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Though the easternmost endpoint is located a bit farther north, at Hazel Alley and Acorn Alley, it's best to begin your journey 0.5 mile along the trail at Ephrata Linear Park, where parking is available. From here, the trail takes

you through downtown Ephrata before passing through mostly residential areas. This portion of trail is paved and lit. At Millway Road in about 2.7 miles, parking and a restroom are available. If you turn right here, go 0.2 mile, and turn right again, you'll find a farmers market offering fresh fruits, vegetables, and baked goods.

In 2018 the 0.75-mile portion of trail in Warwick Township between a bridge at Cocalico Creek and East Meadow Valley Road was completed. From Millway Road, the trail crosses Cocalico Creek and heads to a trailhead on East Meadow Valley Road, between Cocalico and Briar Hill Roads. After this point, the trail becomes crushed stone and runs through farmland, though it still has some tree cover to keep your trip pleasant on a sunny day. Here, users are advised to be aware of farm equipment crossing the trail, stay a safe distance away, and observe posted rules and regulations.

In another 2.4 miles, you'll pass through the Warwick Township Municipal Authority on Clay Road. More than just an administrative building, this trailhead offers a 20-acre park with baseball fields, a playground, and a 0.6-mile trail encircling it. The Warwick Township Municipal Authority also includes restrooms and the closest trail parking to the Lititz terminus. Head another 0.7 mile west on a trail that is once again paved and dead-ends at North Oak Street in Lititz.

From here, the southern endpoint of the 1.2-mile [Warwick Township Linear Park Trail](#) is just over a mile northwest, and the northern endpoint of the 0.5-mile [Butterfly Acres Trail](#) is less than a mile south.

On the western side of the Warwick-to-Ephrata Rail-Trail, Lititz Borough is working to extend the trail about 1 mile farther west in the future. On the eastern side, Ephrata Borough is in the planning stages for an extension north to West Pine Street, with an estimated completion date of 2020.



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Lancaster

Length: 7.1miles

**Trail end points:** Hazel Alley & Acorn Alley  
(Ephrata) to N Oak St between Front St & SR 772/  
E Main St (Lititz)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

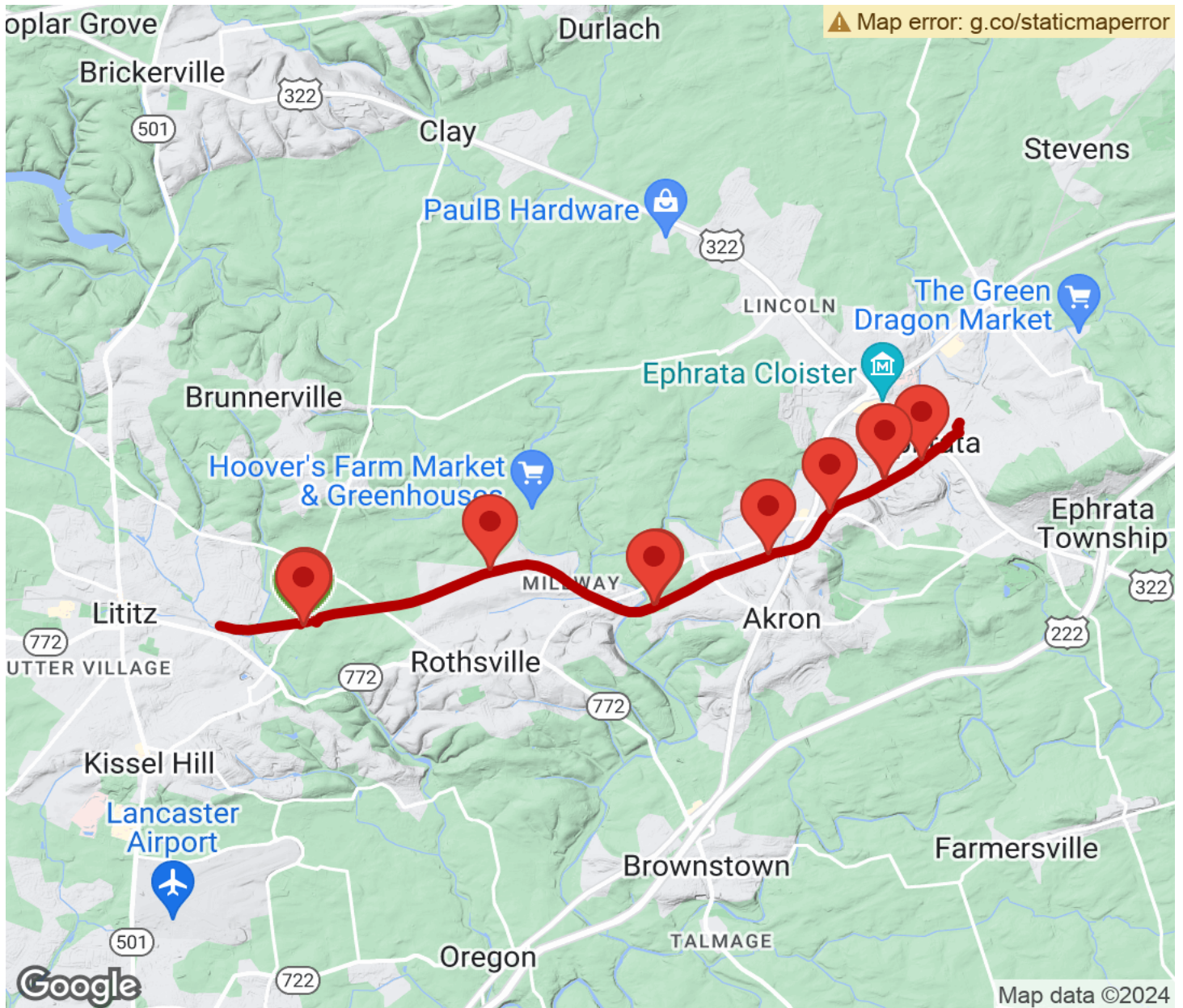
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at a number of locations along the trail. View the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions. Parking locations include a small seven space parking lot where the trail crosses at 78 East Queen Street in Ephrata. A porta potty is located there as well (no porta potty/restrooms at the Railroad Ave trailhead or the parking area at the Major Dick Winters memorial).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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