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Rails to Trails**
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About the Route

The western section (R2T West) runs just over half a mile (0.6 miles) between Hill Street and Rambling Sunset Circle/Winding Way. The southern end can be accessed from either Rambling Sunset Circle or Winding Way. This section is paved, wide and flat. All entrances to the trail are paved, but the Winding Way entrance may be difficult to access with a wheelchair. A future section will continue south along the former railroad corridor.

The eastern section (R2T East) runs roughly half a mile between the Mt. Airy railyard (1 N Main Street) and Walkins Park (615 Center St). The rail-trail connects Watkins Park to Main Street shops and restaurants. The park is ADA accessible and has restrooms, drinking fountains, a playground, a variety of sports fields and courts, and pavilions with picnic tables. The portion of the trail near the Main Street entrance is paved. The portion of the trail near the Watkins Park entrance is currently gravel, but is expected to be paved spring 2024. There is a wooden boardwalk connecting the asphalt and gravel sections. A future extension will continue head east, crossing Route 27 and connecting to Watersville Road.

The trail is sometimes referred to as the Old Main Line Trail, as it runs along a former B&O railroad dating back to 1838. Passenger service ended on the line in the 1950s and a volunteer group, Mount Airy Rails to Trails, has been working to convert the corridor to a trail.

Mount Airy is at the heart of the four county community, known as such because the Mount Airy zipcode includes portions of Carrol, Frederick, Montgomery and Howard counties. The eastern section of the trail is in Carroll County and the western section is in Frederick County.



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States: Maryland

Counties: Carroll, Frederick

Length: 1miles

Trail end points: Hill St to Rambling Sunset Cir/Winding Way to Main St to Watkins Park (615 Center St, Mt Airy)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Boardwalk, Crushed Stone, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

Parking & Trail Access

Mount Airy Rails to Trails runs between Hill St and Rambling Sunset Cir/Winding Way, and between Main St to Watkins Park (615 Center St, Mt Airy). The trail is within walking distance of downtown Mt. Airy.

For the western section, there is limited street parking near both the Rambling Sunset Circle entrance and the Winding Way entrance. At the Hill Street entrance, parking is available in nearby Prospect Park (107 Prospect Ave).

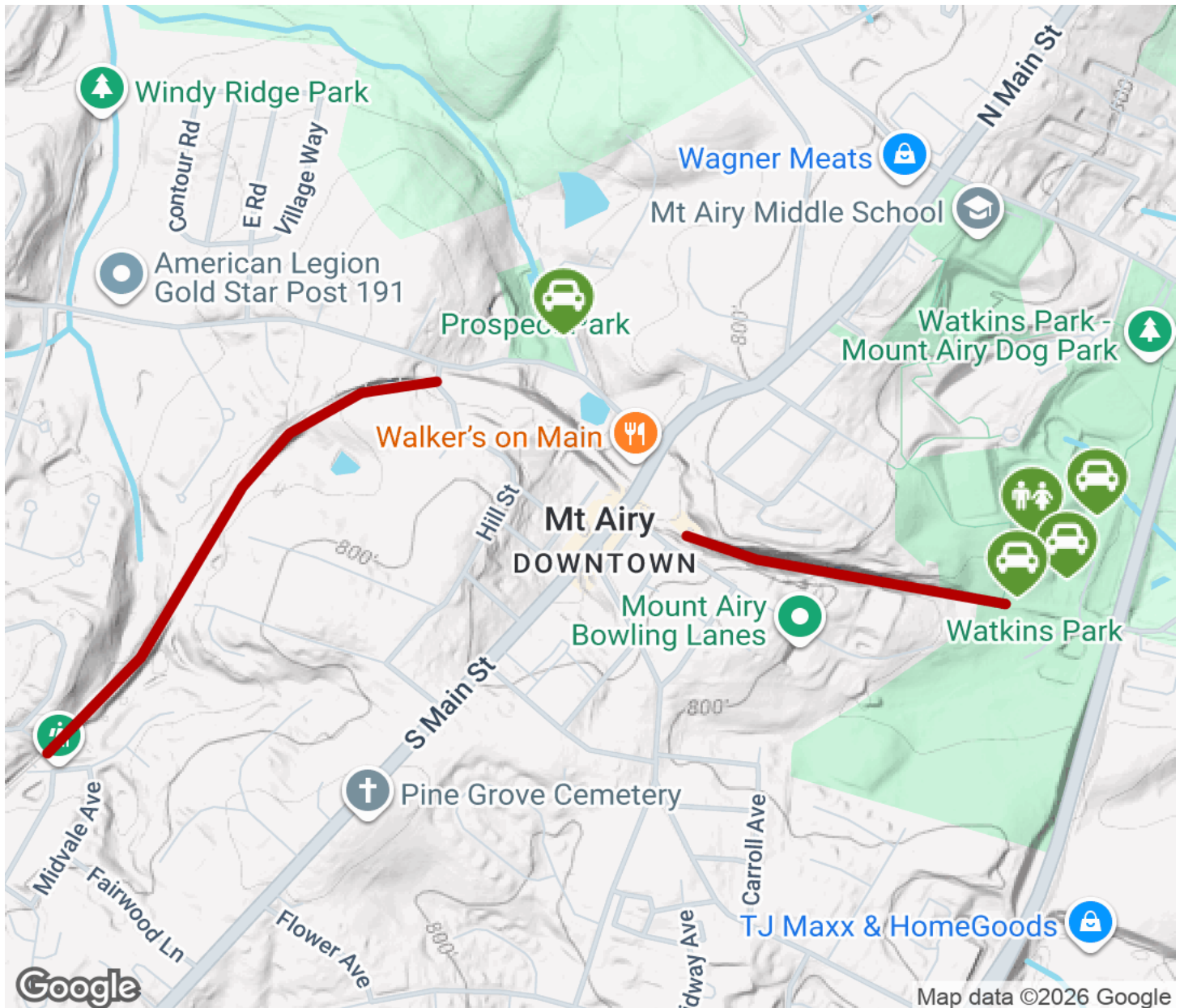
For the eastern section, parking is available at Watkins Park (615 Center St, Mt Airy, MD) and along Main Street. From Main Street, walk eastward past the historic B&O train station.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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