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Guides



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Valley
Greenway**
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The greenway follows the old transportation routes of the Genesee Valley Canal and the Rochester Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Historical villages and connections with other trails and relics—such as surviving canal structures—provide a rich layer to this otherwise rural ride.

About the Route

Only the northern 2 miles of the greenway are paved. Cinder, grass, and packed dirt give the rest of the trail a firm, level platform. From the trail's northern end at Rochester's Genesee Valley Park are intriguing sights: the trail passes the Rochester International Airport fire training school and two charred airplane fuselages used in demonstrations. A short on-road detour along State Route 383 and Ballantyne Road takes trail users off and then back to the trail. A short side trail takes you north over historic Black Creek Culvert (circa 1838), one of the state's largest 19th-century canal culverts, before it dead-ends at an active rail corridor.

Back on the greenway, the trail passes a large tract of forest conserved by the Genesee Land Trust. At 5.5 miles is the impressive stone Canal Lock #2, one of the few surviving locks along the greenway.

The village of Scottsville, at 9 miles, has connected itself to the trail via the Canal Street Boardwalk. After a detour into the village for refreshments, trail users can head across Oatka Creek to Canawaugus Park, which has picnic tables, parking, and a view across the creek to some remaining historical canal structures. Portions of the old canal bed have become a wetland habitat. Over the next several miles wildlife abounds, attracting birdwatchers and nature photographers.

In Wadsworth Junction, at mile 12.5, trail users can see massive stone abutments from the bridge that carried the Lehigh Valley Railroad across the Pennsylvania Railroad route. Today both rail corridors are parks. The Lehigh Valley Trail travels 15 miles east across Monroe County. In the trail's first few hundred feet, a short distance east, trail users are carried over the Genesee River on the same railroad bridge that carried Lehigh Valley cars on its upper deck.

Continuing south, the views from the greenway are primarily agricultural. Occasional woodlands interrupt the otherwise expansive farming landscape. Horses and cattle graze in pastures. Farmhouses, barns, and other outbuildings



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States: New York

Counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Monroe, Wyoming

Length: 77miles

Trail end points: Old Rte. 16 (Hillsdale) to Vixette St. (Rochester)

Trail surfaces: Cinder, Dirt, Grass, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing, Horseback

Riding, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Parking & Trail Access

The Genesee Valley Greenway runs between Old Rte. 16 (Hillsdale) and Vixette St. (Rochester), with parking available at either end.

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.



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