.



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States: New York

Counties: Orange

Length: 19.4miles

Trail end points: E Main St. (Middletown) to
River Road (Harriman)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone,Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Heritage Trail (NY) runs between E Main St. (Middletown) and River Road (Harriman), which offers parking.

Parking is also available at:

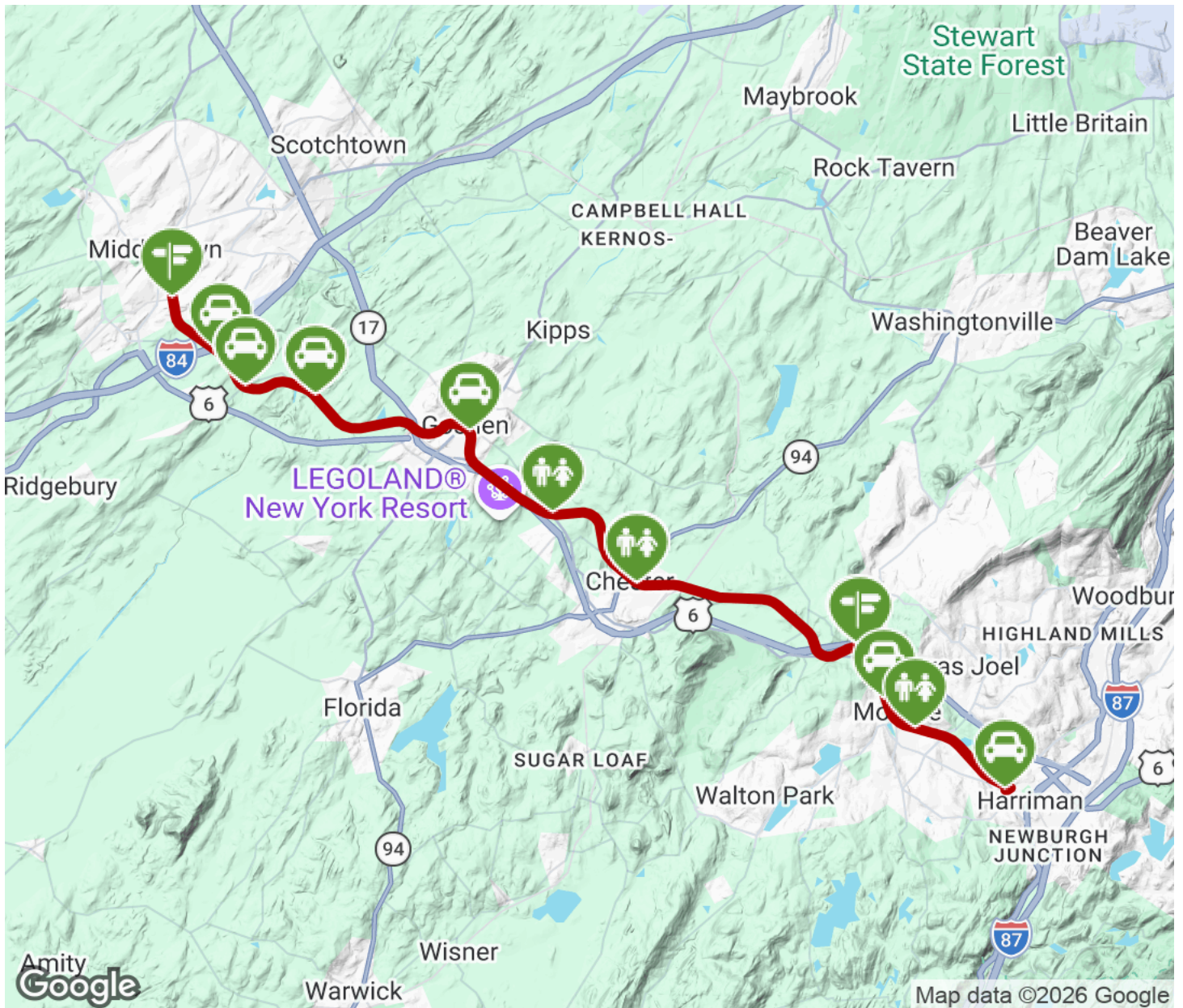
- 32-40 Palmer Ave (Middletown)
- 559 County Rd 50 (New Hampton)
- 41 Clark St (Monroe)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for more options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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