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Glove Flour Mill that burned down in 1905.

Bloede's Dam, on the National Register of Historic Places, was said to be the world's first submerged electrical generating plant, which was housed underwater inside the dam. No longer generating electricity since the 1930s, the dam was removed in September 2017 to restore river habitat upstream.

Trail History

Patapsco Valley State Park was created in 1907 and is one of Maryland's oldest state parks. As a result, the area has many historic sites and preserves a valuable greenway in this urban area. Railroad remnants can also be seen, like that of the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad, which ran between Baltimore and Ellicott City.

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About the Route

The western endpoint of the Grist Mill Trail at Patapsco Valley State Park is just off Ilchester Rd in Ilchester. As it heads toward the eastern endpoint at Lost Lake, the tree-covered route is nestled between the Patapsco River and abandoned railroad tracks. The history-lined trail passes by sites like the Swinging Bridge and the site of the former Bloede's Dam. At the Swinging Bridge, the trail passes a Patapsco River crossing to visit the ruins of the Orange



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States: Maryland

Counties: Baltimore, Howard

Length: 2.5 miles

Trail end points: Glen Artney Road (Lost Lake)
to Ilchester Road (Ilchester)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

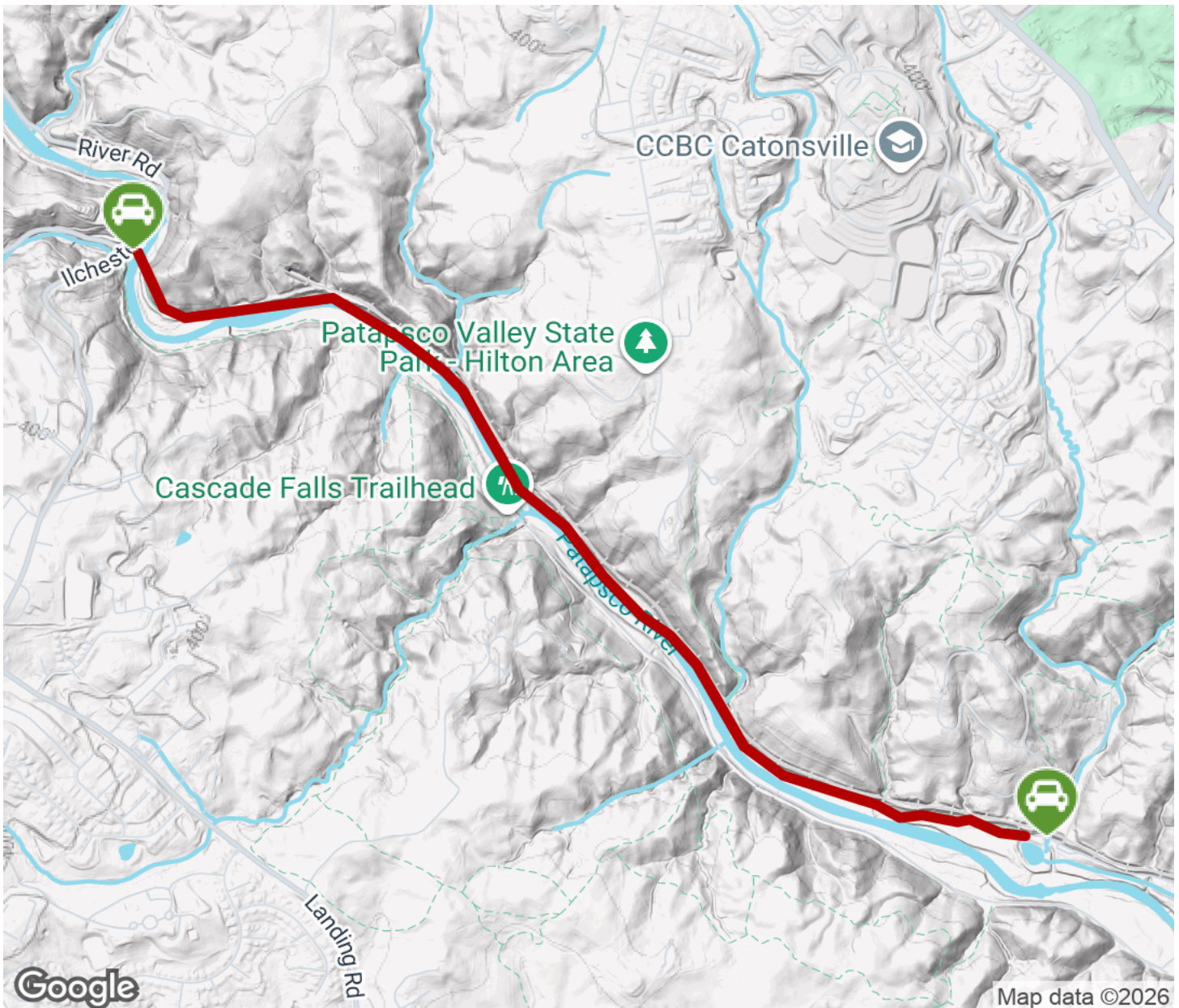
The Grist Mill Trail at Patapsco Valley State Park runs between Ilchester Rd and Lost Lake, where parking is available.

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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