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Guides



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Common sights along the trail include deer, herons, snakes, and many more species. Adding visual interest to the experience, active railroad tracks are in close proximity to the trail the majority of the way, though train traffic is not frequent. Lush tree cover creates a tunnel-like effect for the vast remainder of the path, a pleasant respite on a hot summer day. After crossing the bridge over the Hocking River, there is a noticeable shift from the solitude of a quiet forest to an in-town feeling.

The trail continues east through the west side of Athens for about 2 miles, passing West State Street Park and its impressive community gardens. As the trail enters into the Town of Athens, it quickly passes through Ohio University's campus. The campus creates a pleasant atmosphere, including close passage by the imposing Bob Wren Stadium, home of the Ohio Bobcats baseball team. After passing through the campus, the trail meanders through Athens along a wide asphalt trail. The trail comes to its southern endpoint just east of Athens, along S Canaan Rd.

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About the Route

The trail leaves off from its northern endpoint in Nelsonville, just a block from the historic town square. As the trail heads south, it skirts the campus of the small Hocking College. As the trail meanders in and out of the dense forest, openings in the trees frame classic farm field vistas, which, combined with rock outcrops, make this stretch of trail an absolute joy to experience.



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States: Ohio

Counties: Athens

Length: 24.3miles

Trail end points: 45 E Canal St (Nelsonville) to
S. Canaan Rd. (Athens)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Hockhocking Adena Bikeway runs between 45 E Canal St (Nelsonville), which offers parking, and S. Canaan Rd. (Athens).

Parking is also available at:

- 11309 Jackson Dr (The Plains)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



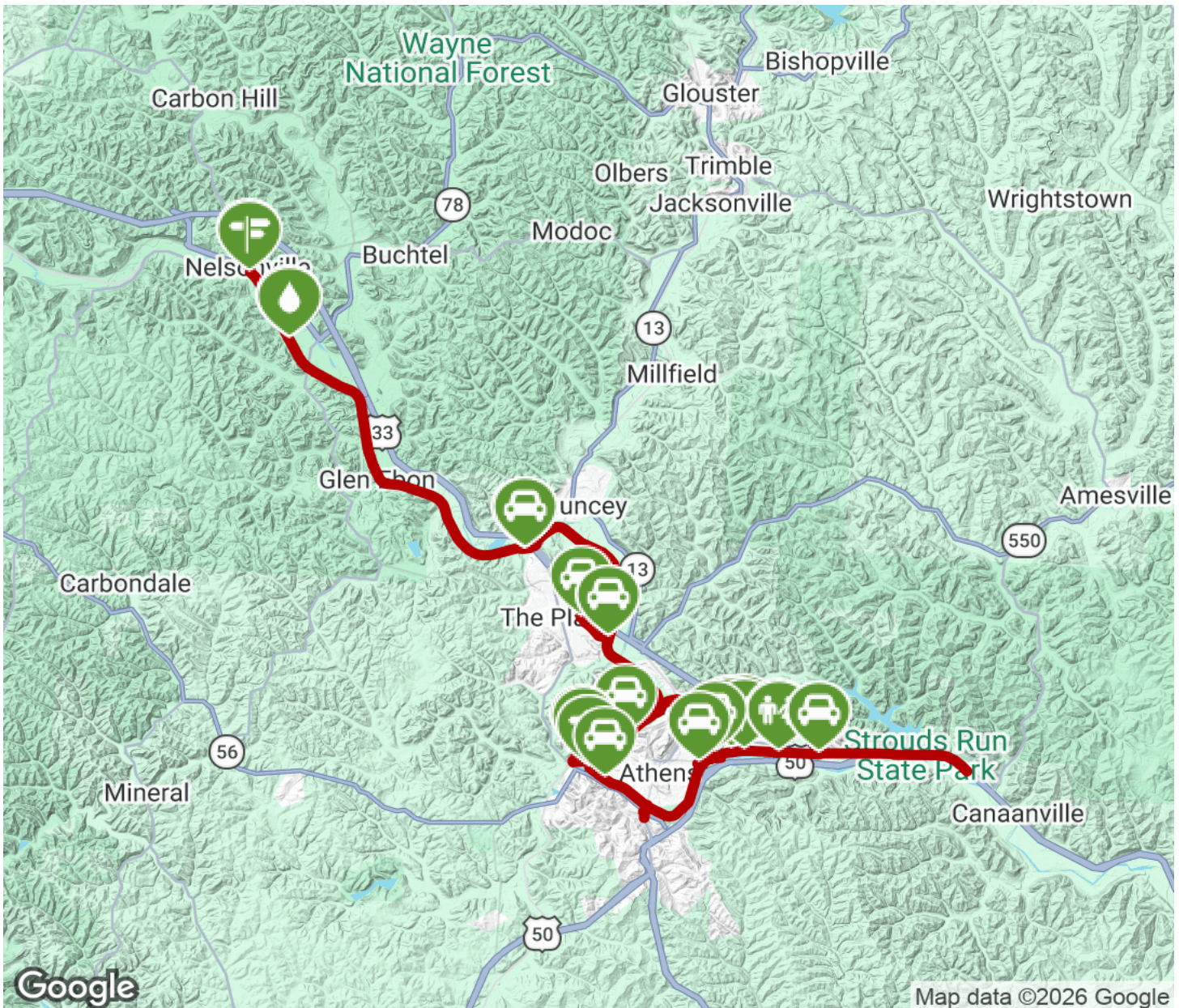
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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