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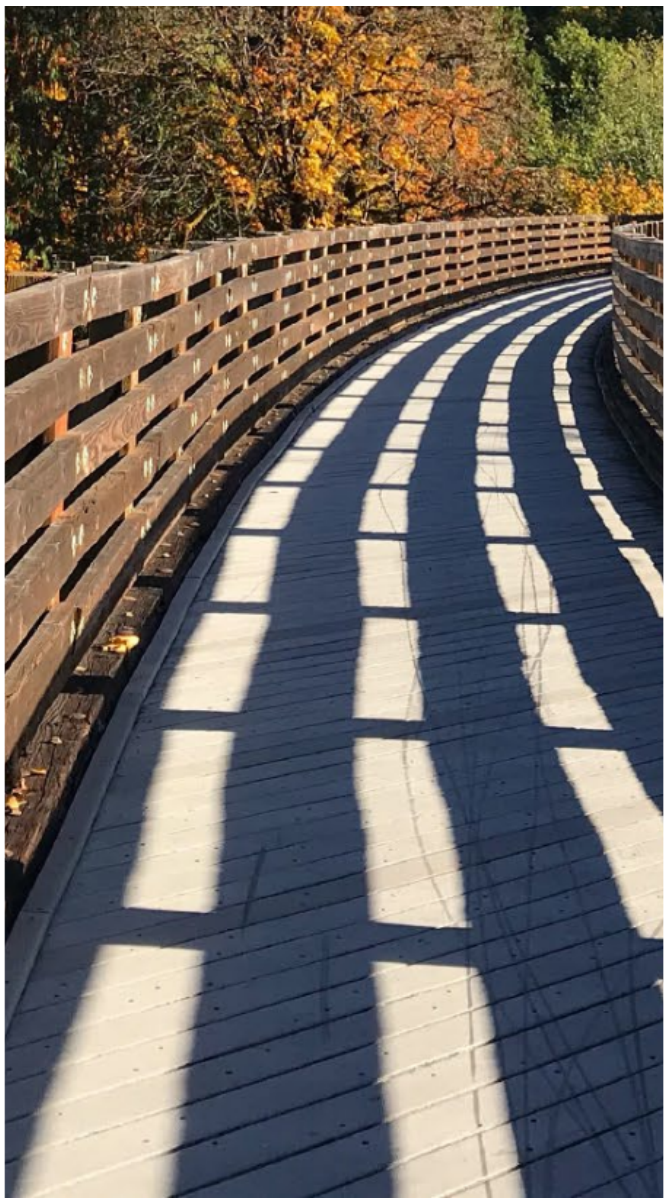
Guides



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Detailed signage regarding the general history of the trail is posted at the trailhead off Dairy Road. About halfway though the trail is the remains of the Shellhamer Ice Dam, a former recreation and entertainment complex. Use caution at the road crossings, especially those with steep grades.

If you're up for more riding, there's another rail-trail located just west of Tamaqua, the Schuylkill Valley Heritage Trail, which spans just over 7 miles.

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States: Pennsylvania
Counties: Schuylkill
Length: 2.7miles
Trail end points: Route 309/Center St., just south of River St. to Dairy Rd.
Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone,Dirt
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is only available at the southern trailhead; if you attempt to park at the northern end of the trail (or other places along the trail), you risk your car being towed. To reach parking at the southern end of the trail: From I-81, take Exit 131 to Highway 54 East. Continue on Highway 54 until the stoplight for Route 309 in Hometown. Turn right onto 309 South and continue through Tamaqua. Approximately 3 miles beyond Tamaqua, turn left on Dairy Road. The marked trailhead is on the left; parking is available approximately 100 yards beyond the trailhead, on the right off of Dairy Road.

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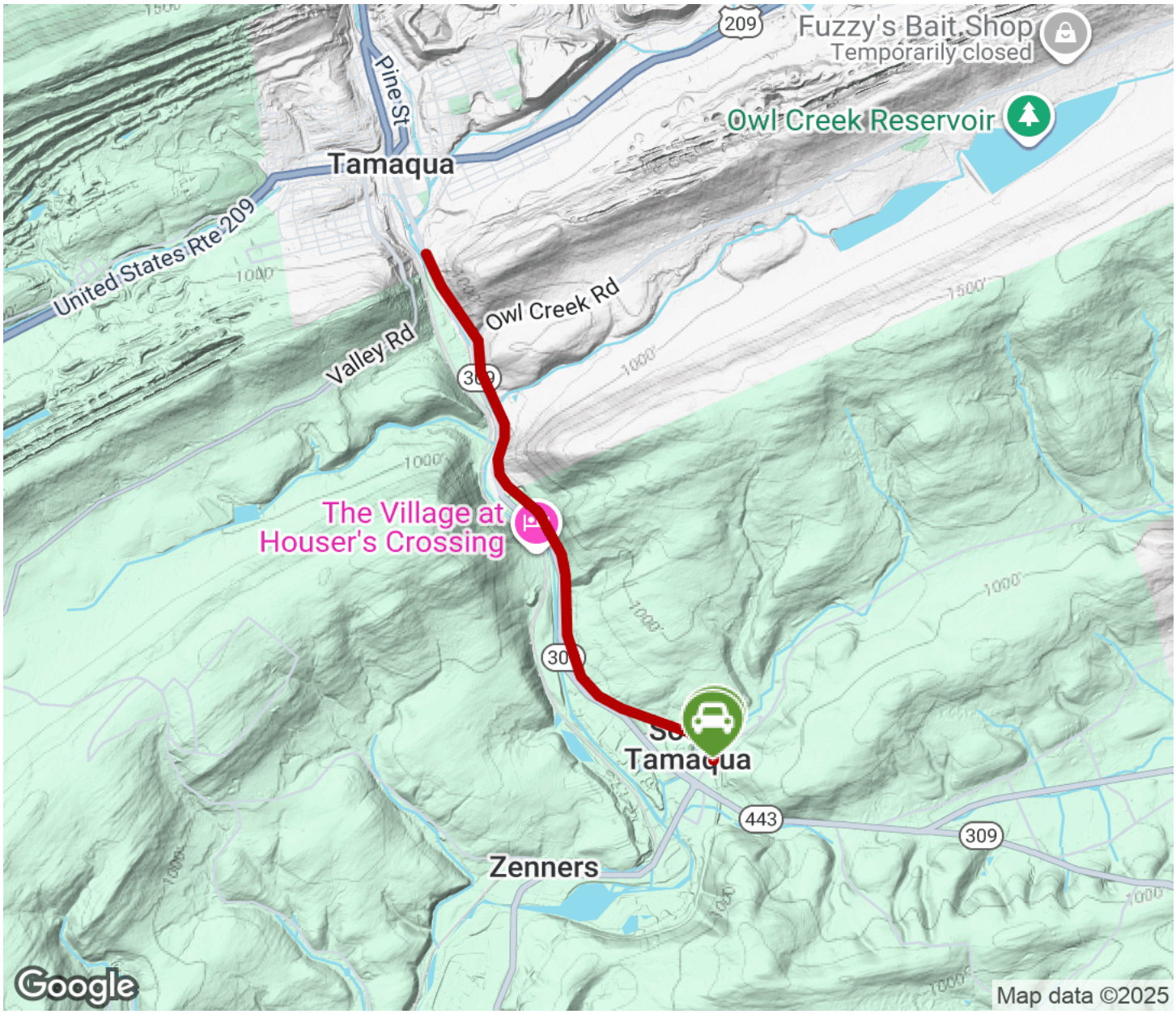

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel