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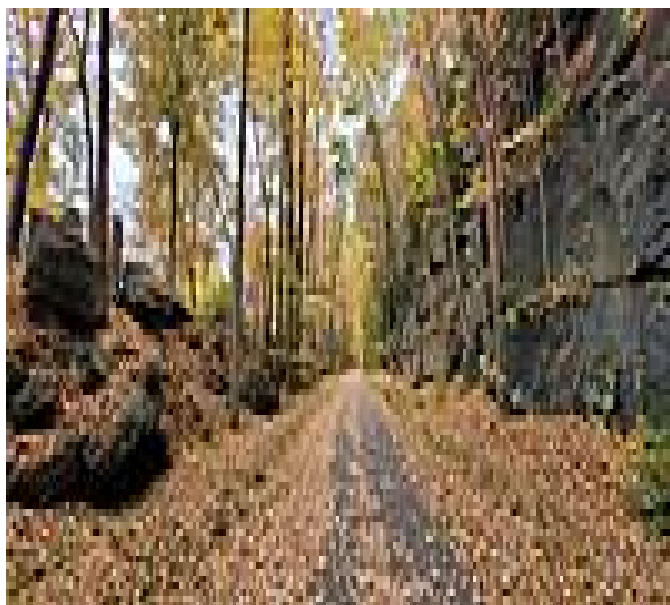
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About the Route

The Bike and Hike Trail is a rambling route peppered with bridge crossings and neighborhood roads in both rural and suburban settings. Unlike most rail trails, which are fairly flat, this route has delightful dips and rises. Playgrounds and restroom facilities are ample, though trail users may want to stock up on drinking water and snacks before striking out for the day.

Starting at the northern end of Alexander Road, experience a beautiful, mostly secluded, multi-use, paved trail, much of which borders Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

As the trail winds south, it passes through rural neighborhoods and wooded areas. With an early enough start, trail users might see some deer grazing at the path's edge. The trail's southern loop has some on-road sections; look for the green trail signs to guide people along the route. In Munroe Falls, an observation deck on the Cuyahoga River offers lovely scenery, as well as an opportunity for fishing.

Trail users can finish the trail by heading back to the northern trailhead. If you still have energy to burn after the return trip north, complete your day's adventure by exploring Cuyahoga Valley National Park. With miles of hiking trails, breathtaking views, and wildlife—ranging from bald eagles to coyotes the national park is the perfect complement to the northeast Ohio nature that this rail trail serves up.

Connections

At the northern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Bedford Reservation All-Purpose Trail](#).

1.6 miles west of the Alexander Road trailhead, trail users can reach the [Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail](#).

At the southern end of the trail, there is a connection to the [Portage Hike and Bike Trail](#).



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States: Ohio

Counties: Cuyahoga, Portage, Summit

Length: 32.9 miles

Trail end points: 15540 Alexander Rd. (Walton Hills) to Spell Rd. (Stow)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Bike and Hike Trail runs between 15540 Alexander Rd. (Walton Hills) and Spell Rd. (Stow).

Parking is available at:

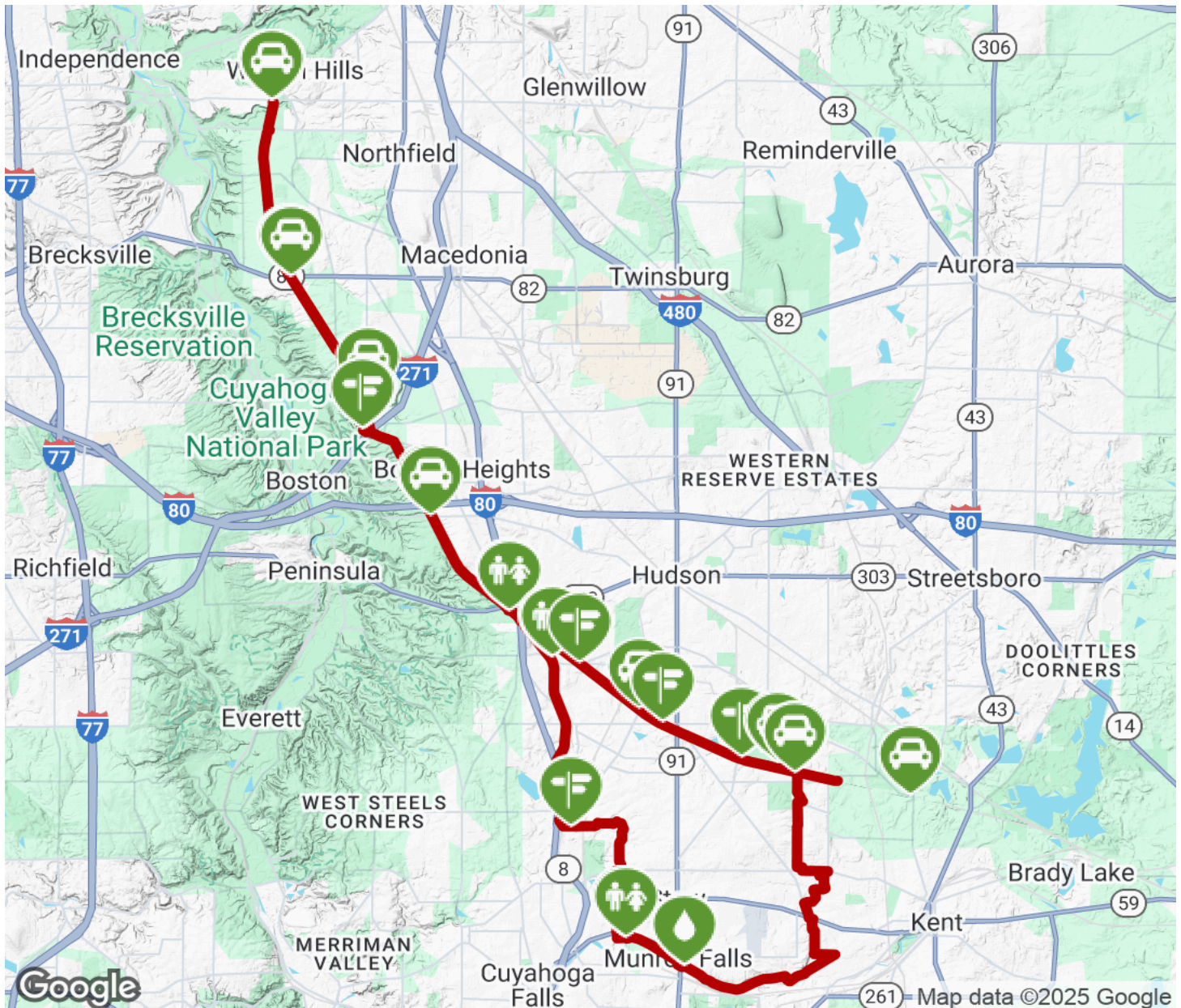
- 680 W Aurora Rd. (Northfield)
- 2961 Kent Rd. (Silver Lake)
- 5027 Stow Rd. (Stow)

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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