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Rail Trail**  
*New York*



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The trail is part of the Hunter Regional Trail, a network of rail-trails that run along a former railroad corridor in the Town of Hunter, NY.

The Kaaterskill Rail Trail offers a beautiful, wooded route through Haines Falls in eastern New York, nestled in the northern Catskills. It begins at the historical Ulster & Delaware Train Station, built in 1913, that serves as headquarters for the Mountain Top Historical Society and offers a small museum and information center. The rail-trail continues along the former U&D Railroad, which once took tourists through the area, into the Kaaterskill Wild Forest to end at the top of Kaaterskill Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in the state.

A new footbridge built by New York State DEC crosses Spruce Creek (Lake Creek) above Kaaterskill Falls and now links the rail-trail to the Escarpment Trail, which offers a rugged and scenic hiking experience, and the popular North-South Lake State Campground.



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**States:** New York

**Counties:** Greene

**Length:** 2miles

**Trail end points:** 103 Laurel House Rd  
(Palenville) to 51 Railroad Station Rd (Haines  
Falls)

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete,Dirt,Grass,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Mountain

Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the trailhead at the Mountain Top Historical Society headquarters (5132 NY-23A, Haines Falls) and at the parking lot for the Laurel House Trail and Kaaterskill Falls Viewing Platform (103 Laurel House Rd, Palenville). Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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