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About the Route

Beginning at the northern terminus in Inwood Hill Park, the HRG heads south 2 miles toward the George Washington (GW) Bridge. Before the bridge, the trail takes a steep 160 ft climb, to Inspiration Point which offers views of The Palisades in New Jersey. Follow the trail back

down to the river, and pass underneath the GW Bridge. As the trail pops out from under the bridge, trail users can see the Little Red Lighthouse. Built in 1880, the lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was used for navigation along the Hudson River until it was decommissioned in 1948.

Along most of the route, the trail has separated facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. This division ensures that the thousands of HRG bicycle commuters can maintain safe speeds without negatively affecting those walking along the trail. The HRG passes through several parks along its route; each of these parks has a multitude of picnic areas with grills and benches, which are in frequent use during the summer months.

The path continues another 2 miles south of the GW Bridge, where it passes through Riverbank State Park and then Riverside Park. For the next mile, if it's springtime, the trail travels through an expanse of cherry trees lining the Hudson River. Follow the greenway another mile, past the 79th Street Rotunda and under Henry Hudson Parkway. Restaurants and restroom facilities begin to dot the trail at this point, and around mile 7, the HRG leaves the highway and becomes an open-air trail for the rest of its route south to Battery Park.

Starting at West 59th Street, the second half of the trail is more densely populated with commuters, after-work recreators, and people getting in their evening runs and dog walks. Traveling through and along Hudson River Park, the trail passes playgrounds, landscaped lawns, kayaking facilities, and basketball courts. Signals and directional signage become more prevalent here to ensure safe interactions between cars, bikes, and pedestrians. Highlights of this section include the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum (at West 46th Street) and Chelsea Piers (near West 22nd Street), an area with a driving range and other attractions.

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States: New York

Counties: New York

Length: 12.9miles

Trail end points: Inwood Hill Park, Dyckman St. (New York 10034) to Battery Pl. and West St. at Battery Park (New York, 10004)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Hudson River Greenway runs between Inwood Hill Park, Dyckman St. (New York 10034) and Battery Pl. at Battery Park (New York, 10004).

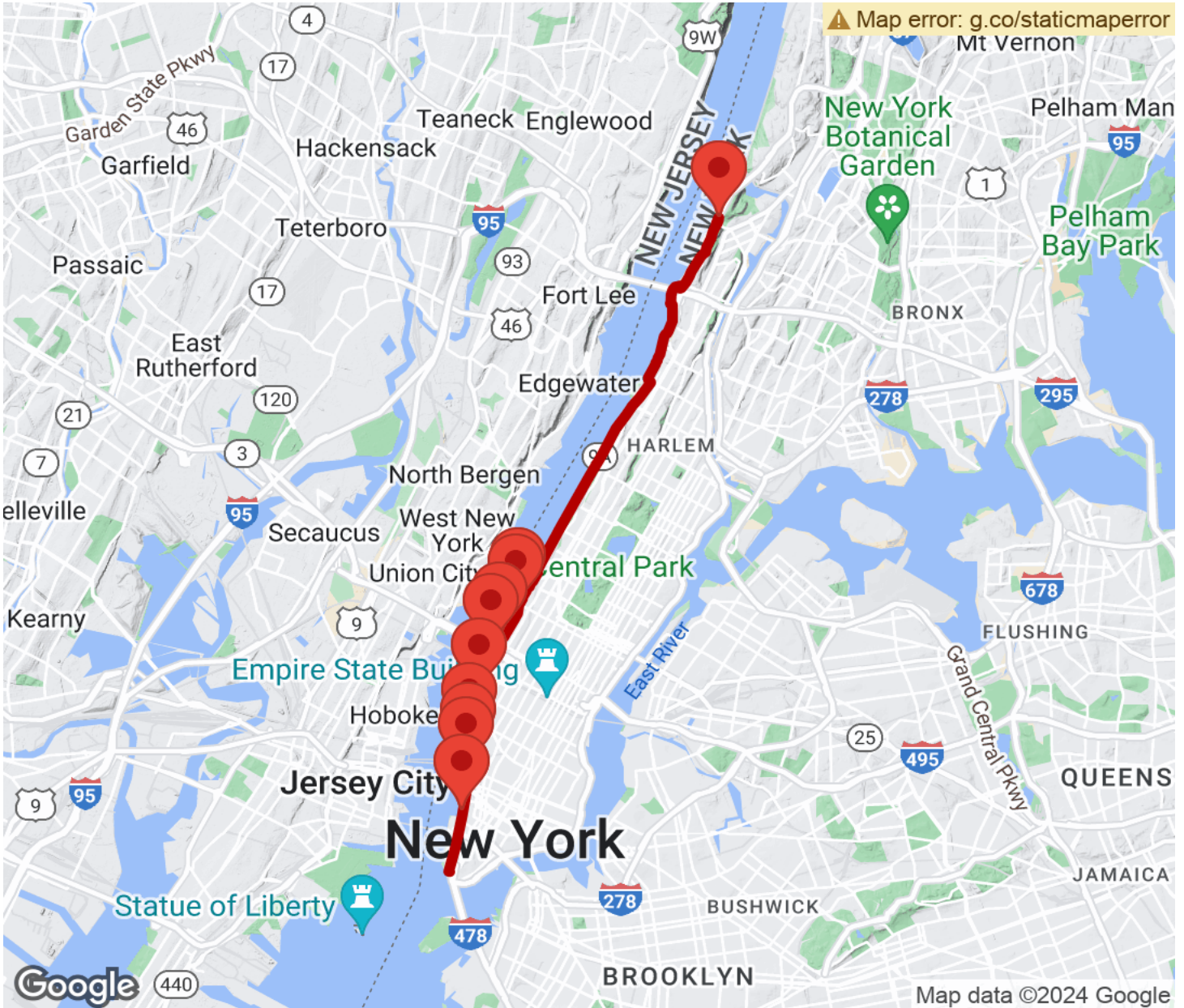
There is no designated parking along this route, however; the trail is easily accessible via public transportation. Visit the [Metropolitan Transportation Authority](#) website for information on the local bus and subway systems.

See [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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