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Guides



**Dahlgren
Railroad
Heritage Trail**
Virginia



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Trail History

The rail trail, which was designated as a National Recreation Trail in 2018, follows the route of the old Dahlgren Branch Line from the Dahlgren Naval Surface Warfare Center west toward Fredericksburg. The pathway is also part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, which extends from the Chesapeake Bay to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The trail opened in 2006 as a privately owned recreational facility accessible by permit.

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The trail is accessible by permit, which can be completed for free and online at the [Friends of the DRHT](#) website.

About the Route

Although the trail leaves off in the west just outside of Fredericksburg, nearly the entirety of the trail is encompassed by rural scenery. The trail route passes between rural county roads and forested tree cover. The eastern end of the trail is located just outside of Dahlgren, known for its military base. The DRHT can



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States: Virginia

Counties: King George

Length: 16.4 miles

Trail end points: US 301/James Madison Pkwy
(Dahlgren) to Bloomsbury Road/SR 605 nr.
Birchwood Crk Rd. (nr. Sealston)

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain

Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

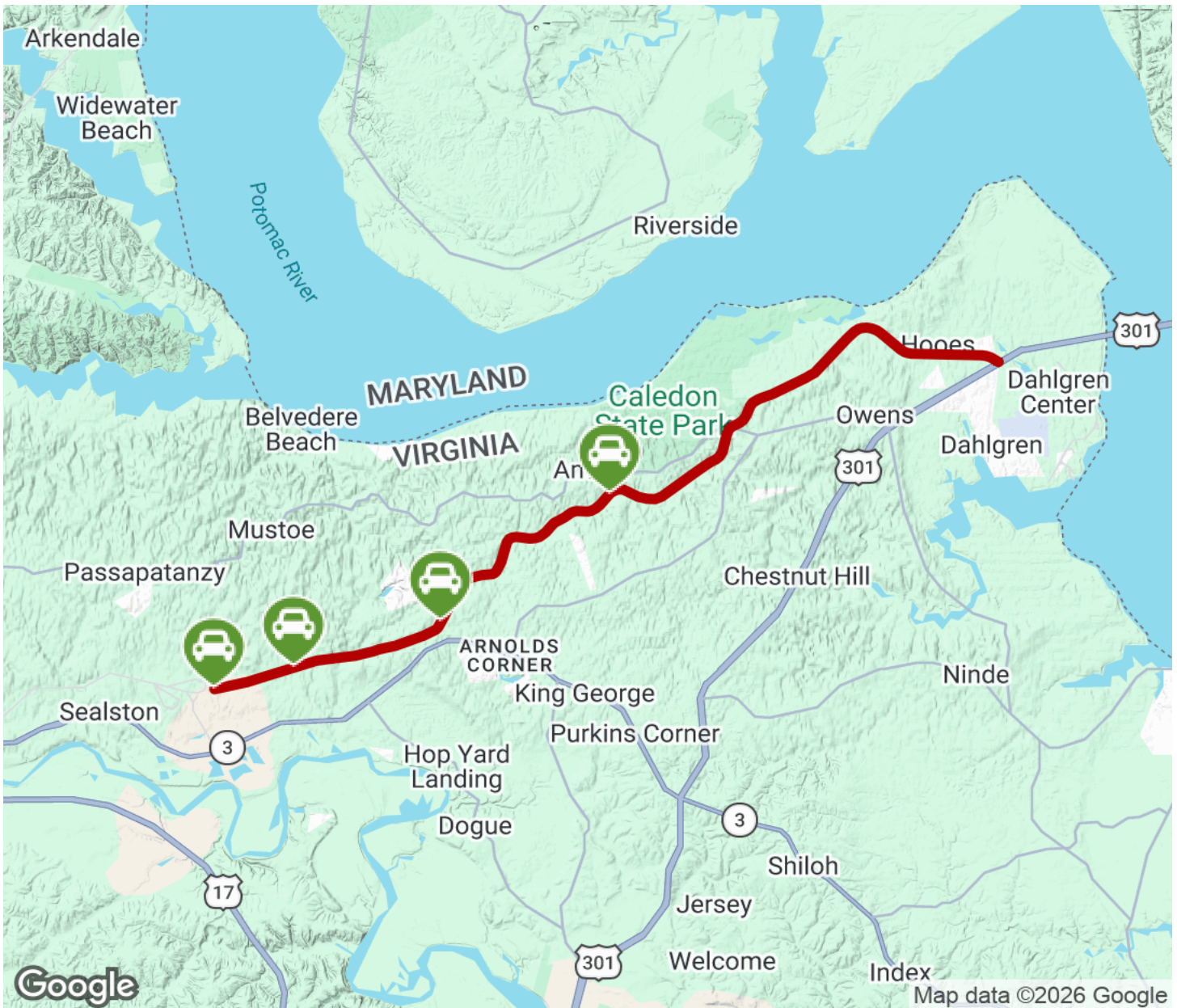
The Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail runs between Bloomsbury Rd. (King George) and James Madison Pkwy (King George).

Parking is available along Lambs Creek Church Rd., Comorn Rd., and Indiantown Rd. These parking options do not have official addresses, so 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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