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Guides



**Back
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The Back Mountain Trail runs between Luzerne and Dallas, Pennsylvania along the old Wilkes-Barre and Harveys Lake Railroad for 5.6 miles.

About the Route

The trail leaves off in the south from the Luzerne Creek Walk, at Buckingham and Tener Streets behind the Luzerne Fire Department. Plans are in the works for a trail connector linking this section to a segment of the Luzerne County Levee Trail at Rutter Avenue south of SR 309; the connector remains closed for development at the time of this writing, however.

After traveling northwest on the Luzerne Creek Walk for 0.3 miles, the trail meets and crosses over Main Street just

before it intersects Kelly Street. The trail continues along Parry Street and past a large parking lot to the Parry Street trailhead, where there is parking and a trail kiosk. This is the best place to start the journey.

Note: The Luzerne Creek Walk is the only section of the larger Back Mountain Trail that is wheelchair accessible.

The trail winds northwest briefly through dense woods; it then curves south over a small bridge and past a picturesque waterfall before heading north again through Trucksville. Here, there is additional parking at Carverton Road and South Memorial Highway, as well as trail-access points at Post, Carverton, and Harris Hill Roads. At Carverton Road, trail users can access the trail on a set of stairs south of the road near where it intersects South Memorial Highway.

Continuing north, the route takes a short detour in Shavertown on local roads. Turn right onto Division Street for 250 feet, left onto North Lehigh Street for 0.2 miles, left onto Vine Street for 0.1 miles, and then right onto Shaver Avenue, which becomes North Main Street past East Center Street. After going 0.5 miles, turn right onto East Franklin Street for 225 feet, and then turn left back onto the main trail. The trail continues briefly through woods for another 0.4 miles to its northern terminus at Lower Demunds Road and Terrace Street in Dallas.

In 2016 a local landowner granted an easement—later expanded to a 13-acre donation—to the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association to create a 0.6-mile loop trail near the northern end of the Back Mountain Trail at Dorchester Drive and Lt. Michael Cleary Drive. The new trail boasts a crushed-stone surface as well as several boardwalk sections; its natural highlights include wetlands, woods, abundant wildlife, and a central pond. Future plans include connecting the two trail segments as part of the larger effort to extend the Back Mountain Trail to Harveys Lake.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Luzerne

Length: 5.6miles

Trail end points: Buckingham St. (Luzerne) to
Terrace St. (Dallas)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain

Biking, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Back Mountain Trail runs between Buckingham St. (Luzerne) and Terrace St. (Dallas).

Parking is available at:

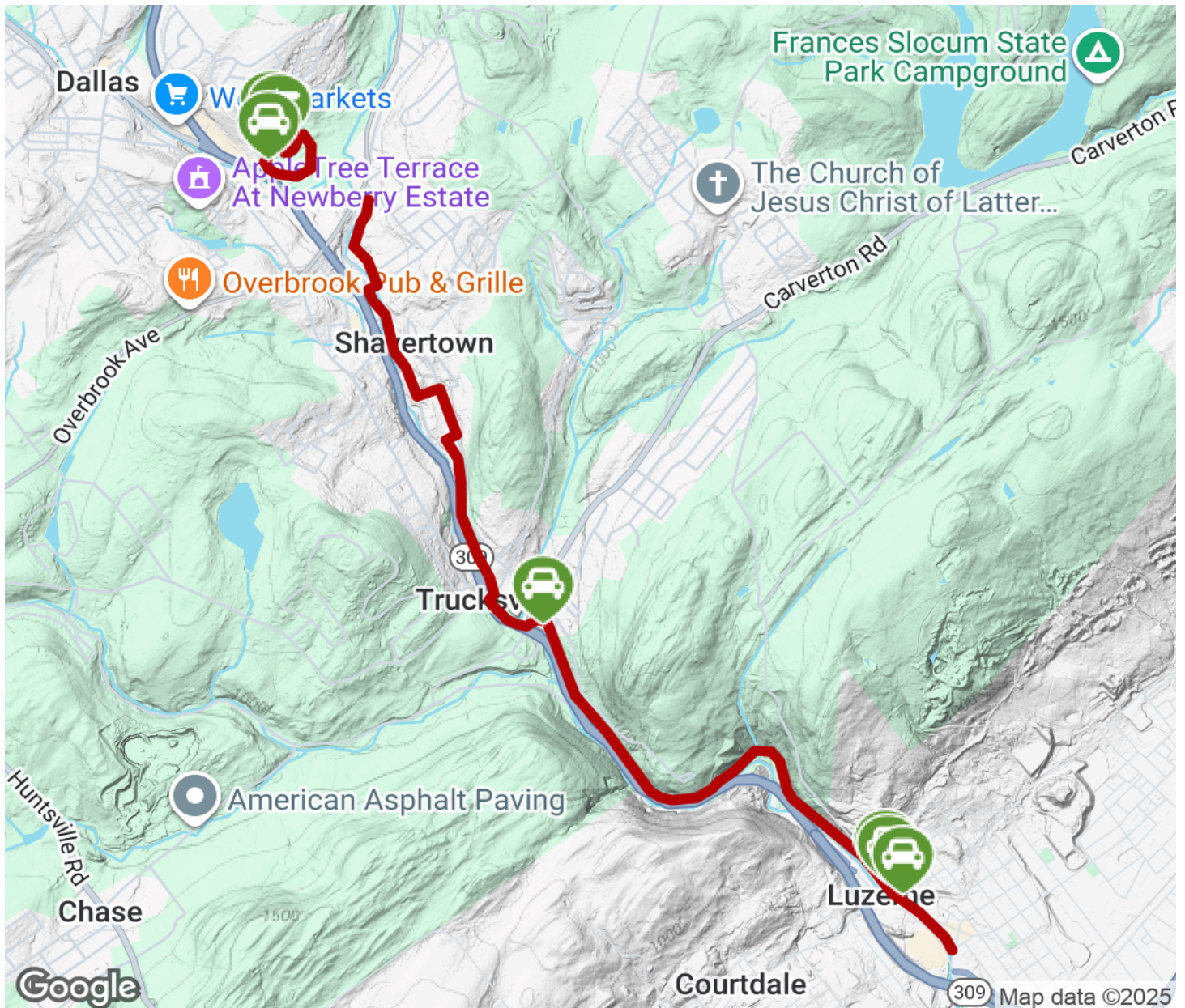
- 108 Parry St. (Luzerne)
- 105 Michael Cleary Dr. (Dallas)

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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