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Guides



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Built in the 1880s to transport coal mined from the Lackawana Valley's rich anthracite deposits, the New York, Ontario & Western's Scranton Division was just one part of a network of rails and canals connecting the Wyoming Valley to the East Coast. As the demand for coal



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne

Length: 8 miles

Trail end points: Simpson to Stillwater

Trail surfaces: Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Skiing

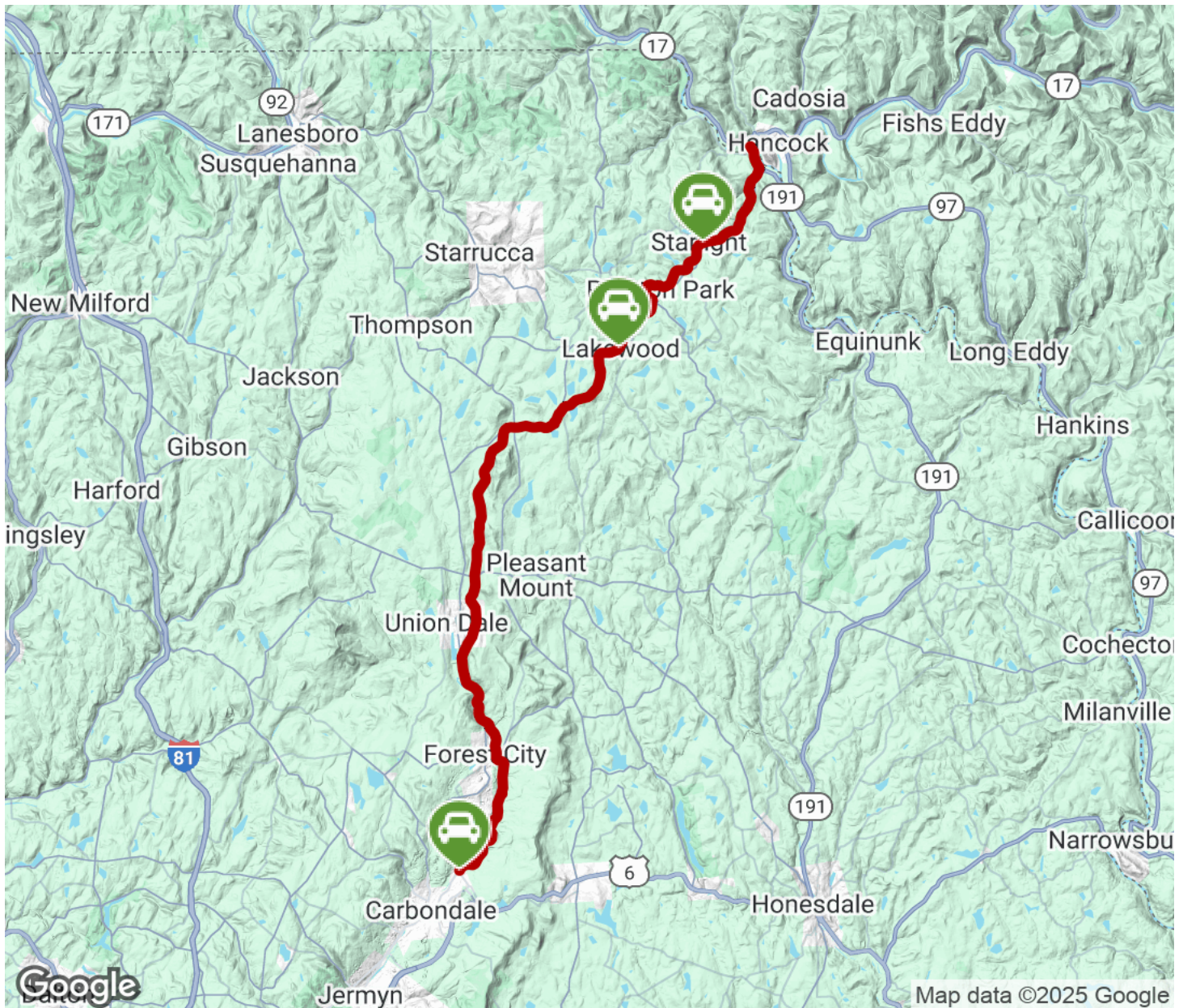
Parking & Trail Access

To reach Simpson, take I-81 to Exit 191A, and then Route 6 to Carbondale. After the town of Carbondale, turn left onto Route 171. Continue about one mile, park on right side of the viaduct in Simpson (look for the tank). Enter the O&W along Homestead Street.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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