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Guides



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In the forested and farm-dotted hills of Pennsylvania's northeastern corner, the D&H trail runs 39 miles between the small town of Simpson and the state's northern border. The crown jewel of the trail, the Starrucca Viaduct, is a stone arch bridge near the trail's northern end, while the best-improved surfaces are found in the trail's southern half, between Ararat and Simpson. Passing railroad remnants and through the lush forests of the Endless Mountains Region, this rail-trail offers a rugged yet accessible rural retreat.

### About the Route

The D&H Rail Trail's northern endpoint is at State Line Road at the PA-NY line (Susquehanna). The nearest trailhead, though, is 2.7 miles south of the northern dead-

end, at Luciana Park in Lanesboro. The de-facto northern trailhead for the route, the park has picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and a large parking area. As it leaves Luciana Park, the trail passes beneath the Starrucca Viaduct—an engineering wonder of the world, with its 17 bluestone arches—which is part of a railroad that is still operating today. It's not uncommon to meet railroad buffs here from around the globe.

From Lanesboro, the trail heads east for about 3.5 miles to Stevens Point in Harmony Township, before turning back south. Here, the trail is thickly forested, barring the occasional emergence upon a farm vista. Trail users will also catch a glimpse of the small village of Starrucca below as they travel on a ridge to its west. The trail also intermittently parallels or crosses Starrucca Creek, a tributary of the Susquehanna River, stocked with trout.

Continuing south, before reaching the town of Thompson, the trail comes to a deep ravine with a waterfall, Bucks Falls. Once the site of a 500-foot railroad bridge, the trail today navigates the ravine via switchback trails on either side. In Thompson, the trail passes the only original, still-standing railroad station along the route. Leaving Thompson to continue south, the trail first heads northeast before looping back southwards on a surface of original cinder, which has been graded with drainage improvements and is conducive to mountain biking.

South of Thompson, the trail comes to a trailhead in Ararat, the highest point on the trail. Many trail-users opt to loop back from here to their origin—downhill in either direction. Heading south from Ararat, the trail passes three lakes as it begins a 8-mile stretch towards the town of Union Dale, passing mostly through farm country. A general store in Union Dale offers a great spot for trailside refreshments. The town also houses an original D&H pusher caboos, and the office of the Rail-Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the agency that manages the trail.



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne

Length: 39 miles

**Trail end points:** State Line Rd. at PA-NY line (Susquehanna) to 1 Morse Ave. (Simpson)

**Trail surfaces:** Ballast, Cinder, Crushed Stone, Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

## Parking & Trail Access

The D&H Rail Trail runs between State Line Road at PA-NY line (Susquehanna) and 1 Morse Ave. (Simpson), with parking available in Simpson.

Parking is also available at:

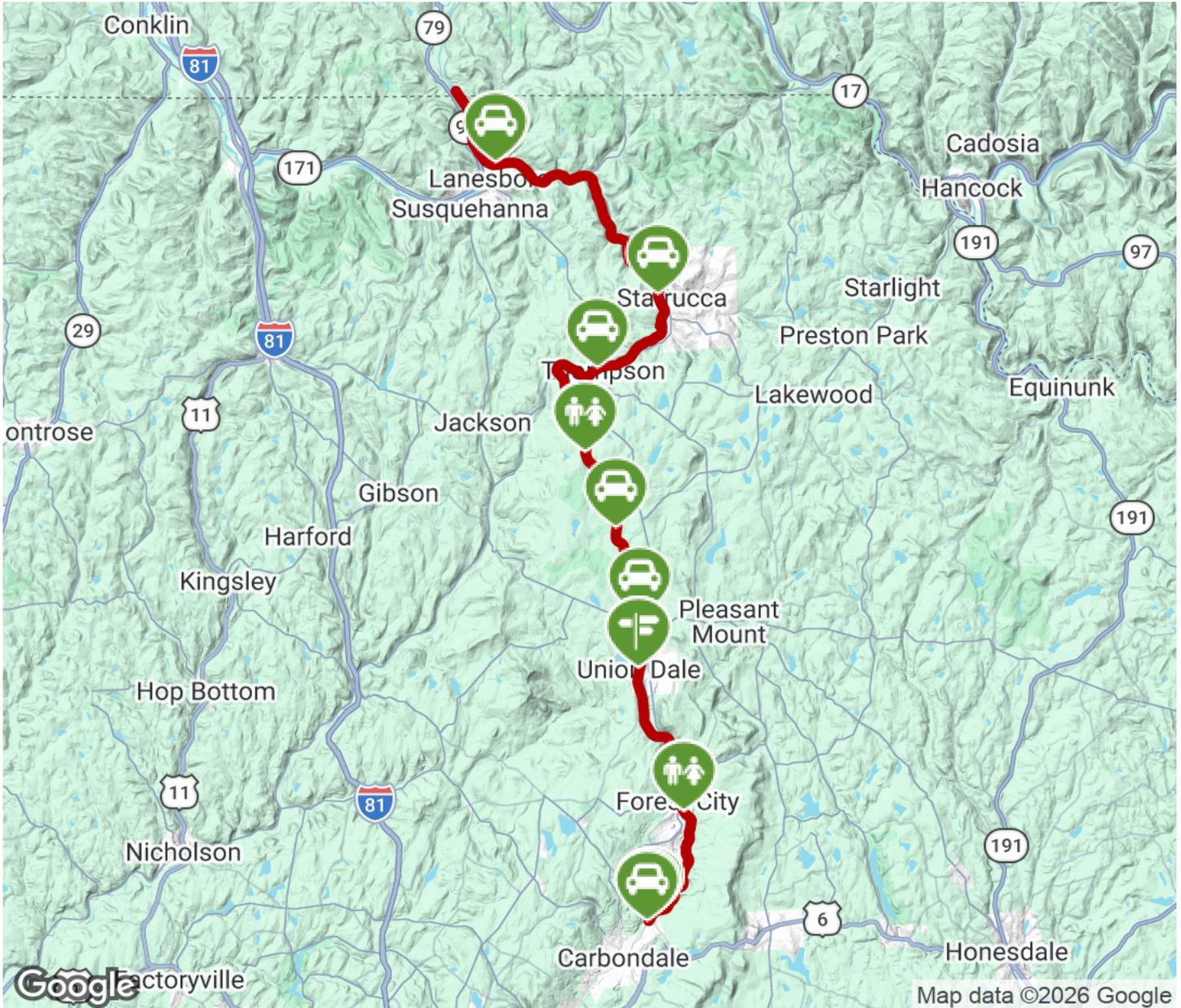
- Luciana Park (Lanesboro)
- Burnwood Rd. & Ararat Rd. (Thompson)
- Commerce Blvd. (Forest City)

There are numerous parking options along this route, see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel