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Guides



**Cayuga-
Seneca Canal
Trail**
New York



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era for the old roadbed, which witnessed the passing of the lives of many fine people of Seneca County & beyond.

The current stretch of trail kicks off near Lock 4 in Waterloo and heads southwest towards Lake Seneca. The heavily wooded corridor follows the canal through the picturesque pastoral landscape and tranquil wetlands, allowing users to experience the natural beauty of the area at a leisurely pace. The trail surface is flat, smooth limestone dust, making it ideal for a variety of uses, including walking, jogging, biking, and wheelchair use. After passing through the Bishop Preserve, a tunnel under 96A provides a direct connection to Seneca Lake State Park. Follow the trail along the lakefront and access the park's numerous amenities.

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About the Route

The roadbed it uses was constructed by the Seneca County Railway from 1896 to 1897. The railroad opened to Waterloo on October 24, 1897, and in 1898 all the way along the canal into Seneca Falls, ending near where the Ovid Street Bridge is today. In 1903 the railway was merged into the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Passenger trains served the line until September 1914. Freight train service continued on this roadbed into the early 1970s (some reports say 1969, but sporadic service remained past then). By 1975 the tracks were removed, awaiting this new



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States: New York

Counties: Seneca

Length: 4.5miles

Trail end points: SR 96A (Waterloo) to 8-10
Fayette St. (Waterloo)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone,Dirt,Grass

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Mountain
Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

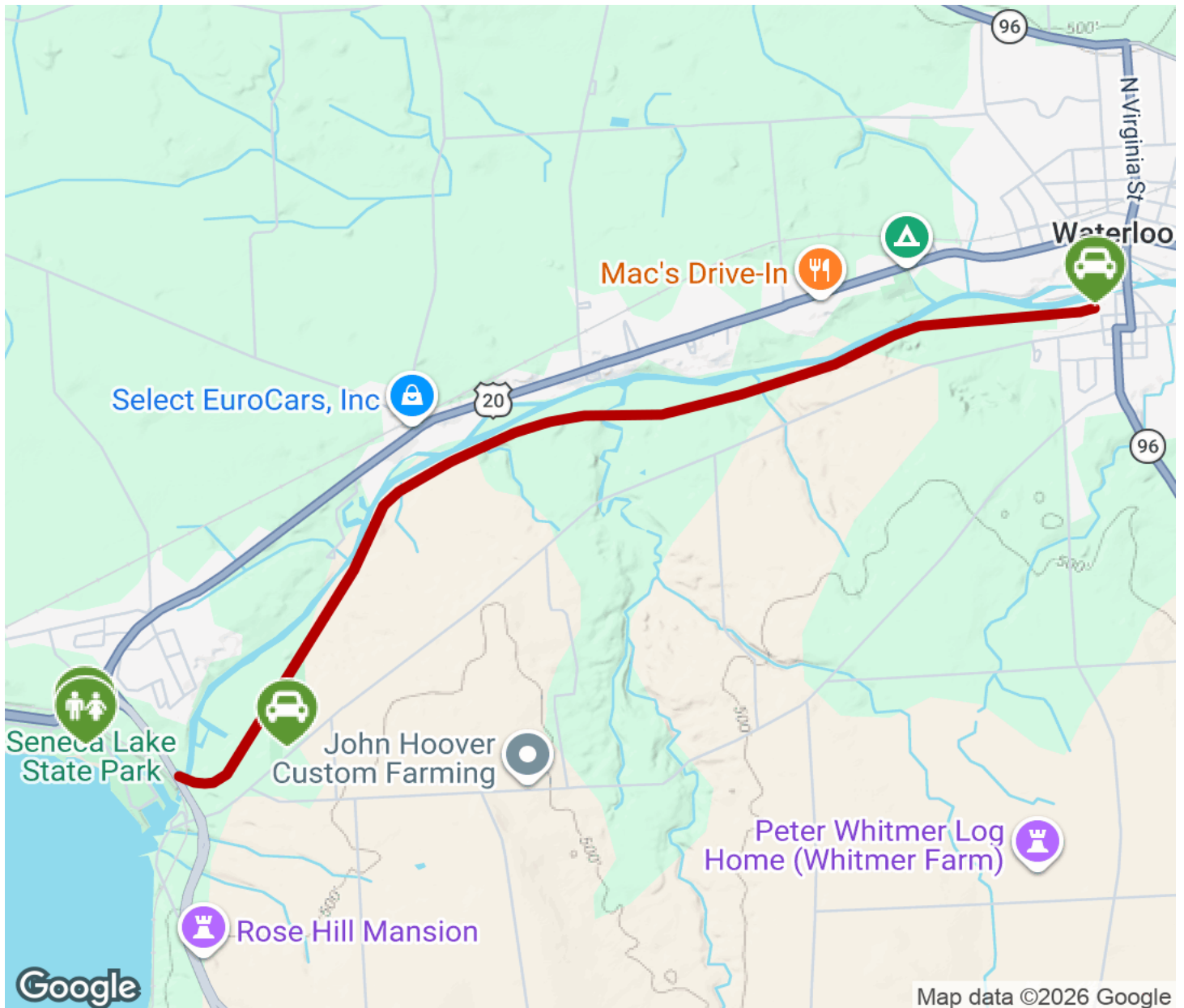
The Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail runs between SR 96A (Waterloo) and 8-10 Fayette St. (Waterloo), with parking available on either end.

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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