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Guides   



**Charlie Major
Nature Trail**
New York



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Near the Crow Hill Road bridge on the Mottville end is a nice place to have a picnic along the creek. There is also a playground at the Mottville trailhead.

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About the Route

The trail runs for just longer than 1 mile between Mill Road, just north of Old Seneca Turnpike and Crow Hill Road in Mottville. The pretty little trail crosses the creek via three wooden bridges and meanders through a forested corridor. Along the way, you'll see remains of the railroad, dams, and millworks buildings.



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States: New York

Counties: Onondaga

Length: 1.2miles

Trail end points: Crow Hill Road (Mottville) to Mill Rd. (Skaneateles)

Trail surfaces: Cinder,Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing,Mountain Biking,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

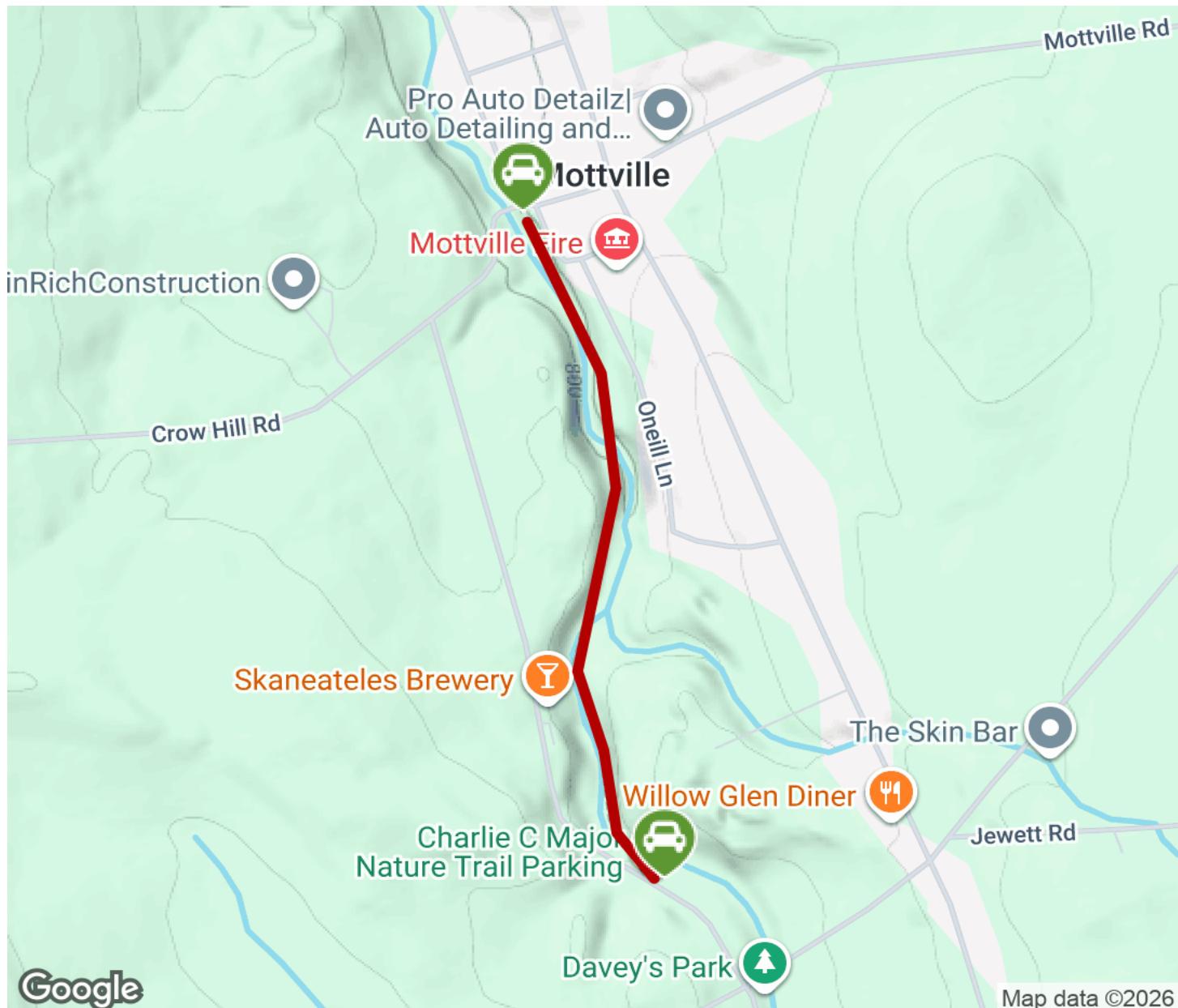
The Charlie Major Nature Trail runs between Crow Hill Road (Mottville) and Mill Rd. (Skaneateles), with parking available at both ends.

Please see TrailLink Map for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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