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Guides



**T. J. Evans
Trail**
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About the Route

From the southern trailhead at West Main Street in Newark, the trail heads northwest into a beautifully shaded ravine area with the Raccoon Creek on the trail's east side. After passing under OH-16, fields dotted with

cows extend from both sides of the path.

At about 4 miles, the trail comes to Granville. For a side trip, visit Alligator Mound, located less than a mile off the trail, by turning right onto Fairview Drive and heading north. Overlooking Raccoon Creek, this is one of two local animal effigy mounds built by prehistoric people; it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Continuing along the trail, follow the signage for a short climb to the beautiful New England-style downtown, where there are many restaurants, shops, and lodging options, as well as Denison University.

Continuing on the trail, there is a pedestrian crossing guides over OH-661 at the former Granville railroad station, which now houses a real estate agent's office. Stop for a break at Wildwood Park, which features open fields and an incredible, wooden castle-shaped play area. Later, arrive at the ruins of Clemons Station. Several bridges span small creeks between here and Alexandria, about 2 miles northwest.

Crossing Raccoon Valley Road, the trail enters the village of Alexandria. The remaining 6.3 miles of trail to Johnstown pass alternately through woods, ravines, and farm fields. The setting is remote and relaxing, but the many rural road crossings require caution.

The Jersey Street trailhead in Johnstown signals the route's end. The beautiful T. J. Evans rail-trail only gets better on the return trip, as a slight grade gives you a downhill advantage.

Connections

In Newark, pick up the [T. J. Evans Panhandle Trail](#) on the east side of town. Near the Cherry Valley Road parking lot, take a spur trail north under Reddington Road, which then shortly thereafter heads east, paralleling OH 16 toward downtown and leading to a shopping area, Flory Park, and the local YMCA. From there, it's less than a 2-mile on-road ride to connect to the T. J. Evans Panhandle Trail.



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States: Ohio

Counties: Licking

Length: 14.2miles

Trail end points: Johnstown Trailhead (157 E Jersey St, Johnstown) to W Main St (Newark)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The T. J. Evans Trail runs between the Johnstown Trailhead, 157 E Jersey St (Johnstown) and W Main St (Newark), both of which offer parking.

Parking is also available at:

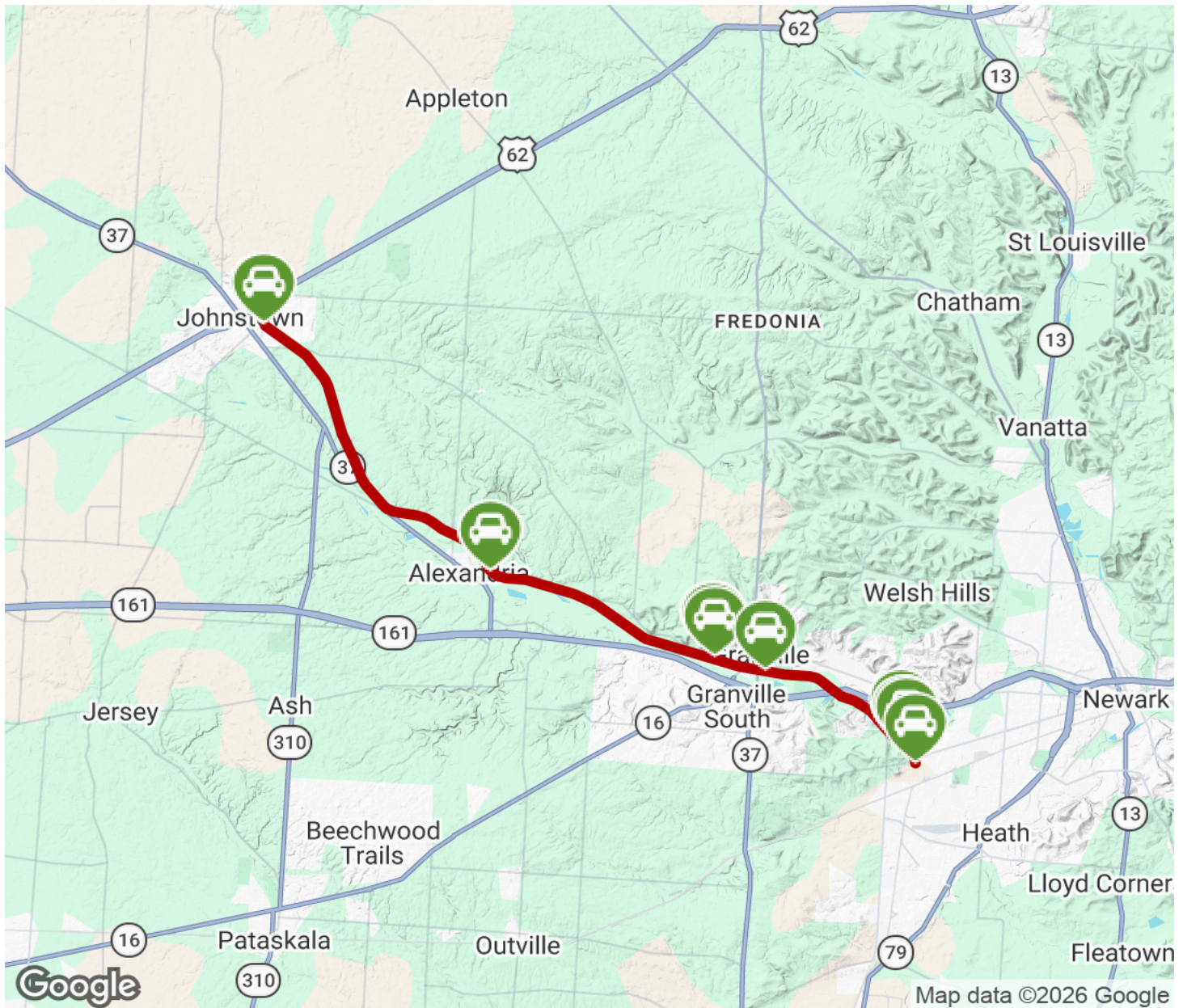
- Wildwood Park, 785 W Broadway (Granville)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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