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Guides



**South Hill
Recreation
Way**
New York



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and the Six Mile Creek gorge itself. Hiking paths lead off the biking trail into the gorge.

Two trailheads are on TCAT public bus routes.

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Today the trail meanders through a combination of residential neighborhoods, meadows and woodlands, crossing several deep ravines and offering scenic views across the Six Mile Creek valley. Part of the route passes through the Mulholland Wildflower Preserve and Vincenzo Iacovelli Park, providing access to those sites



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States: New York

Counties: Tompkins

Length: 3.3miles

Trail end points: Hudson St at Hillview Pl & at
CR 119 (Ithaca) to Burns Rd (SE of Ithaca)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

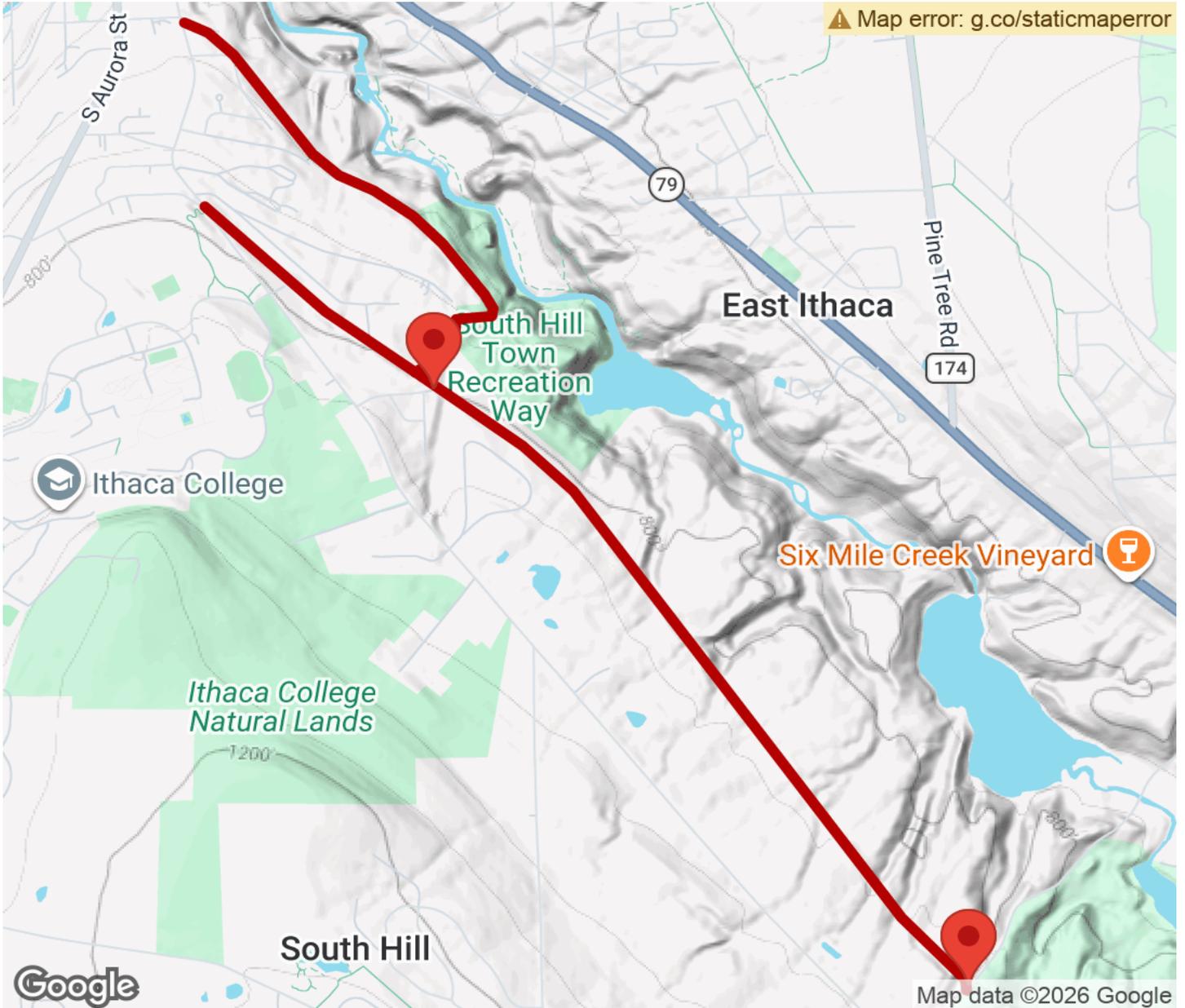
Parking & Trail Access

Limited parking is available at the Burns Road trailhead. There's an accessible entrance off Crescent Place. You may be able to park at South Hill School at 520 Hudson St. (restrictions might apply when school is in session).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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