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Guides



**Stony Valley
Rail-Trail**
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Bicycling is prohibited on game lands from the last Saturday in September to the third Saturday in January during spring turkey season. Check the PA Game Commission [website](#) before you embark and heed the signs posted on the trail to avoid citations.

Overview

Tucked into the Appalachian Ridge and Valley region, the Stony Valley Railroad Grade makes tracks through a state game land for 19.6 miles past vanished coal boomtowns and tourist resorts. There are no trailside amenities, but there is plenty of quiet for those who enjoy a forested reprieve from the hustle and bustle. A fairly rustic rail trail, the Stony Valley Railroad grade is best suited for hikers and mountain bikers.

The route can be susceptible to ravages of extreme weather, so be prepared for potholes and washouts.

About the Route

Leaving off from the western trailhead, trail users will experience a slight but steady grade for 13.0 miles, and then a downhill journey for the remainder of the route. The route crosses a bridge at 5.7 miles over Rattling Run, which shares its name with an old coal mining town up the hill. At 9 miles, a footpath on the right heads uphill to a deteriorating stone tower.

The Coldspring Road parking area at 11.2 miles marks the approximate location of a former 200-room tourist resort where visitors once soaked in spring waters. It was swept away by a fire in 1900. At mile marker 13.5, the Appalachian Trail crosses the trail and is also the site of the ghost town of Rausch Gap. Stone foundations, as well as a cemetery with a few headstones dating to the 1850s, are visible in the forest here.

The trail passes the Gold Mine Road trailhead in about 17.3 miles and then reaches the eastern trail end at Seigrist Dam another 2.4 miles, where the trail overlooks Lebanon Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to the town of Lebanon.

Trail History



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuylkill

Length: 19.6 miles

Trail end points: 2680 Stony Valley Railroad Grade (Dauphin) to Seigrist Dam (Pine Grove)

Trail surfaces: Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

Parking & Trail Access

The Stony Valley Rail-Trail runs between 2680 Stony Valley Railroad Grade (Dauphin), which offers parking, and Seigrist Dam (Pine Grove).

Parking is also available at Dresden Lake and along Goldmine Rd.

These parking options do not have official addresses, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



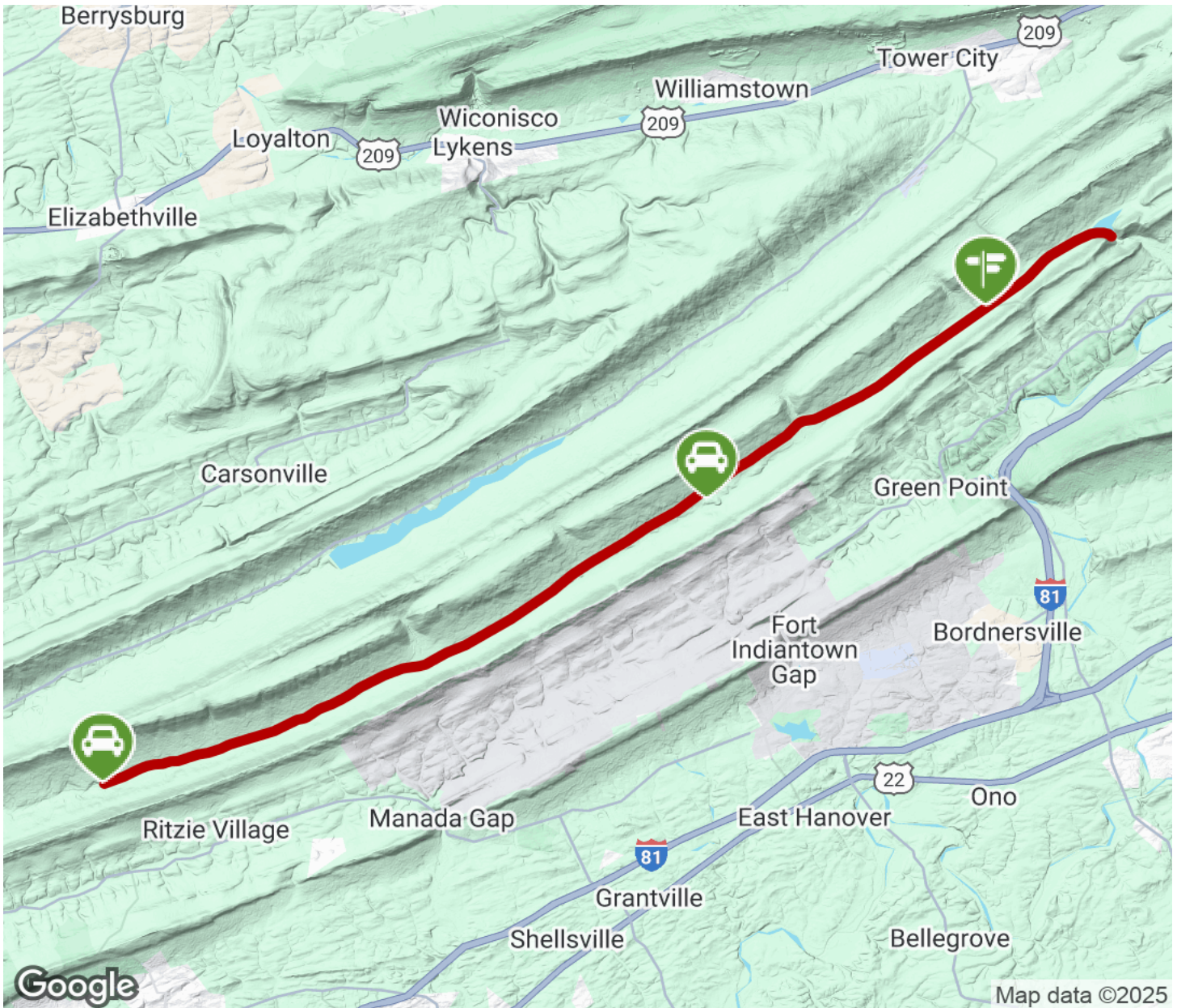
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



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Tunnel



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