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Guides



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Rail Trail**
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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.

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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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