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Deep within the Allegheny National Forest lies a rail-trail with a past. The Kinzua Valley Trail follows the route of the former Kinzua and Hemlock Railroad (later Valley Railroad) near the town of Westline. The railroad fueled the economic vitality of the area from the early to mid-1900s, transporting harvested wood to local lumber mills. As more trees were felled, lumber production slowed, and removal of the Valley Railroad tracks began in the late 1930s.

In the 1970s, people began using the route informally as a cross-country ski trail. After forming in 1999, the Kinzua Valley Trail Club transformed the popular route into what's now known as the Kinzua Valley Trail. Today, 10 miles of the path provide users a calm, well-maintained trail experience that follows the Kinzua Creek west to

Kane.

Parking is available at the eastern trailhead in Westline, a community in Mt. Jewett, the best place to begin your trail experience. From here, you'll traverse through the Allegheny National Forest on a crushed-stone pathway following the Kinzua Creek. Whether you're biking, hiking, or resting on one of the benches lining the trail, you can enjoy the sights and sounds of wetland areas along the creek and a full canopy of mature trees bordering the path. Wildlife, including deer and local birds, also frequent the trail.

After passing Little Meade Run to your right, you'll reach a trailhead with a small parking area at Forest Road 122. From here, adventurous trail users can continue 1 mile to SR 321/Kane-Marshburg Road, where the trail ends. The last 0.7 mile, between Root Run and the final trailhead, is an on-road gravel-surfaced section that is lined with share the road signage and features more grade changes than the rest of the trail. The payoff, however, is exquisite. From SR 321/Kane-Marshburg Road, cross the road to the Red Bridge Bank Fishing Area overlooking the Allegheny River. There is limited parking at this drop-off area, with room for only a few cars.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: McKean

Length: 10.2 miles

Trail end points: Kane-Marshburg Rd. (Kane)
to Westline Rd. (Mt. Jewett)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Cross Country
Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

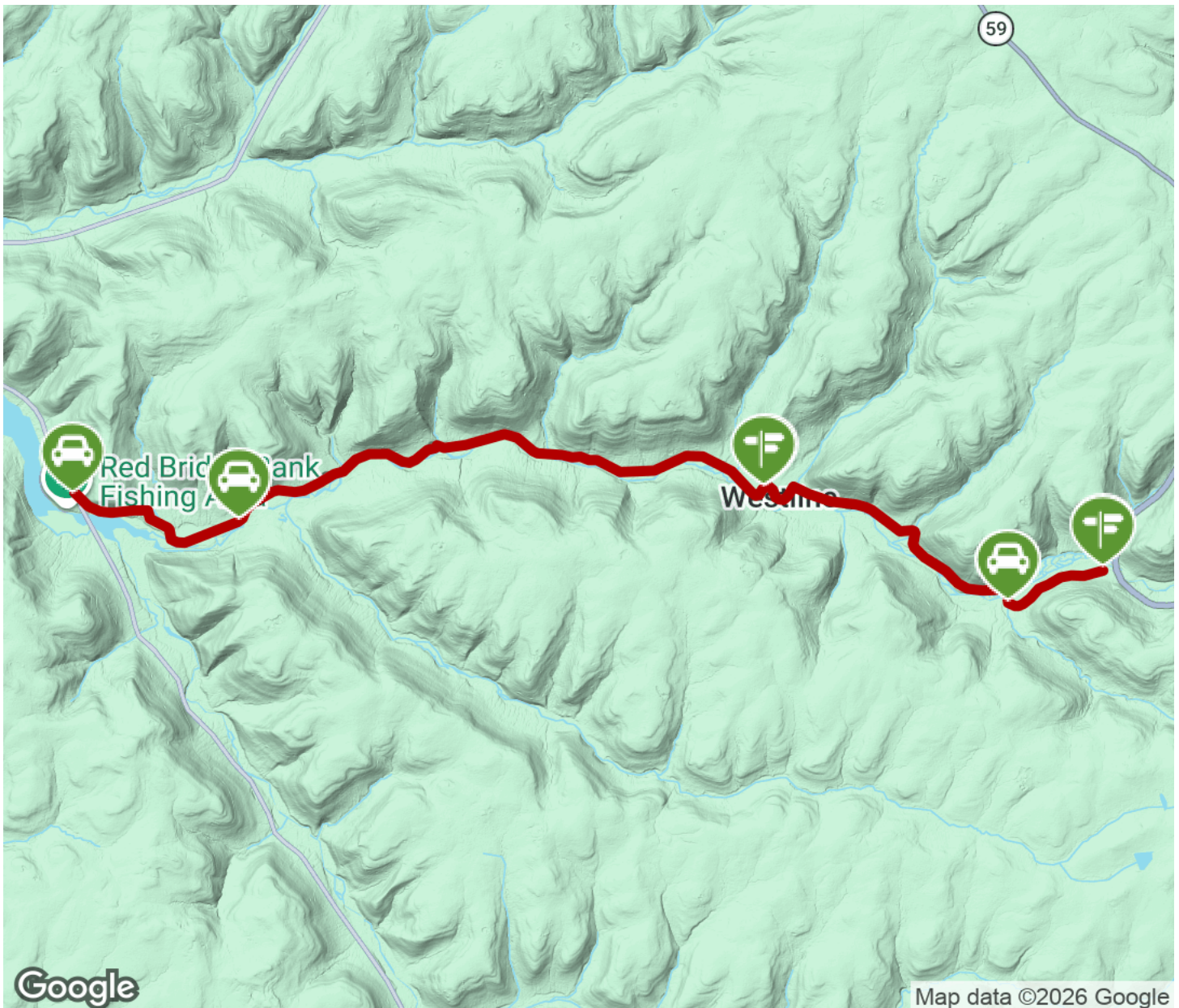
The Kinzua Valley Trail runs between Kane-Marshburg Rd. (Kane) and Westline Rd. (Mt. Jewett), with parking available at either end.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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