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The Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park—the longest pedestrian bridge in the world at 1.28 miles—emerges from the trees and over the rooftops of the old riverfront town of Poughkeepsie, crosses the vast Hudson River, and touches down in the hamlet of Highland on the west side of the river.

About the Route

The Walkway over the Hudson is a short but scenic route. Leaving off from the west end of the trail in Highland, the trail heads east and quickly goes uphill to meet the bridge over the Hudson. The bridge offers vast expansive views of the Hudson and surrounding foliage. On the east bank of the river, the walkway descends overtop Poughkeepsie neighborhoods until reaching its eastern end along

Parker Rd.

Connections

On the trail's east bank in Poughkeepsie, the walkway meets the [William R. Steinhaus Dutchess Rail Trail](#).

On the west bank, the walkway meets the [Hudson Valley Rail Trail](#).

The walkway is part of the Empire State Trail, a 750-mile trail network spanning the state from New York City to Canada and Buffalo to Albany.

Trail History

The Hudson Walkway opened in 2009 in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic 1609 journey up the river. From the bridge, the views of the lush Hudson Valley and the river, 212 feet below, are simply breathtaking. Visitors are greeted by walkway volunteers and staff at welcome centers, which opened to the public in 2018 and are located at either end of the trail.

When it first opened in 1889, the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge that is now the walkway was hailed as the Great Connector, as it offered a vital link between New England cities and supplies from Pennsylvania, the Midwest, and farther afield. Today, the bridge serves as a linchpin in a 20-mile expanse of connected pathways.



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States: New York

Counties: Dutchess, Ulster

Length: 1.6miles

Trail end points: 7 Haviland Road (Highland)
to 61 Parker Rd. (Poughkeepsie)

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Walkway over the Hudson runs between 87 Haviland Road (Highland) and 61 Parker Rd. (Poughkeepsie). with parking on both ends.

The Walkway Over the Hudson can also be reached by both Amtrak and the Metro-North Railroad Hudson Line.

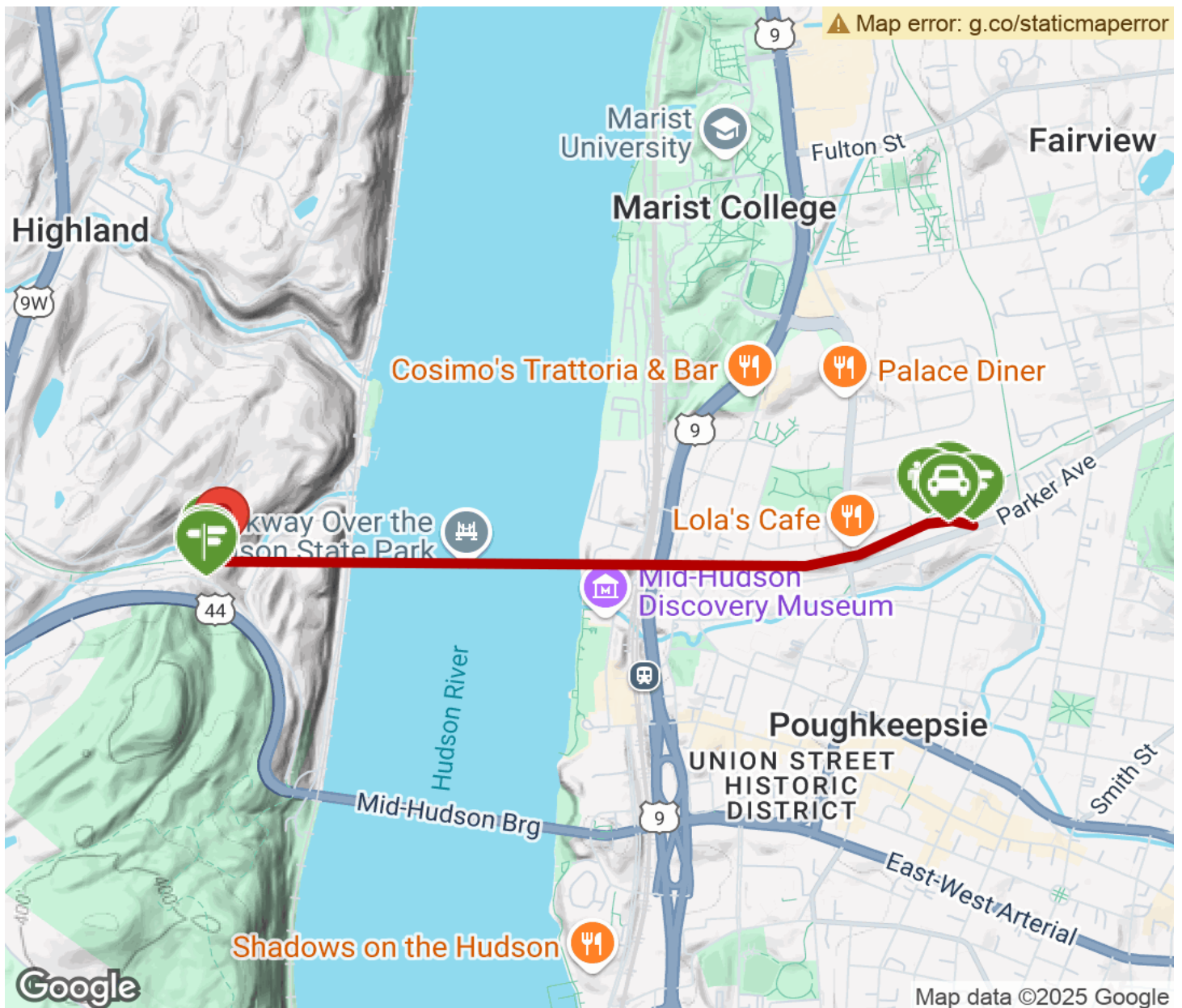
Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.

Note: An ADA-compliant elevator, located in Poughkeepsie's Upper Landing Park (83 N. Water St.) near the Hudson River waterfront, goes up to the Walkway Over the Hudson bridge. However, the elevator operates seasonally and is weather-dependent, so check the trail website before a visit.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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