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Guides



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(PA)**
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Trail History

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 declined, the corridor was abandoned by the railroad in 1957; at the time, it was the longest railroad abandonment in the United States.

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There are two trails named the O&W: one in New York and this one in Pennsylvania. Although the Pennsylvania trail stretches 32 miles (as shown on the map), only the first 8 miles of trail (from Simpson to Stillwater) are managed by the Northeast Pennsylvania Rail Trail Council for bicycle and pedestrian use. The remainder of the trail is privately managed with no guarantee of being open. Follow the map carefully, as portions of the O&W may not be marked and gaps necessitate riding along the road for some segments before rejoining the trail.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne

Length: 32 miles

Trail end points: Winterdale Rd. (Starlight) to
Homestead St. (Carbondale)

Trail surfaces: Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The O&W Trail (PA) runs between Winterdale Rd. (Starlight) and Homestead St. (Carbondale).

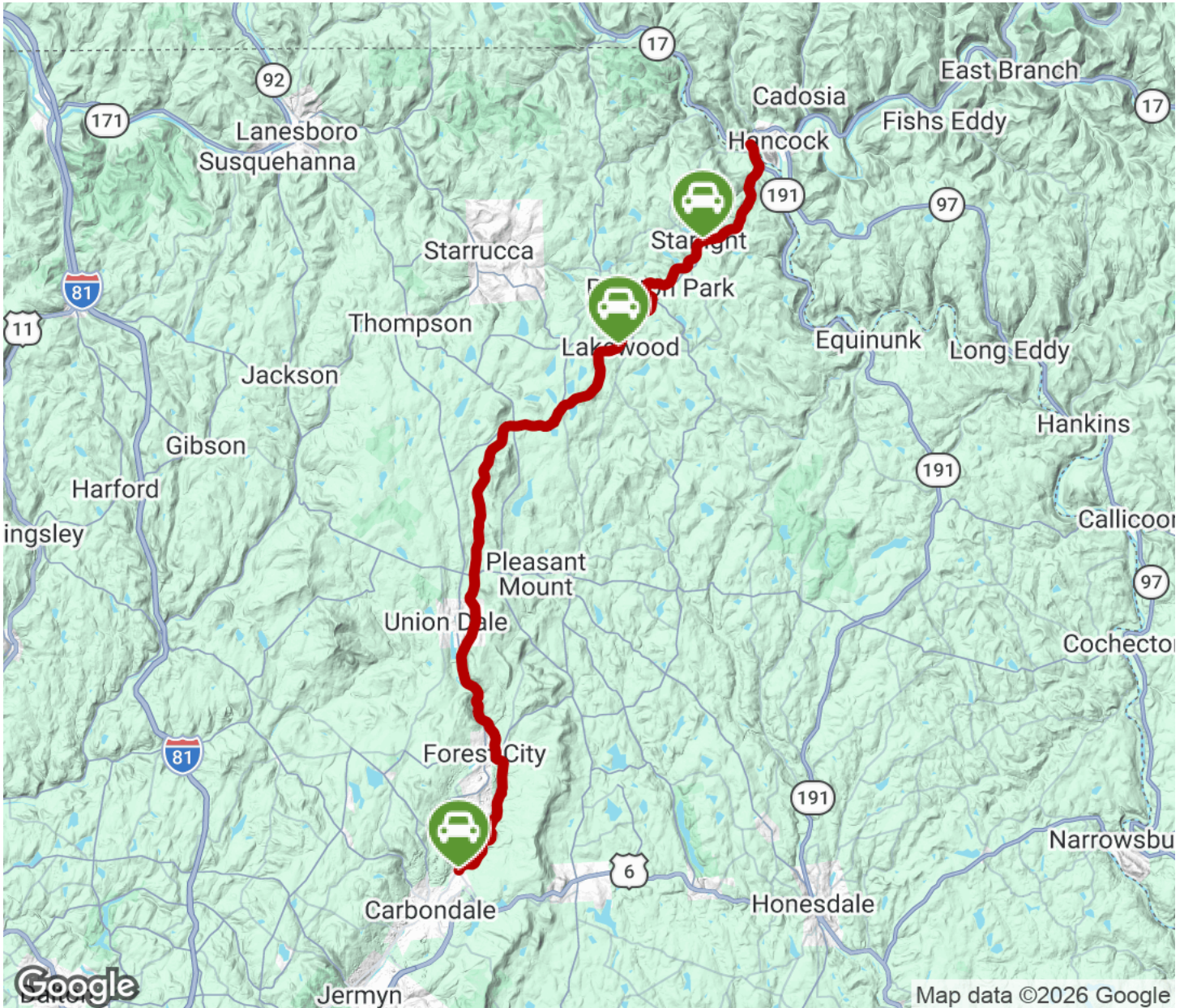
Parking is available in Starlight and Lakewood.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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