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Guides



**Bristol  
Spurline Park**  
*Pennsylvania*



## Bristol Spurline Park

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former canal towpath, carrying trail users to the Bristol Marsh, a unique and sensitive freshwater habitat. Traversing downtown Bristol, this residential trail eventually will provide public access to the Delaware River and waterfront at the end of Green Lane. This smooth asphalt trail also connects with nearby ball fields, grassy parks, retirement communities and an elementary school.

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The canal still exists in Bristol, but the original main line of the Philadelphia and Trenton railroad was relocated in 1882. That line became Amtrak's New York to Washington corridor, one of the most heavily traveled passenger railroad routes in the country. Conrail donated the old spur line to the town of Bristol, and the trail opened in 1980.

The path incorporates the rail corridor and some of the



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Bucks

Length: 2.5miles

**Trail end points:** Mill Street at Old Rt. 13 to  
Radcliffe Street

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross  
Country Skiing

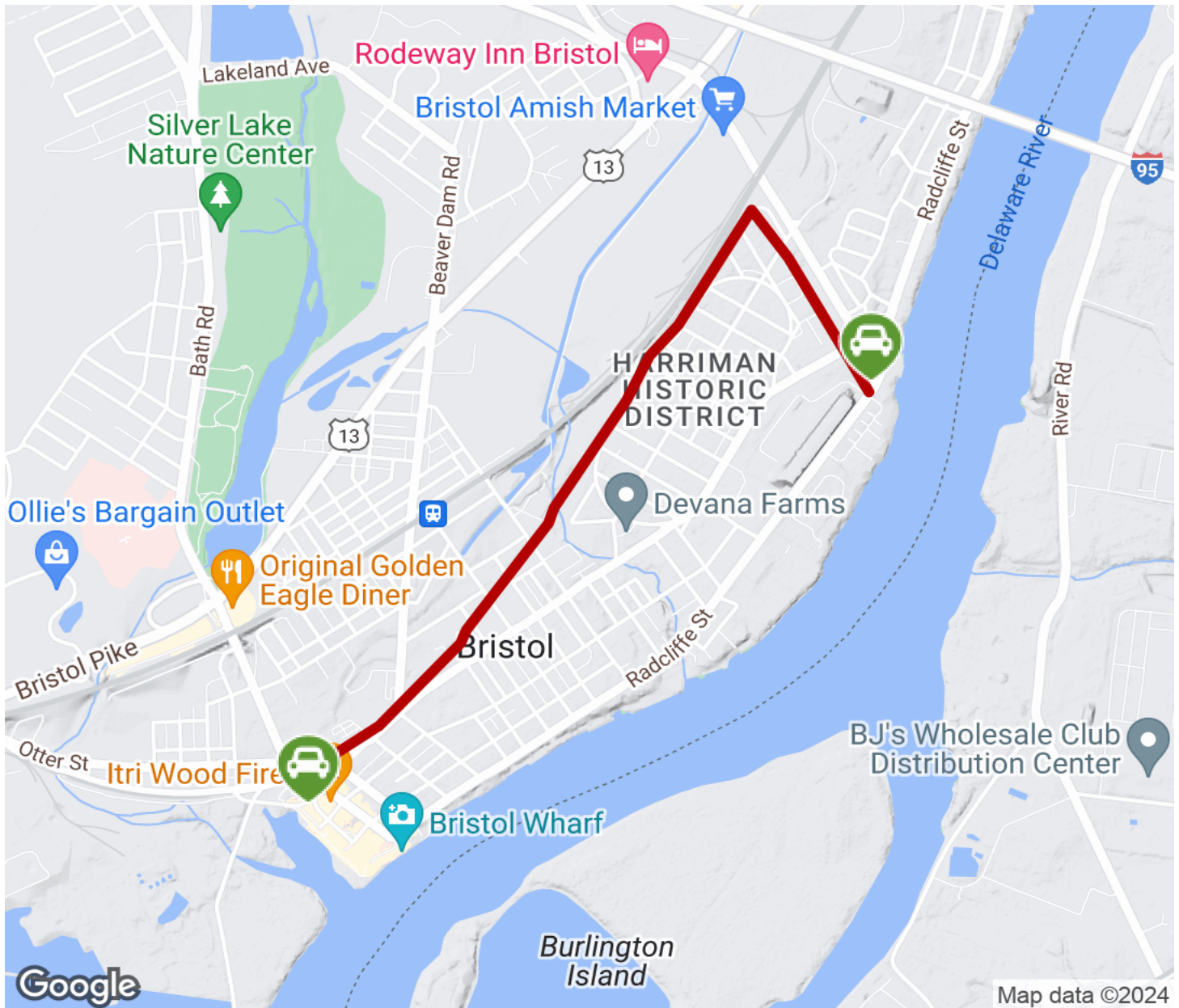
## Parking & Trail Access

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike, take the Bristol Exit. Take Green Lane into the Borough of Bristol and turn right on Radcliffe Street; continue through the historic district to the Bristol Spurline Park parking lot at the end of the street. The trailhead is marked at the parking lot.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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