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The township, established in 1717 and settled mainly by Quakers, is named for a town in England. Today, it's home to corporate offices as well as the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's sprawling Horsham Air Guard Station, which got its start as a grass airstrip opened by pioneering aviator Harold Pitcairn in 1926.

As the trail's name implies, it shares a corridor with a

power line operated by PECO Energy. Those overhead power lines mean that the trail is exposed its entire length. There's very little shade from adjacent trees, even as the route passes parks or open space. The trail is part of the Circuit Trails, a developing 800-mile urban network of trails in Greater Philadelphia, of which about 350 miles are complete. There are plans for connecting other Circuit Trails by extending the rail-trail northwest to the [202 Parkway Trail](#) and southeast to the [Pennypack Trail](#).

A convenient starting place to explore the Power Line Trail is Lukens Park, where you'll find restrooms and plenty of parking off Dresher Road. Open dawn--dusk, the trail ends in a commercial center about a mile southeast at Blair Mill Road via a short off-road path and sidewalk adjacent to Witmer Road. A gravel trail through Lukens Park connects with housing beyond.

Heading northwest under transmission lines, you'll pass several side trails that lead to neighborhoods near the path. At 0.8 mile beyond Lukens Park, the path crosses the upper reaches of Pennypack Creek, which meanders 22 miles through northern Philadelphia suburbs before it drains into the Delaware River.

The trail crosses Norristown Road and passes through Jarrett Road Park before entering a 0.7-mile segment bordered by cropland on the east and housing on the west. (If you turn right onto Privet Road at the north end of the park, then left onto Jarrett Road, you can travel through this agricultural zone on a road that's been converted to a gated trail and connects to Horsham Township Library and the Jarrett Nature Center.)

The power line corridor cuts a wide swath between subdivisions for 0.8 mile past the farmland to a cluster of parks alongside Park Creek. A paved side trail to the right, just before a small bridge, links to a trail network connecting Horsham Dog Park, Kohler Park, Deep Meadow Park, and



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Montgomery

Length: 5.5miles

Trail end points: Blair Mill Road and Witmer Road (Horsham) to Vestry Dr. near Biwood Road (Prospectville)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

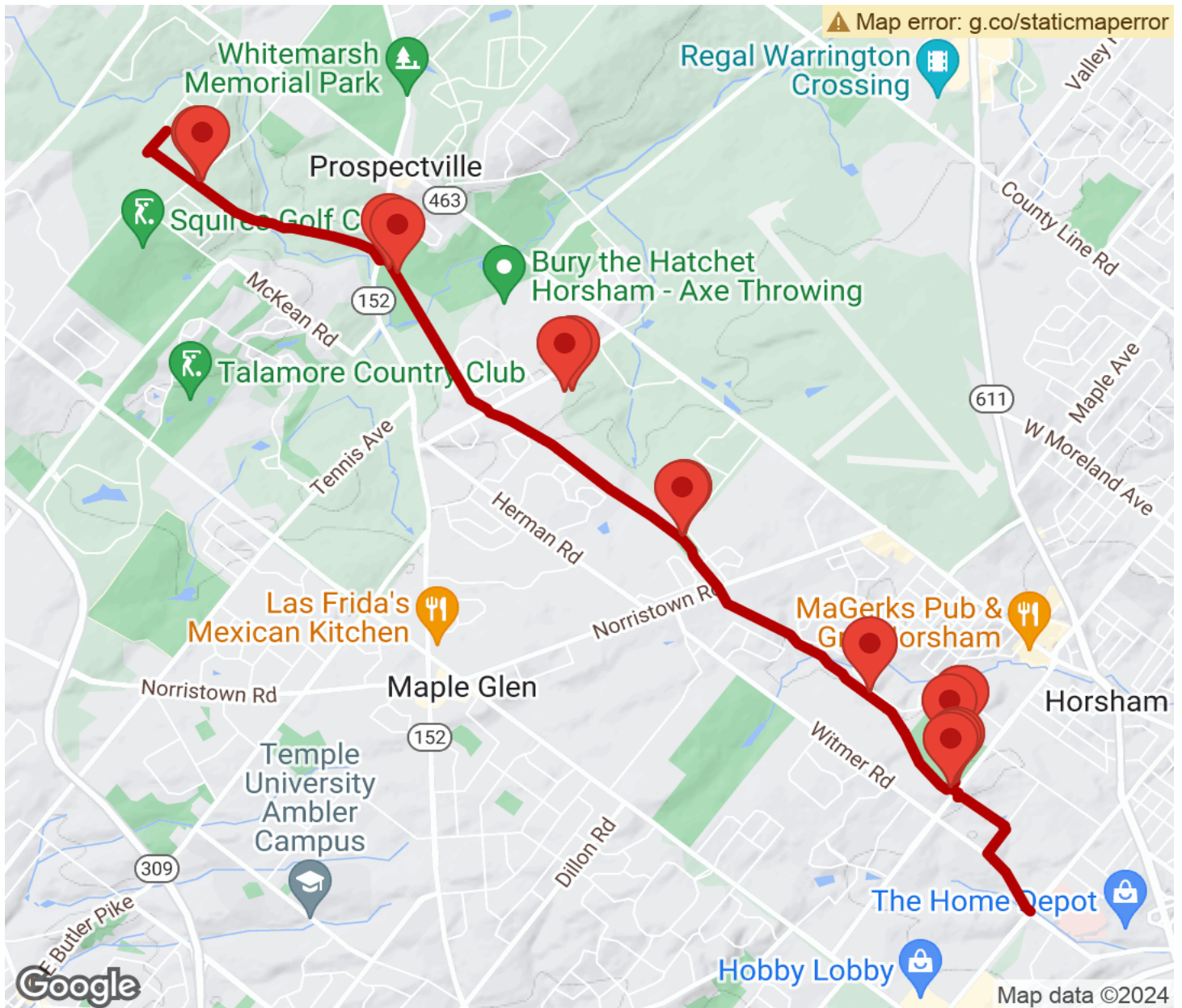
To reach Lukens Park in Horsham from I-276, take Exit 343. After the toll plaza, go 0.3 mile, and turn right to merge onto SR 611 N/Easton Road. Go 0.4 mile, and turn left onto Blair Mill Road/SR 2026. Go 0.2 mile, and turn right onto Gibraltar Road. Go 0.6 mile, and turn left onto Dresher Road. Go 0.2 mile, and turn right at the sign for Power Line Trail parking. Go 0.3 mile left on Power Line Trail, cross Prudential Road, and turn right on the sidewalk. Go 0.1 mile, and turn left at the sidewalk alongside Witmer Road. Go 0.3 mile to the trail end at Blair Mill Road.

To reach parking in Prospectville from I-276, take Exit 339. Take the first exit past the toll plaza; merge right onto SR 309/Fort Washington Expy. Go 5.4 miles, and turn right onto SR 63. Go 0.9 mile, and turn left onto Cedar Hill Road. Go 0.8 mile; turn right to stay on Cedar Hill Road. Go 0.1 mile; turn left to stay on Cedar Hill Road. Go 0.2 mile, and turn right into the trailhead parking. Turn right onto the trail, and go 0.4 mile to the end of the trail at Vestry Dr. in Squires Knoll.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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