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Guides



**Shenango  
Trail**  
*Pennsylvania*



## Shenango Trail

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the opportunity to take a self-guided hike and learn more about nature. More recreational activities are available at the Shenango River Lake Area.

Near the trail's northern terminus stands the Kidd's Mill Covered Bridge, the only covered bridge in Mercer County, and the only Smith truss covered bridge in Pennsylvania.

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In addition to the structural and historical details of the canal and towpath, the Shenango River Trail offers a wealth of natural attractions. Many species of both plants and animals thrive in the region.

Routine maintenance of the trail is performed by the Shenango River Watchers trail volunteer staff. The nearby Seth Meyers Trail is only .5 miles long, but it offers



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Mercer

Length: 7.8miles

**Trail end points:** Kidd's Mill Covered Bridge  
(Pymatuning Township) to N Bend Rd (Mercer)

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt

**Trail category:** Canal

**Trail activities:** Fishing, Horseback  
Riding, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

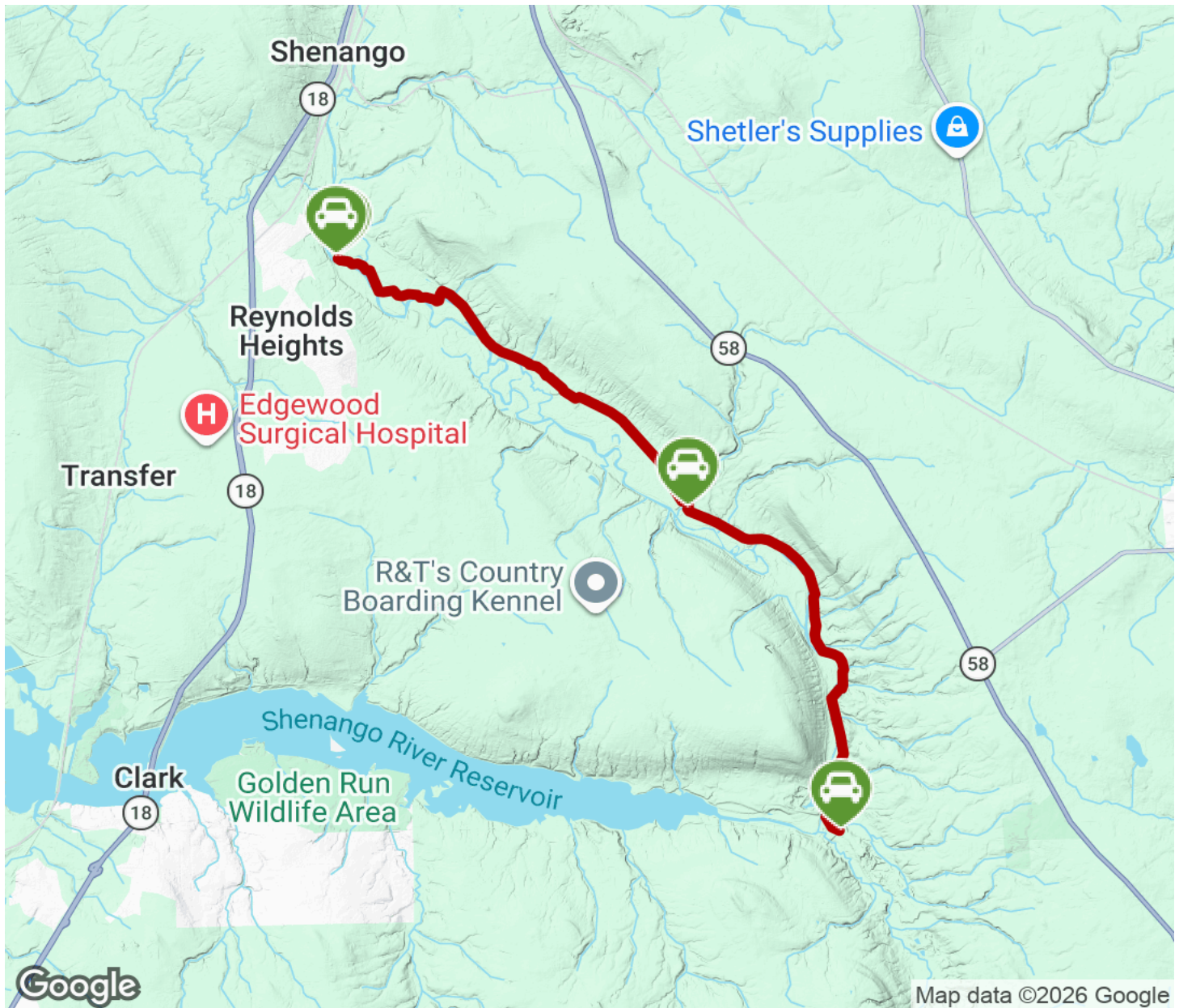
## Parking & Trail Access

To access the Shenango River Trail at Kidds Mill Bridge, follow Route 18 north from Hermitage. Exit Route 18 at the Reynolds Industrial Park Road Exit (8.5 miles north of Shenango Valley Mall). Follow Reynolds Industrial Park Road 1 mile. Kidds Mill Bridge is on the right. The trailhead is at the bridge.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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