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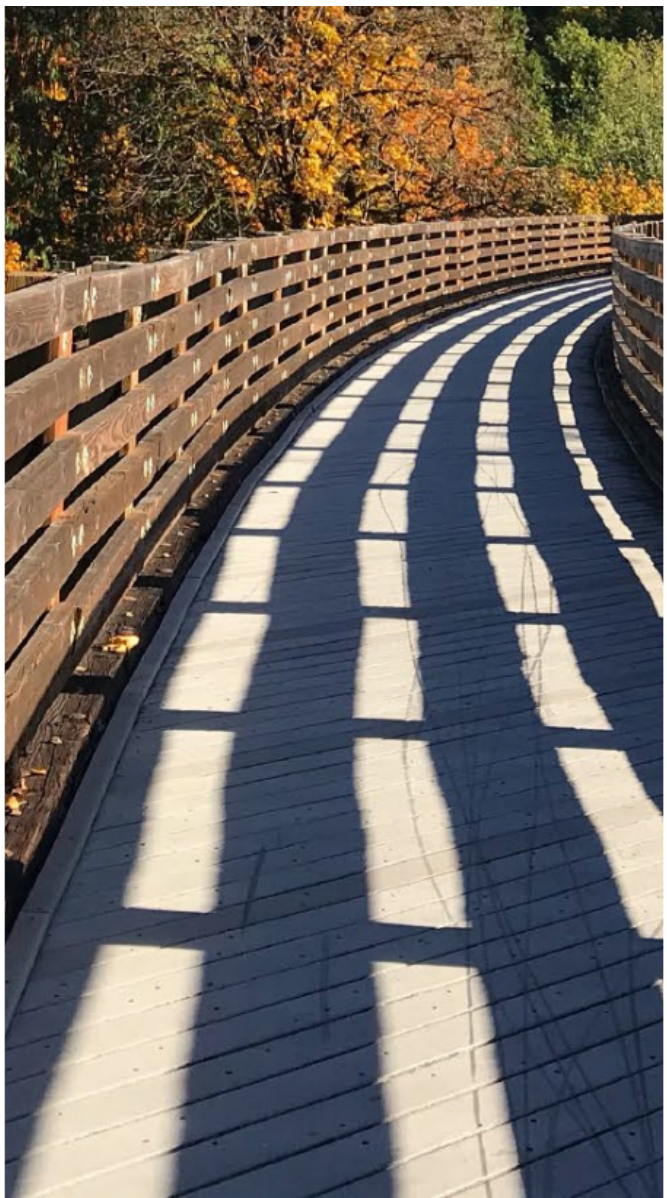

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It's no surprise that the Williamsport and Elmira Railroad chose the Lycoming Creek valley for a segment of railway begun in 1839. The route, which the Lycoming Creek Bikeway now follows, was originally used by American Indians and early settlers as a shortcut through the mountains between two branches of the Susquehanna River. The rail line later became part of the Northern Central Railway and the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Penn Central, and its successors until it fell into disuse in 1972.

Although it runs through the hilly Appalachian Plateau, the Lycoming Creek Bikeway is generally flat. Plans call for extending the nearby Susquehanna River Walk to the Third Street trailhead. The trail follows alongside US 15 most of the way, and there are several road crossings along the route.

Beginning at the athletic fields in Hepburnville, the trail immediately crosses Lycoming Creek and passes through a short stretch of cropland and the village of Fairlawn before crossing another railroad trestle that dates to 1901.

Passing through residential Heshbon Park, you'll cross a pedestrian bridge over the creek and roll along at the base of a sound wall that separates the highway from the neighborhood on your left. At 3.3 miles, the trail passes a sports park in the Garden View community; fast food and markets are nearby.

A bit farther, the trail turns right at Mill Lane to pass underneath US 15 and trace the highway on the west side for 0.8 mile to Memorial Avenue. There it turns left, goes underneath US 15 again, and crosses Lycoming Creek one last time before heading south atop a levee. Flooding in 1996 caused property damage and loss of life in Williamsport.

The trail passes the home field of the Williamsport Crosscutters minor league baseball team, the name an homage to the city's lumber industry heritage. A sandlot baseball diamond in this area gave rise to organized Little League Baseball in 1939. The annual Little League World Series is held nearby in South Williamsport.

Many Victorian-era mansions can be found on Millionaires Row, a National Register of Historic Places site about a mile east of the trail's end on Third Street.

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States: Pennsylvania
Counties: Lycoming
Length: 5.3miles
Trail end points: W. Creek Road near Bair Dr. (Hepburnville) to W. Third St. between US 15 and Rose St. (Williamsport)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

There are several parking options available along the Bikeway including at the northern endpoint along West Creek Road, Heshbon Park, and at Mahaffey Ln. See TrailLink Map for more detailed information.

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Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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