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The history of Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley is tied to the mighty Susquehanna River. From American Indian cultures and early European settlers to the cities that line the river's shores today, people have depended on the waterway and its fertile banks for transportation, food, and recreation. But living alongside this major river requires enduring the natural ebb and flow of flooding—often with disastrous effects.

The communities built a system of miles-long levees beginning in the 1930s. In the 1990s, the levees were raised an additional 3–5 feet after Tropical Storm Agnes, which raised the river level to 40 feet and inundated 48 square miles in 1972. The four sections of the paved Luzerne County Levee Trail atop the Wyoming Valley

Levee System now allow visitors to ride, walk, or hike for a pleasant journey along the river. Historical markers and interpretive signs are posted along the trail.

Beginning at the northern endpoint near the Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley Airport, this 2.5-mile section of trail makes its way between the river on your left and the airport and recreational fields on your right. As the route bends south, you'll enter a residential area just beyond the levee wall. The trail leaves the levee and makes its way on shared roadways through the community of Forty Fort.

To reach the next trail section, turn left onto River Street, go 0.4 mile, and turn right onto Rutter Avenue. Go 0.2 mile, and follow the bike lane on Rutter Avenue to the left. Go 0.3 mile, turn left onto Church Street, and pick up the levee trail from the parking lot on the left.

Entering the community of Kingston, this section of trail travels south atop the levee with views of the forested banks of the Susquehanna to the left and neighborhoods to the right. In about 1.4 miles, you'll pass under the North Street Bridge. A pathway to the left takes you through the riverside Nesbitt Park, with fishing access, a boat ramp, disc golf, and other amenities.

The pathway splits at the Market Street Bridge. Staying on the west bank of the 1.8-mile segment, you'll pass by Kirby Park—home to the city's Fourth of July celebration and annual Cherry Blossom Festival, and the location of ample recreational opportunities, including tennis and foot paths. The trail crosses US 11/South Wyoming Avenue and ends at Plymouth and Main Streets behind a home improvement store.



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Luzerne

Length: 12.8miles

**Trail end points:** Wyoming Ave (Wyoming) to Flat Road (Plymouth)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline Skating, Fishing, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

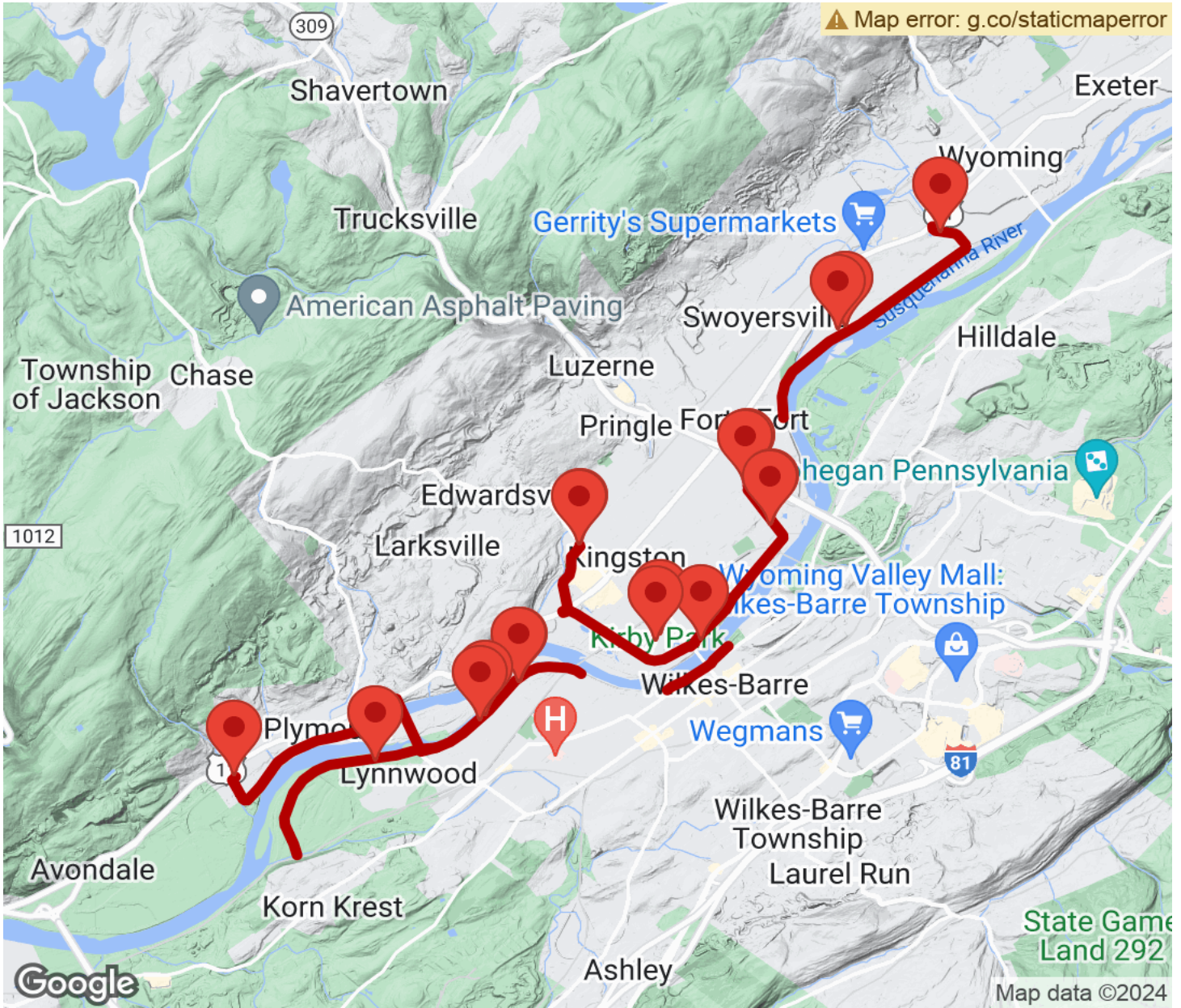
To reach the northern endpoint in Wyoming from I-81, take Exit 170B toward Wilkes-Barre on SR 309 N. Go 0.3 mile, and merge onto SR 309/N. Cross Valley Expy. Go 3.3 miles, and take Exit 4 for Forty Fort. Go 0.2 mile, and turn right to merge onto Rutter Ave. Go 0.2 mile, and turn left onto River St., and then go 0.8 mile, and turn right onto US 11/Wyoming Ave. Go 1.8 miles, just past a strip mall on the right, and then turn right onto an access road to the parking lot.

To reach the southern endpoint in Plymouth from I-81, take Exit 164 to SR 29 toward Nanticoke. Go 0.5 mile, and merge onto SR 29. Go 4.8 miles, and merge right onto US 11. Go 2.0 miles, and turn right onto Flat Road. Go about 360 feet, and turn right into the parking area.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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