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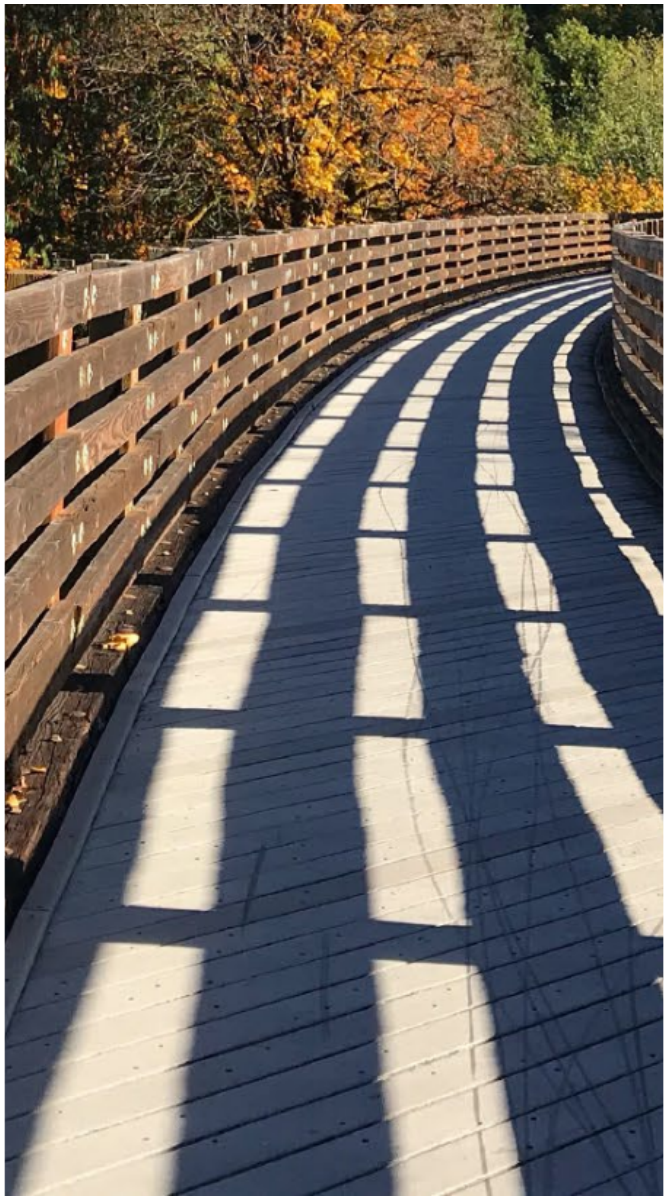

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About the Route

Beginning at the trail's southern end, the trail heads along a restored salt marsh at the mouth of the Bronx River. You can access the trail at the eastern entrance to Soundview Park at Leland and O'Brien Avenues. The path travels uninterrupted for 1.5 miles through the park, which is well-used by families from around the area. This trail segment ends at Lafayette Avenue.

There's a 0.5-mile gap to reach the next section of the trail, which traverses Concrete Plant Park. Walkers can use the sidewalks along city streets to bridge this gap, but thru-cyclists will need to be comfortable with on-street biking until the trail is completed here. Concrete Plant Park, finished in 2009, shows a unique and thought-provoking mix of industrial uses and public space that shouldn't be missed.

After traveling 0.4 miles through Concrete Plant Park, the trail continues as an on-street connection along the access road of Sheridan Expressway 0.4 miles to the southern end of Starlight Park, where trail users can find one of the many attractive river access points for boats. In the park, plan a stop at the Bronx River House, the new headquarters of the Bronx River Alliance, for maps, restrooms, and a water fountain.

Continue north from Starlight Park, where the trail jogs east as the Bronx River enters the Bronx Zoo and the New York Botanical Garden. If time permits, spend an afternoon off the trail wandering through the zoo or the famous botanical garden and its living museum. You can also enjoy the multitude of free public parks that dot the trail throughout this 2-mile section. Not to be missed is the Bronx River Forest, just north of the botanical garden, which is being restored by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and the Bronx River Alliance and provides an oasis of green in one of the nation's most urban areas.

The trail continues north to the Kensico Dam, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There are several on-street connections along the remaining journey to the Kensico Dam, ranging in length from 0.5 to 2 miles. Side streets can complete these connections until the trail is constructed, but there are no signs to guide you through them to the next section of the trail, so bringing a map will be important for doing a thorough journey on the Bronx River Greenway.

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States: New York

Counties: Bronx,Westchester

Length: 22miles

Trail end points: Leland Ave. (Bronx) to Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway (Valhalla)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Boardwalk,Concrete, Crushed Stone,Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Bronx River Greenway runs between Leland Ave. (Bronx), where parking is available, and Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway (Valhalla).

Parking is also available at:

- Hunts Point Riverside Park, 1409 Lafayette Ave. (Bronx)
- Starlight Park, 1490 Sheridan Blvd. (Bronx)

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

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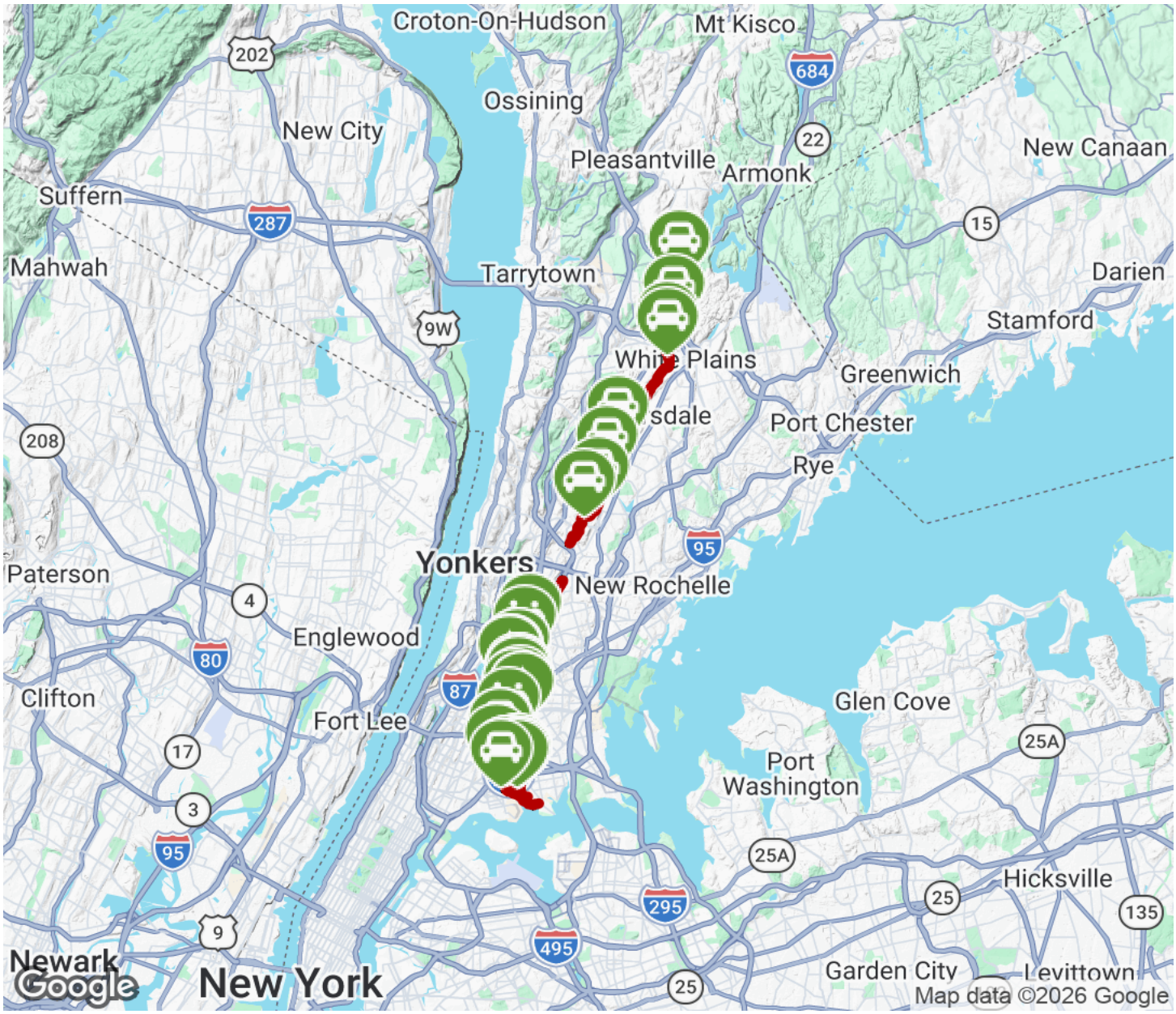

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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