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Creek Trail**
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About the Route

The Conotton Creek Trail models the rustic beauty of its surroundings, and its careworn surface covers a paved, albeit bumpy in sections, undulating route. Several particularly rough spots may be rough for trail users, but the rest of this trail lulls you into a state of relaxation and delivers a serene setting rich in wildlife.

Riding from quaint Bowerston east to Jewett makes for a

consistent slightly uphill journey. The ponds east of Bowerston provide a wonderful environment for birding, as do the berried bushes along the route and more than 40 birdhouses. A colorful palette of wildflowers and pastoral landscapes dotted with horses and cattle completes the picturesque backdrop.

A highlight of the experience is a passage through the trail's five covered bridges crossing Conotton Creek. The waters below the bridges eventually feed into the Ohio River, as well as into the Mississippi River more than 500 miles away.

The final few miles into the town of Jewett are just as calming and refreshing as those from Bowerston to the trail's midpoint at Scio. Jewett, similar to Bowerston, has fewer than 1,000 people, but the town was an important cog in the wheel of this region's development. Jewett was not only an important stop on the railroad, like the other towns the trail passes, but was also once home to a streetcar manufacturer and an opera house.

Connections

The Conotton Creek Trail is part of the Industrial Heartlands Trails, a developing network of trails across West Virginia, Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania.

The Conotton Creek Trail is part of the Great American Rail Trail, a 3,700-mile route from Washington to Washington D.C.

Trail History

The railroad corridor that the Conotton Creek Trail follows was once used to transport iron ore from Great Lakes ports to the steel mills of the Ohio River Valley, and haul coal mined from Harrison County to markets in all directions. Today, one of the rail lines is still used, carrying coal, raw materials, and manufactured goods.



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States: Ohio

Counties: Harrison

Length: 11.2 miles

Trail end points: Broadway St. (Bowerston) to
Water St. (Jewett)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Conotton Creek Trail runs between Broadway St. (Bowerston) and Water St. (Jewett), with parking at both endpoints.

Parking is also available at:

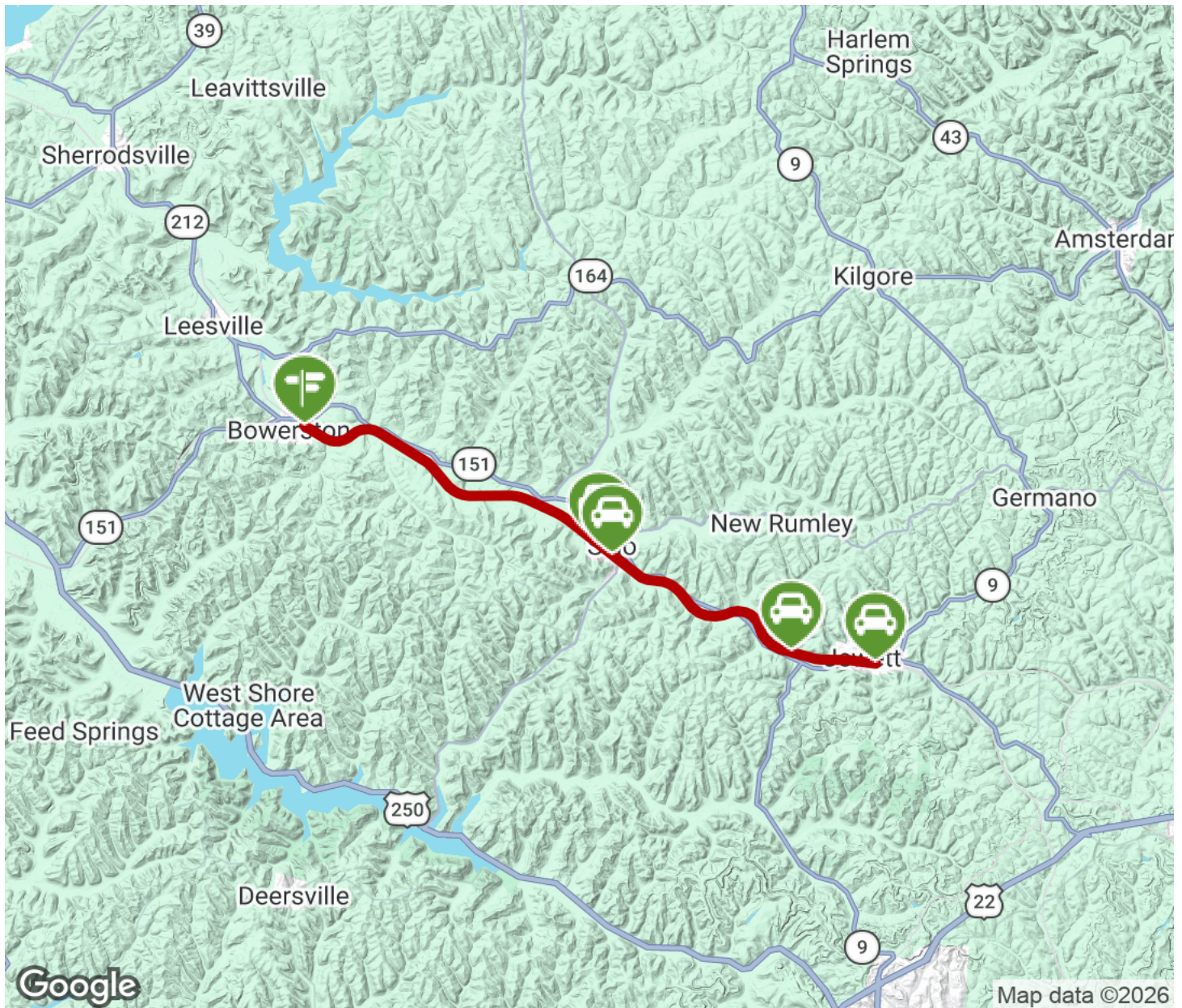
- 110 Main St (Scio)

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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