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About the Route

Traveling southeast from Poughkeepsie, the route passes a large golf course and Morgan Lake Park, a popular spot for fishing. After Morgan Lake, the trail begins to turn south, running through the communities of Arlington and LaGrangeville and skirting the eastern edge of Red Oaks Mill. This section includes an expansive bridge over NY

55, and the entire length of the trail features a mixture of new bridges and converted railroad bridges and tunnels.

In Wappinger, trail users will enter a section called Veterans Memorial Mile, which features signage honoring each of the five branches of the military. Traversing a wooded corridor, this segment offers a quiet place to reflect and remember those who have served their country.

The path continues through the town of East Fishkill and ends in Hopewell Junction. Approaching the southern terminus, the trail passes the Hopewell Depot. Built in 1873, this former hub on the Maybrook Line of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad now offers a museum and historical photo gallery inside. Across from the depot, visitors will also find a replica switching tower. This also marks the southern end of the route, and the northern trailhead for the Maybrook Trailway.

Connections

At its Poughkeepsie end, the Dutchess Rail Trail intersects with the [Walkway Over the Hudson](#), which in turn connects with the [Hudson Valley Rail Trail](#) in Ulster County.

At the southern end of the trail, trail users can continue along the [Maybrook Trailway](#).

The trail is also part of the Empire State Trail, a developing 750-mile trail network spanning the state from New York City to Canada and Buffalo to Albany.



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States: New York

Counties: Dutchess

Length: 13.8miles

Trail end points: Walkway Over the Hudson trailhead at 61 Parker Ave (Poughkeepsie) to Martin Rd & NY 82 (Hopewell Junction)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The William R. Steinhaus Dutchess Rail Trail runs between 61 Parker Ave. (Poughkeepsie), where parking is available, and Martin Rd. (Hopewell Junction).

Parking is also available at:

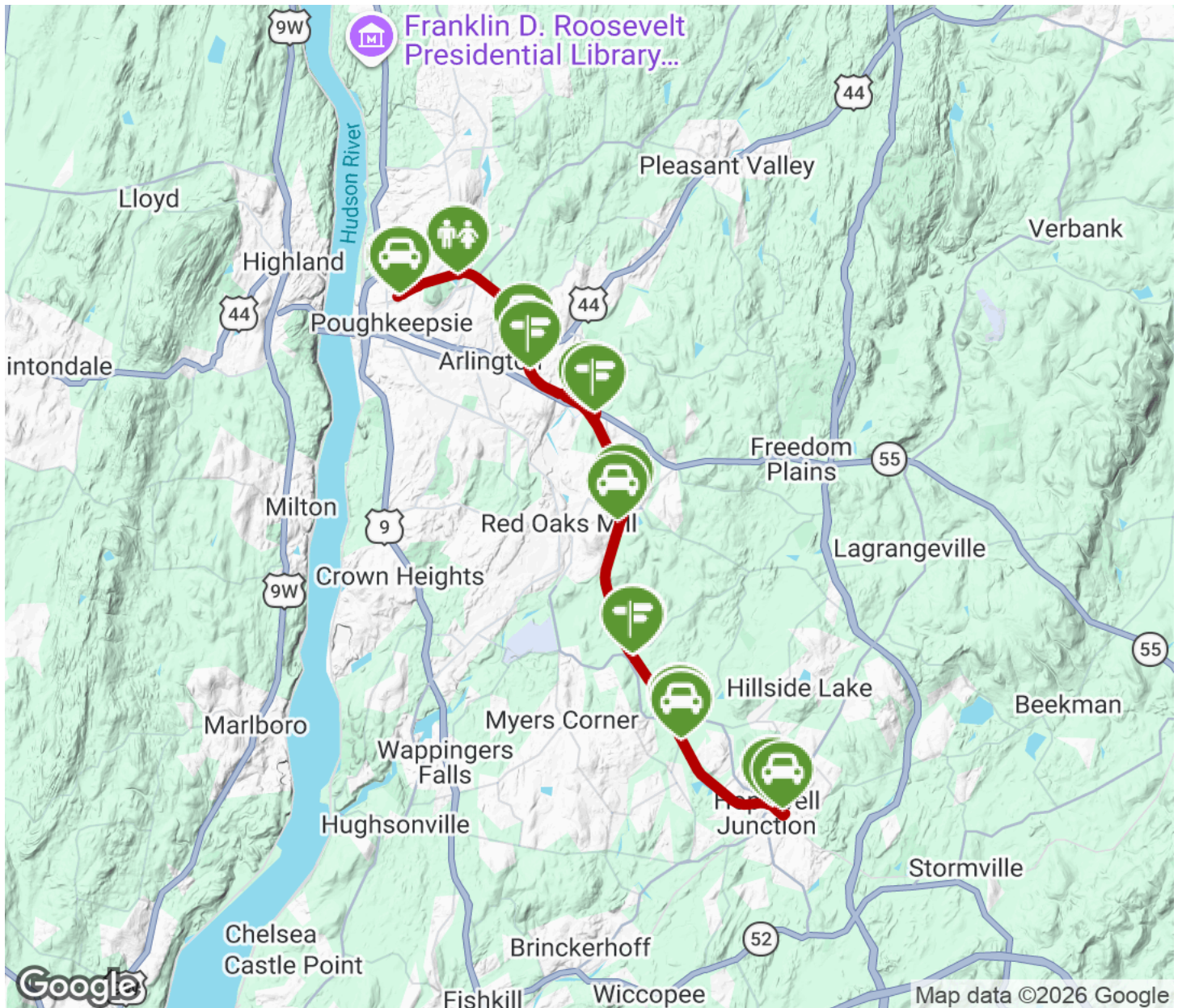
- Morgan Lake Park, 51 Creek Rd. (Poughkeepsie)
- 258 Titusville Rd. (Poughkeepsie)
- 3 Van Wyck Ln. (Wappingers Falls)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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