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**Black Bridge
Trail**
New York



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The trail begins in Waterford, a quintessential canal town home to both the Erie Canal and Champlain Canal. At the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center, you can learn about these important waterways, enjoy watching the locks and the boats going by, and walk to nearby shops and restaurants. Come on a Sunday and you'll also find a lively farmers market.

Two other recreational gems lie at the northern end of the trail: the scenic Champlain Canal Bike Trail and Peebles Island State Park, offering nearly 200 acres of woodlands to explore.

In Cohoes, you'll find another highlight of the trail: the Van Schaick Mansion, dating back to the Revolutionary War. The historical home is located at the intersection of Van Schaick and Delaware Avenues, and tours are available by appointment.

From the end of the trail in Green Island, you can extend your journey on the scenic [Erie Canalway Trail](#), which continues west all the way across the state to Buffalo.



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States: New York

Counties: Albany

Length: 2.1 miles

Trail end points: Waterford Harbor Visitor Center to Delaware Avenue / Railroad Drive (Green Island)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

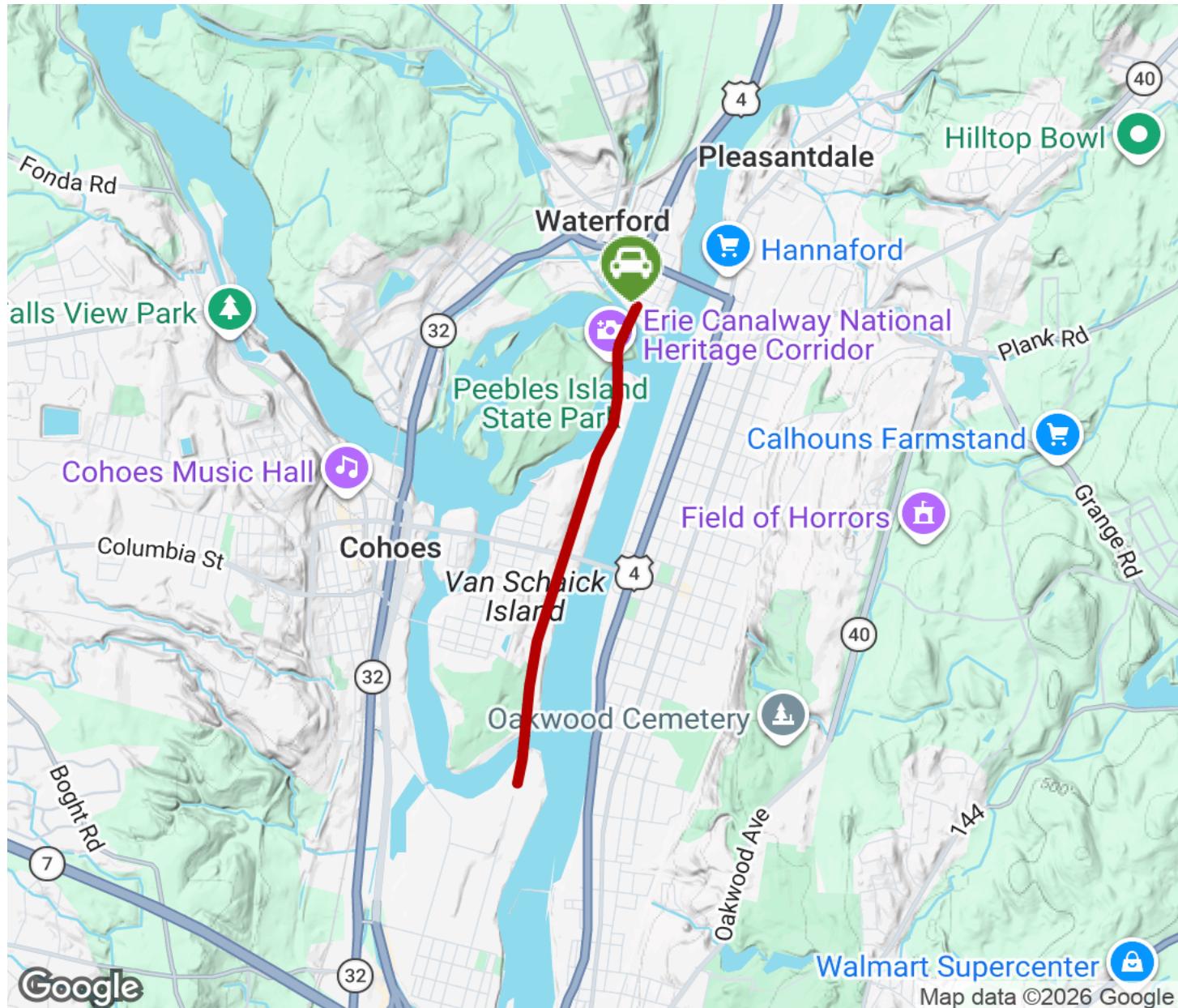
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the north end of the trail at the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center, near the intersection of South Street and Second Street in Waterford.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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