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New York City's 8.1-mile East River Greenway offers views of the East River, Queens, Brooklyn, and the iconic bridges that connect these boroughs to Manhattan. The paved pathway traces the waterfront on one side and parallels the FDR East River Drive (a highway-like stretch of road) on the other side.

About the Route

The East River Greenway is currently open in two disconnected segments with a mile-long gap in the middle. The southern section of the greenway leaves off from the Governor's Island Ferry terminal (near Battery Park) and runs north along the East River for about 4.4 miles to E. 37th Street. A highlight of this section is Stuyvesant Cove Park, a former brownfield that now offers

a great place to take in the scenery with native plantings, wildlife habitat, and picnic benches.

Trail users will encounter the trail gap at E. 37th Street (near the United Nations Headquarters) in Midtown and continue to E. 60th Street, though street bike lanes and sidewalks provide alternatives. The northern section of the trail spans about 5.5 miles, picking up at E. 53rd Street and continuing north to 125th Street in Harlem with views of Roosevelt Island and Randall's Island. The southernmost part of this section, also known as the East Midtown Waterfront, offers a newly-constructed bridge and waterfront area that juts out onto the East River. Further north, trail users will traverse picturesque Carl Schurz Park and have access to Thomas Jefferson Park with its athletic fields, recreation center, and sprawling playground. A section of the East River Greenway here is also referred to as the John Finley Walk and, farther north, another section is called the Bobby Wagner Walk.

Connections

The East River Greenway is part of the larger Manhattan Waterfront Greenway, which also incorporates the [Hudson River Greenway](#) and the [Harlem River Greenway](#). Together, these trails comprise a 32-mile path that circles the island of Manhattan.

At the northern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the nearby [Randall's Island Park Trail](#).



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States: New York

Counties: New York

Length: 8.6miles

Trail end points: Governor's Island Ferry Terminal, 10 South St. to New Wave Pier Dog Run (Manhattan) to E 53rd St. (Manhattan) to 125th St. (Harlem)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

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

Parking & Trail Access

The East River Greenway runs between Governor's Island Ferry Terminal, 10 South St. and New Wave Pier Dog Run (Manhattan), and E 60th St. (Manhattan) to 125th St. (Harlem).

Parking is available at:

- 500 E 30th St. (New York)

The best way to access this trail is via. New York's public transit system. See the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's site for more information.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



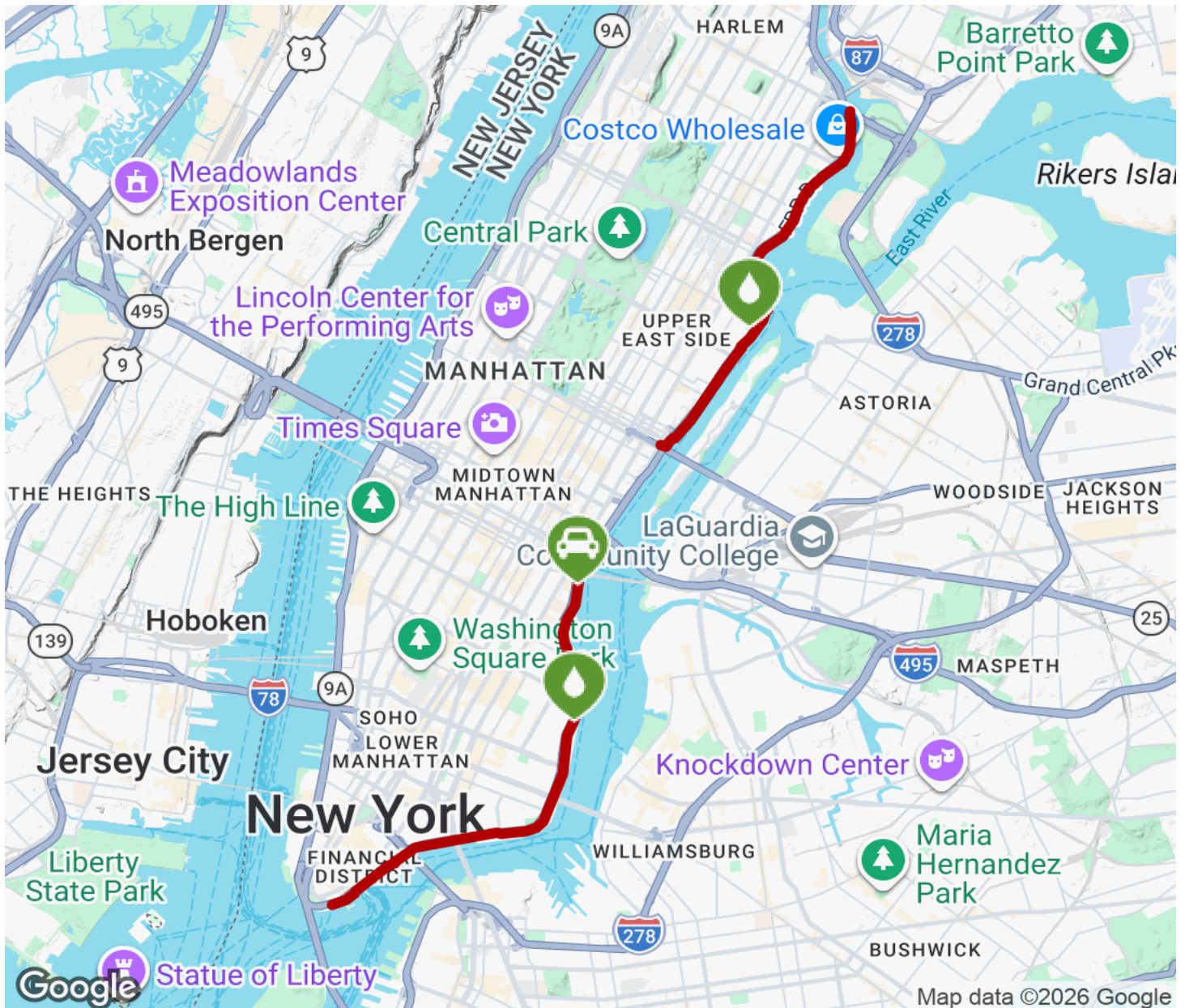
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