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Guides

Radnor Trail
Pennsylvania

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1956, when it was replaced with bus service.

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Founded in 1902, the Philadelphia and Western Railway Company (P&W) was intended to be part of Jay Gould's proposed intercontinental electric railway. Gould's grand and progressive plan was scaled back, as was the route of the P&W Trains, featuring luxurious, elaborately appointed cars. It once traveled from Philadelphia's 69th Street Station to suburban Strafford. For the first few months, the trains ran every quarter hour, with the full route taking a half hour. The line remained active until

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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Delaware

Length: 2.41miles

Trail end points: Sugartown Rd. to S. Radnor Chester Rd.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Mountain Biking,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross Country Skiing
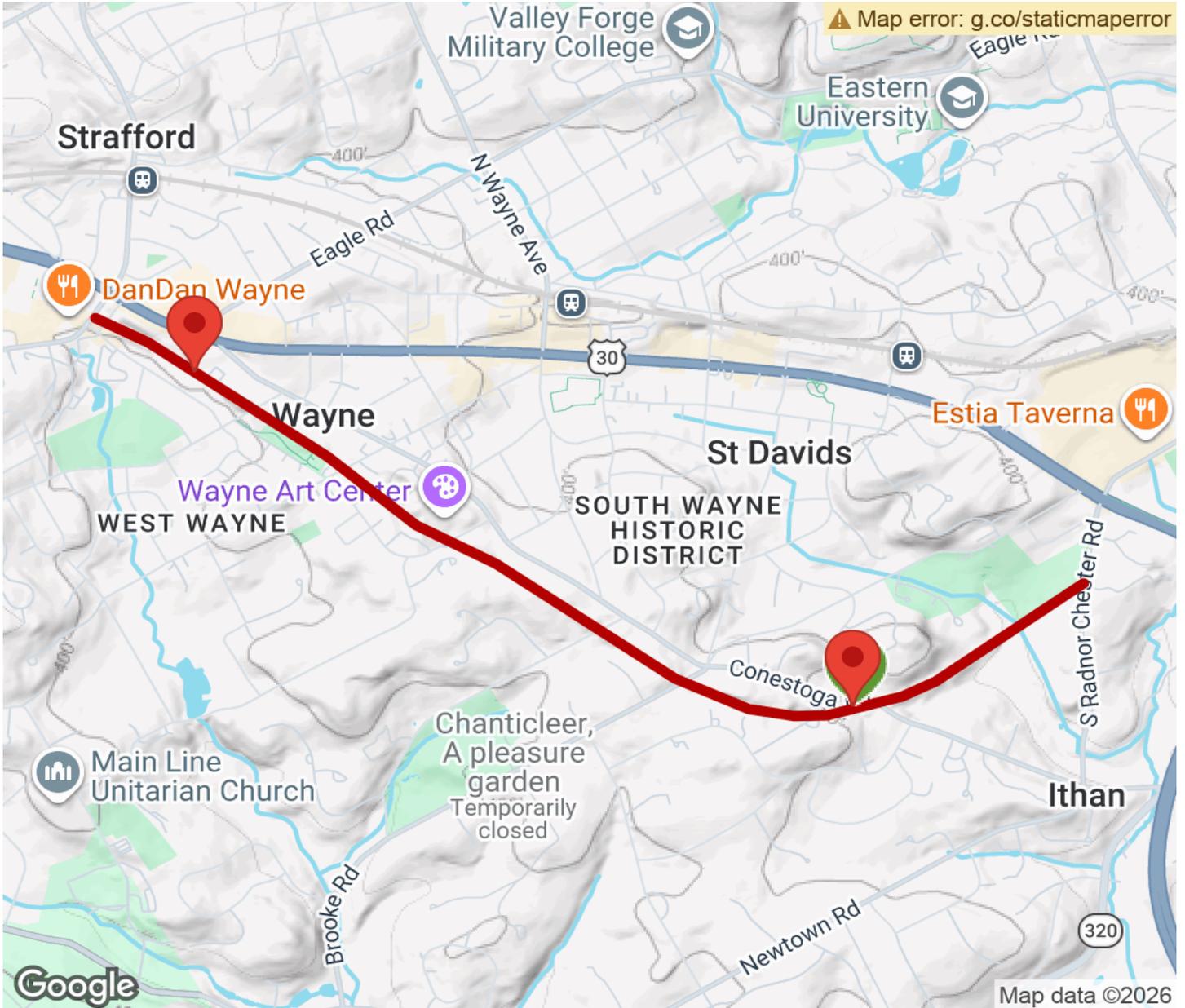
Parking & Trail Access

To reach the trailhead from Interstate 476, take Exit 13 onto Route 30 West. Continue and turn left onto Radnor-Chester Road. Continue and turn right onto Conestoga Road. Proceed on Conestoga Road to trail parking on your left, near the intersection with Brookside Avenue.

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Legend:
- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel

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