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An extension was built from the trail's original eastern terminus at New Hartford Street, which allows the trail to connect to yet another community as it winds its way north along the Sauquoit Creek into New York Mills. This new section of trail includes a brief rail-with-trail section, mixing the area's industrial heritage with the natural scenery of the creek.

The northwestern end of the trail also offers an

interesting mix of surroundings, ranging from adjacent suburban shopping malls to the tranquil wooded path of the former rail line. The main trail ends at Halsey Road, but a narrower and less-maintained pathway allows trail users to continue along Whitestown's trail system up to Westmoreland Road. Long term plans for the area include providing trail connections into the larger community of Utica.



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States: New York Counties: Oneida Length: 5.2miles Trail end points: Gibson Rd. & Westmoreland Rd. (Whitestown) to Burrstone Rd. & Main St. (New York Mills) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

You'll find a trailhead and parking on New Hartford Street at the former eastern terminus. A second nearby trailhead parking area is at the end of Clinton Street. To reach the latter, follow New Hartford Street north from the North-South Arterial Highway and turn left on Clinton Street. Go all the way to the end.

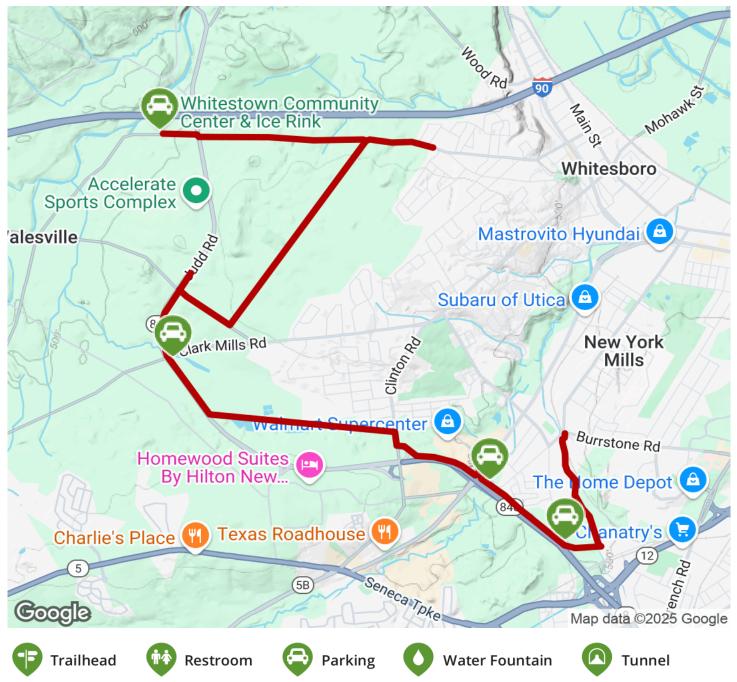
Additional parking is available towards the northwestern end of the trail, at Clark Mills Road just east of the intersection with Ny-840. Access to the trail is available from the lot directly to the trail via a short gravel path.



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