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abutments on the west side of Pequest Furnace Road. The bridge crossing the Pequest River at this location is decked. There is a large parking area on the east side of Pequest Furnace Road. A diversion along the trail is the State of New Jersey's Pequest Trout Hatchery where there are exhibits and a network of hiking trails. Parking is available at this location as well. The eastern end of the trail is at Pequest Road in Townsburry.

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**States:** New Jersey

**Counties:** Warren

Length: 4.2miles

**Trail end points:** Intersection of US 46 and NJ 31, Buttzville, NJ to Pequest Road, Townsbury, NJ

**Trail surfaces:** Ballast,Cinder,Dirt,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Fishing,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

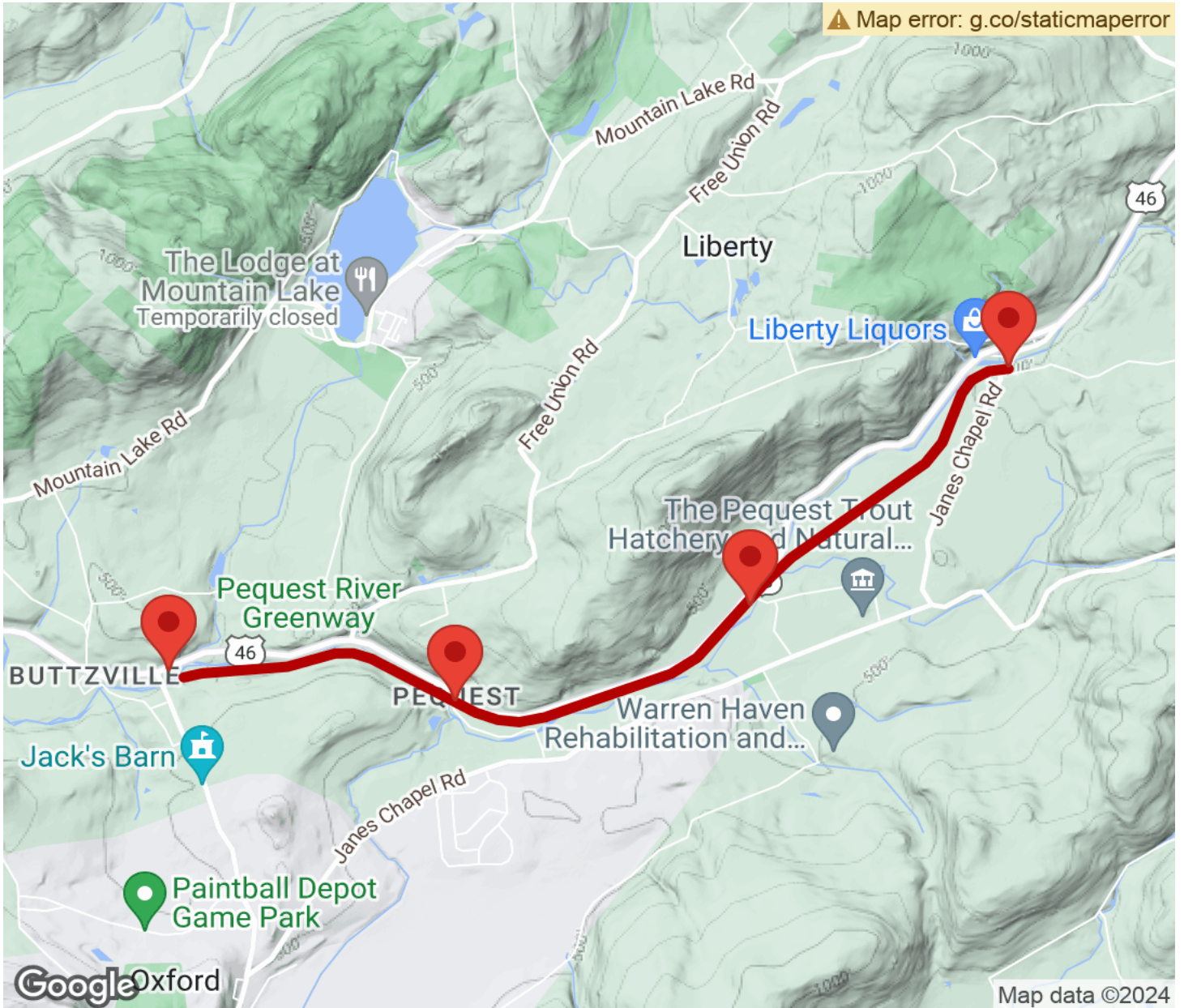
## Parking & Trail Access

From Interstate 80, take Exit 19, New Jersey Rout 517. Proceed south towards Hackettstown. In Hackettstown turn right onto US Route 46. In Buttzville at the intersection of Route 31 there is a dirt parking area on the right. A path leads down to the rail bed. Better parking and trail access is available further east on US 46 at Pequest Furnace Road or the Pequest Trout hatchery.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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