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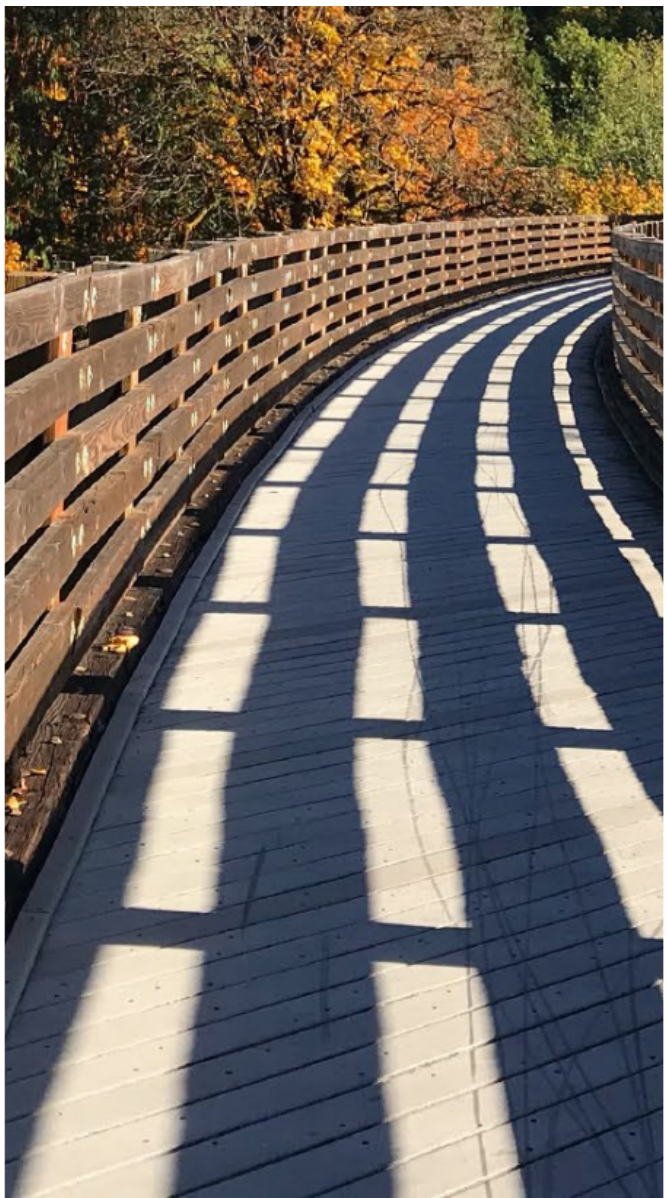

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About the Route

The journey includes passage through Hudson Valley's farmlands and orchards, access to a handful of charming communities in Rensselaer and Columbia Counties, and multiple crossings of the Valatie Kill, a picturesque stream. While the majority of the trail is off-street (either asphalt or stone dust), there are short on-street or sidewalk segments. On the north end, the trail begins near the Amtrak station, but it requires a busy on-road ride or taking the sidewalk to get to the beginning of the off-street portion in East Greenbush.

Connections

The Albany Hudson Electric Trail is a part of the cross-state Empire State Trail, which spans 750 miles from New York City to Canada and from Albany to Buffalo.

Trail History

The electric trolley that once ran along the Albany-Hudson Electric Trail ran for 30 years before closing in 1929. The corridor is now owned by National Grid, who gave permission to the Hudson River Valley Greenway to construct and maintain the trail.

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States: New York
Counties: Columbia,Rensselaer
Length: 26.6miles
Trail end points: Maryland Ave W. (Rensselaer) to Fairview Ave. (Lorenz Park)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Albany-Hudson Electric Trail runs between Maryland Ave W. (Rensselaer) and Fairview Ave. (Lorenz Park).

Parking is available at:

- 221 Co Rd 7 (Nassau)
- 13 Knollwood Dr. (Valatie)
- 9 Lindenwald Ave. (Stuyvesant)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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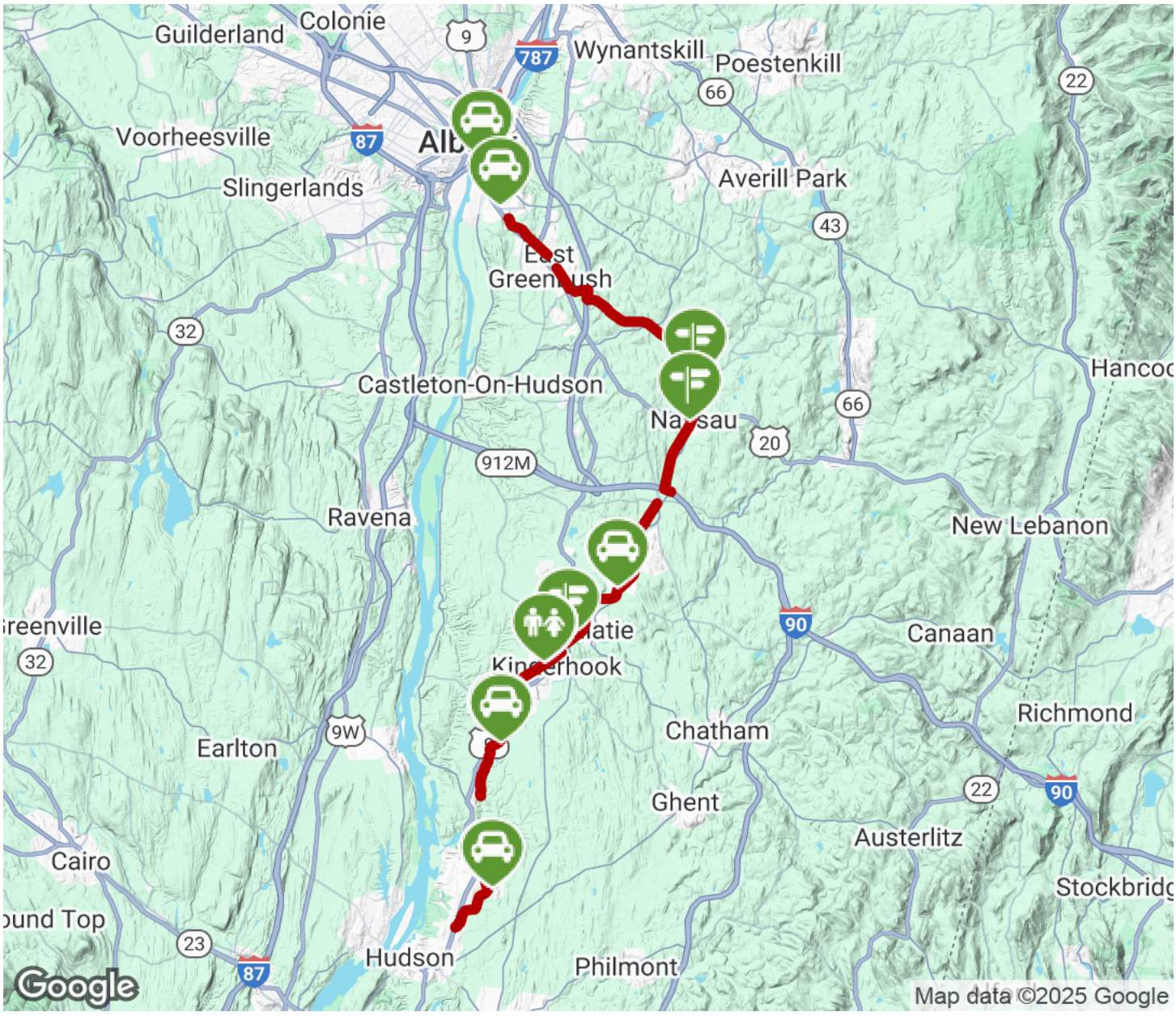

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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