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Guides



Black River Feeder Canal Trail

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entry, travelers can visit the Boonville Black River Canal Museum which preserves, houses, and displays artifacts from the canal era. Kayaking and swimming are also popular activities along the route and it serves as an educational field trip destination.

The canal is part of a much larger trail network called the North Country National Scenic Trail.

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The 77-mile canal was built between 1837 and 1855, connecting to the water of the Erie Canal. This provided the region with access to eastern and Midwestern markets and was essential to the region's economic growth. This canal held and still holds the world record for 109 locks.

The Black River Feeder Canal Trail now connects to the Black River Environmental Improvement Area (BREIA) Trail System, Boonville Youth Athletic Association, and Headwaters Shopping Plaza. Across from the Erwin Park



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States: New York

Counties: Oneida

Length: 10miles

Trail end points: Park Dr in Erwin Park
(Boonville) to Dutch Hill Rd (Forestport)

Trail surfaces: Crushed

Stone,Dirt,Gravel,Sand

Trail category: Canal

Trail activities: Bike,Mountain

Biking,Snowmobiling,Walking,Wheelchair

Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at Erwin Park.

From Rome, follow Route 46 north to Boonville. Turn right on Schuyler Street to Route 12. Turn right (south) and Erwin Park will be on your left next to Route 12.

From Utica, follow Route 12 north to Boonville. Erwin Park will be on your right next to Route 12.



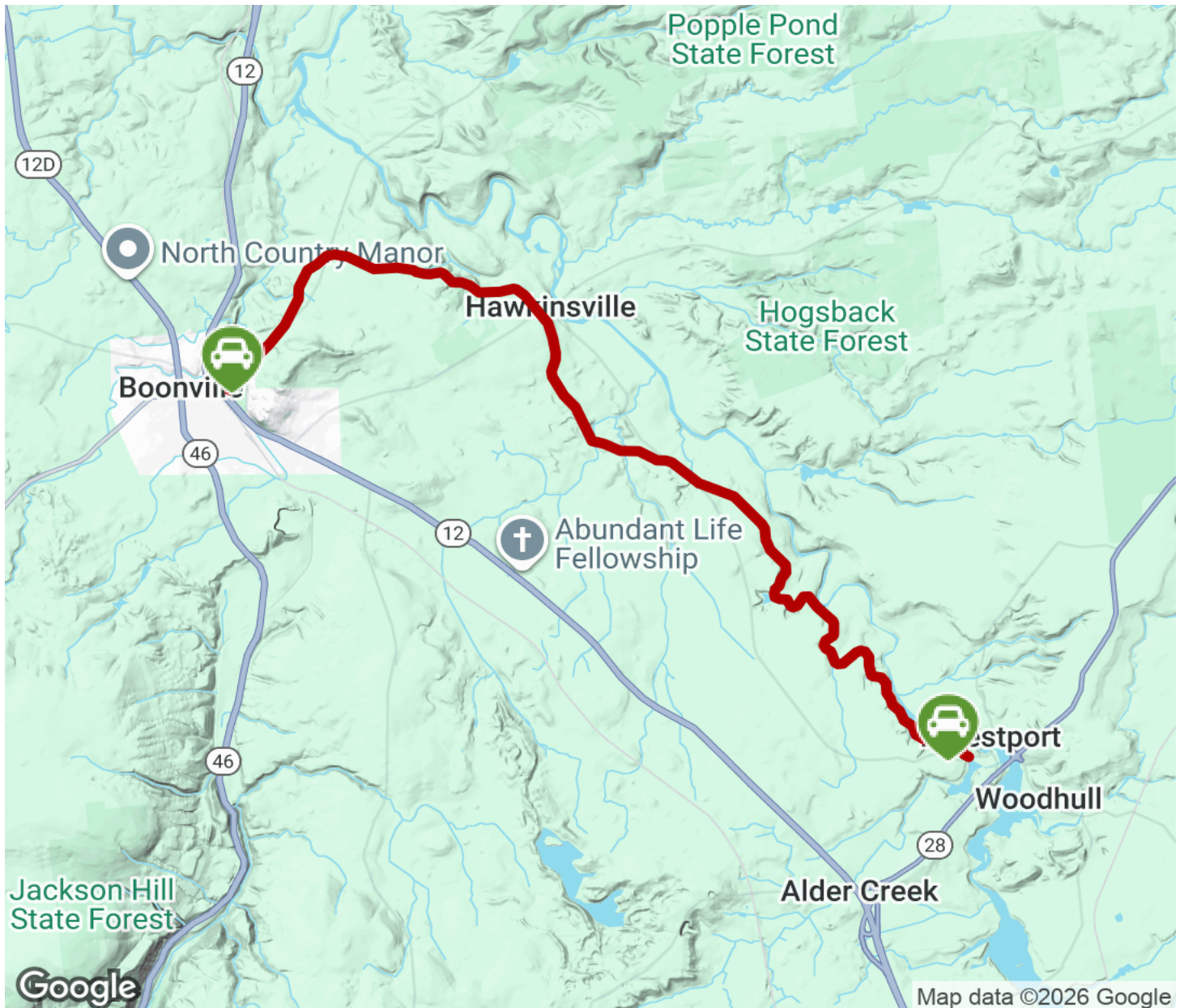
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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