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About the Route

The trail slopes imperceptibly downhill alongside Pine Creek, from Wellsboro Junction in the north to Jersey Shore in the south. Pines and hardwoods now carpet the bare slopes left behind by loggers. Deer, elk, wild turkeys, and black bears inhabit the area bound by the Tioga and Tiadaghton State Forests, and trail users might be treated to river otters or beavers in the water and bald eagles or ospreys above. The northern section is bound by state parks, and more food and lodging are available in the south. Visitors can use bike rental and shuttle services, as well as canoe and kayak liveries, and horse-drawn wagon rides are available on some sections.

From the trailhead in downtown Wellsboro, where there is parking and a Visitor's Center, the trail heads 3.2 miles north to Wellsboro Junction before heading south for the remainder of the route.

The first 7 miles to Ansonia are fairly wide open, but the gorge begins forming soon after the trail joins Pine Creek. The route passes between Colton Point State Park on the right and Leonard Harrison State Park on the left. Take the Turkey Path trail at 3.5 miles past the Darling Run trailhead to enjoy waterfall views.

The next 12.5 miles to a store at Blackwell travel through the most remote section of the gorge, passing only the Tiadaghton Campground. After Blackwell, SR 414 follows the trail south as the surroundings become more populated. A good swimming hole lies at Rattlesnake Rock, 1.8 miles past Blackwell, and in another 4 miles, Cedar Run has a popular café.

Trail users will encounter numerous trailheads and towns along the final 33 miles to Jersey Shore (the name refers to an early family from New Jersey) on the West Branch Susquehanna River. There's a store at Slate Run and services at Cammal and Jersey Mills. SR 44 arrives at Waterville, 1,450 feet below the surrounding ridgetops. The trail runs alongside SR 44 into Jersey Shore.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Lycoming, Tioga

Length: 65.5 miles

Trail end points: Fellows Ave. (Wellsboro) to
Seminary St. (Jersey Shore)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

Parking & Trail Access

The Pine Creek Rail Trail runs between Fellows Ave. (Wellsboro) and Seminary St. (Jersey Shore), with parking available at the northern end.

Additional parking can be found at:

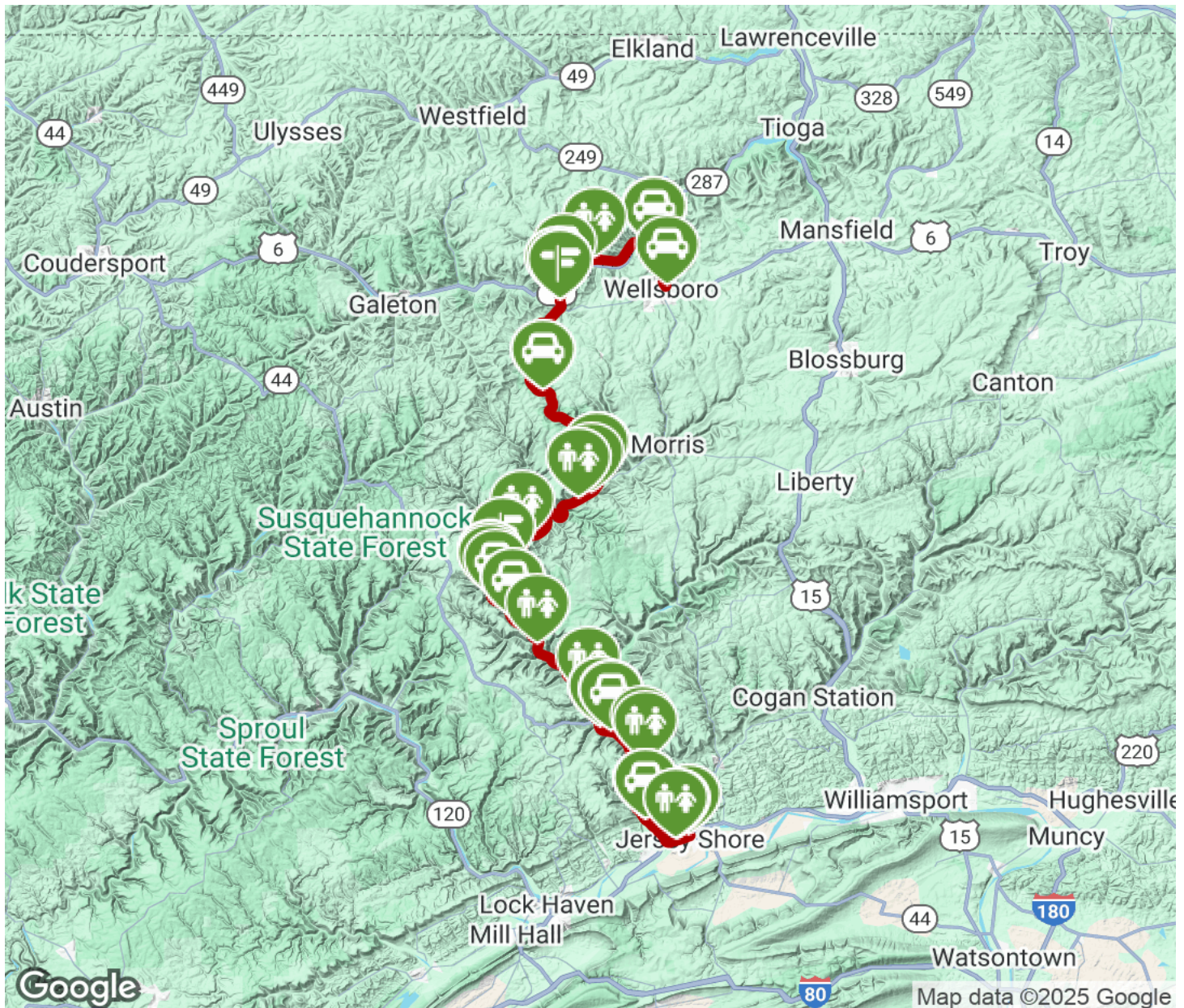
- 21892 State Rte. 414 (Morris)

Parking is available at a number of locations along the trail. See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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-  Trailhead
-  Restroom
-  Parking
-  Water Fountain
-  Tunnel