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The Chester Valley Trail provides opportunities for recreation and alternative transportation in the congested commercial center at the northern edge of Greater Philadelphia. The paved rail trail rolls for just under 19 miles between Exton and King of Prussia, encouraging a variety of users, such as stroller-pushing parents, colleagues on a walking meeting, or cyclists seeking a quick 40-miler. The Chester Valley Trail is also part of the Circuit Trails, a developing 800-mile urban network of trails in Greater Philadelphia, of which about 350 miles are complete.

About the Route

The 10- to 12-foot-wide asphalt path, which is open daily, 8 am–sunset, has a slight downhill grade from Exton to King

of Prussia. A couple of mild, short hills face travelers in Malvern and just past PA 29. The trail parallels US 202, which trail users will barely notice as the trail cuts through a wooded corridor, open to farmland through Exton.

The Chester Valley Trail's western endpoint leads trail users 2.4 miles through the community of Exton. This connects to a 0.8-mile spur trail with access to the Exton SEPTA/Amtrak Station, which splits from the main route at the intersection of Commerce Drive and S Pottstown Pike/Main Street. Another 1.3 miles east is Exton Park, which covers 727 acres and features a pond, picnic sites, and trails.

In the less congested western end, the Chester Valley Trail utilizes short tunnels to cross US 202 and Swedesford Road. The route continues as a straight shot across the landscape, except for turns to accommodate busy road crossings. The rail trail passes retail centers and office parks along US 202 before crossing I-76 on a pedestrian bridge. Entering Bridgeport, the route curves east and then north as it meanders through King of Prussia, a community named for a local Colonial-era inn built in 1719. The renovated and relocated inn, which contains offices for the local chamber of commerce, stands 0.3 miles from the trail.

Along the eastern segment of the trail, the landscape opens up, with more farms and less congestion, as well as an abundance of fast food and restaurants in the retail centers. Trail users will pass several small parks with picnic tables including Ecology Park, Cedar Hollow Park, and D'Ambrosia Park.

At its eastern end, the rail trail connects to the Schuylkill River Trail in Norristown. Crossing the river via a protected pedestrian/bike lane on the Norristown Dam Bridge, the Chester Valley Trail winds through Bridgeport and passes an old inn named for Frederick the Great.

Trail History



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Chester, Montgomery

Length: 19.2 miles

Trail end points: Whitford Rd. (Whitford) to E Lafayette St. (Norristown)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Chester Valley Trail runs between Whitford Rd. (Whitford) and E Lafayette St. (Norristown).

Parking is available at:

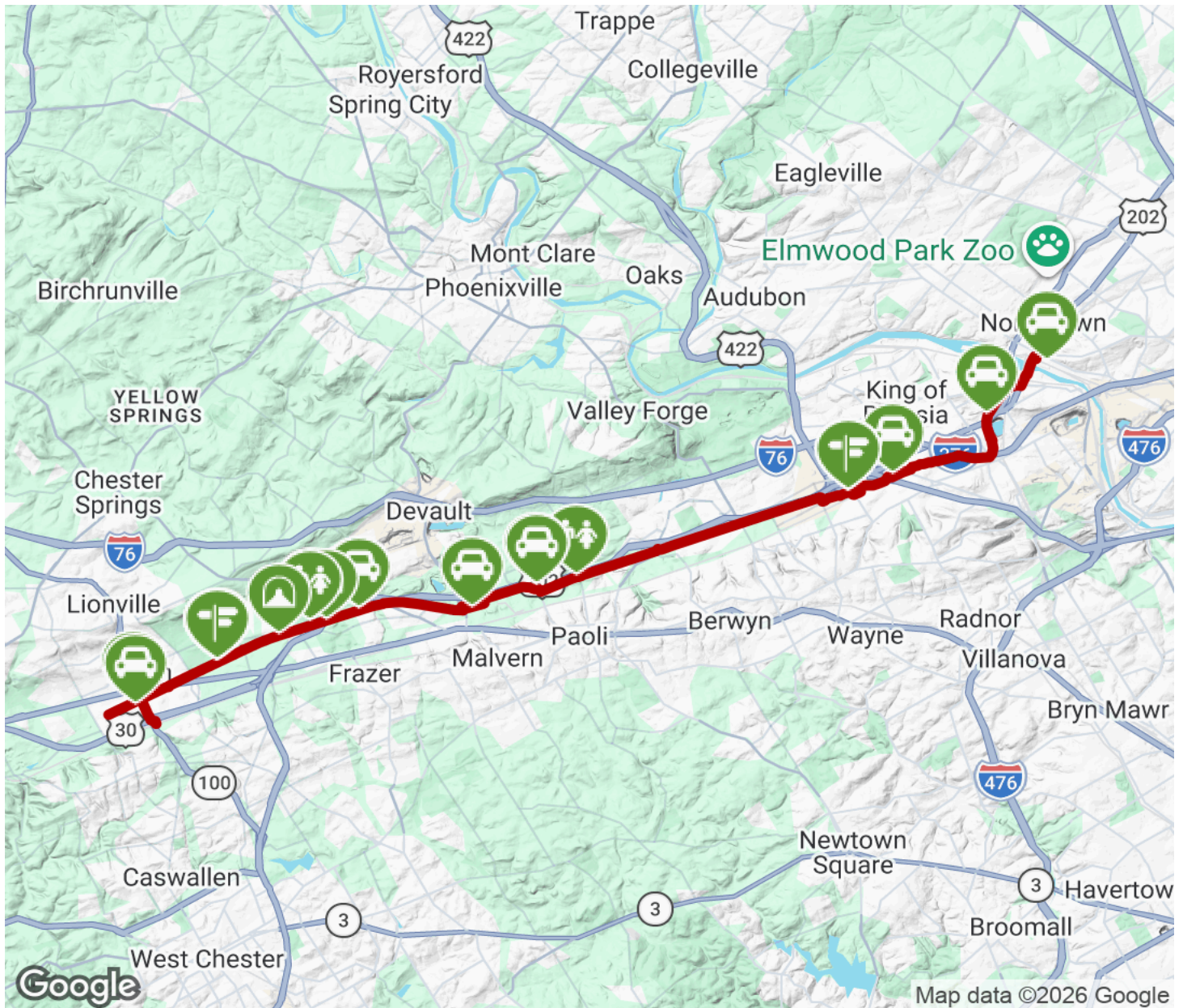
- 270 Indian Run St. (Exton)

There are numerous parking options along the route, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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