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Guides



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Diamond Trail**  
*New York*



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## Connections

At the southern end of the route in Ithaca, the Black Diamond Trail connects to the Cayuga Waterfront Trail

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## About the Route

The unpaved trail runs through a rural backdrop as it makes its way from Cass Park in Ithaca to Taughannock Falls State Park near Trumansburg. The southern half of the trail (about 4 miles) offers a pleasant walk from Ithaca. There are no services along this trail.

The northern end of the trail is the most scenic viewpoint, with the nearby Taughannock Falls Overlook a popular spot to visit.



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**States:** New York

**Counties:** Tompkins

Length: 8.45miles

**Trail end points:** 121 Turtle Ln. (Ithaca) to  
Jacksonville Rd. (Ithaca)

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Mountain Biking, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

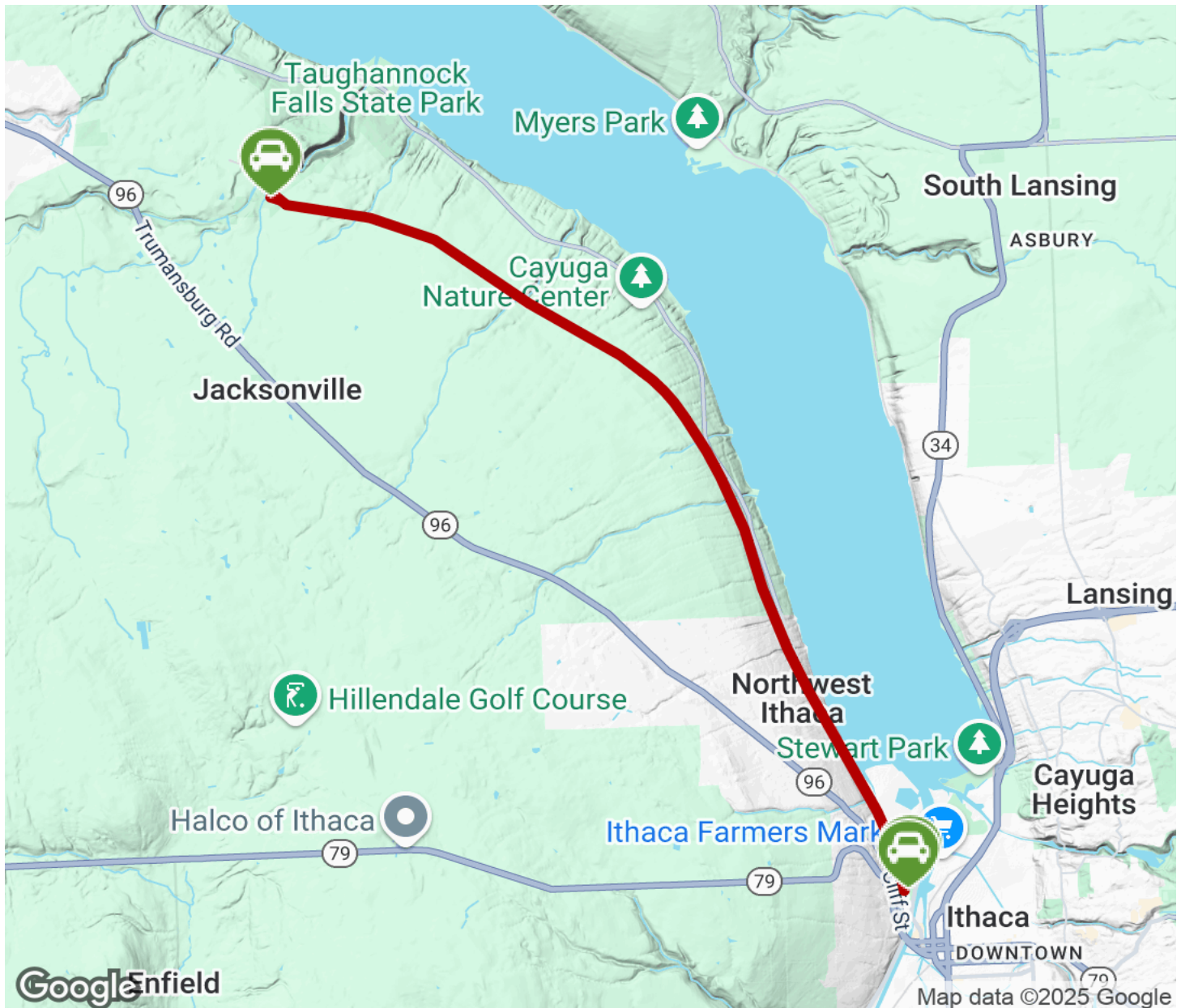
The Black Diamond Trail runs between 121 Turtle Ln. (Ithaca) and Jacksonville Rd. (Ithaca), with parking available on both ends.

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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