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Guides



**WAG Trail**  
*New York*



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access to the river, both for fishermen and for nature lovers just wanting to enjoy the sights and sounds of the flowing water. There are even benches facing the Genessee where folks can sit and take it in. There are also bridges where the trail crosses over the river. Kiosks are available at each trailhead, featuring a map and a brief history of the route. In the beginning, enthusiastic volunteers helped clear the overgrown trail to make it usable, and they are still on the frontlines of maintaining the WAG Trail today so that it can be enjoyed by everyone.

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Today, the WAG Trail is a rustic, flat path that's often used for hiking & horseback riding. It's active in the winter months too, being suitable for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. The trail provides



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**States:** New York

**Counties:** Allegany

Length: 9miles

**Trail end points:** Weidrick Road (Wellsville) to  
New York/ Pennsylvania state line

**Trail surfaces:** Cinder,Crushed  
Stone,Dirt,Grass,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Fishing,Mountain  
Biking,Snowmobiling,Walking,Cross Country  
Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

There are multiple small parking areas that serve as fishing access points including:

- Shongo Access Point (407 NY-19, Wellsville, NY 14895)
- Yorks Corner Access on Stone Dam Road & Mapes Road

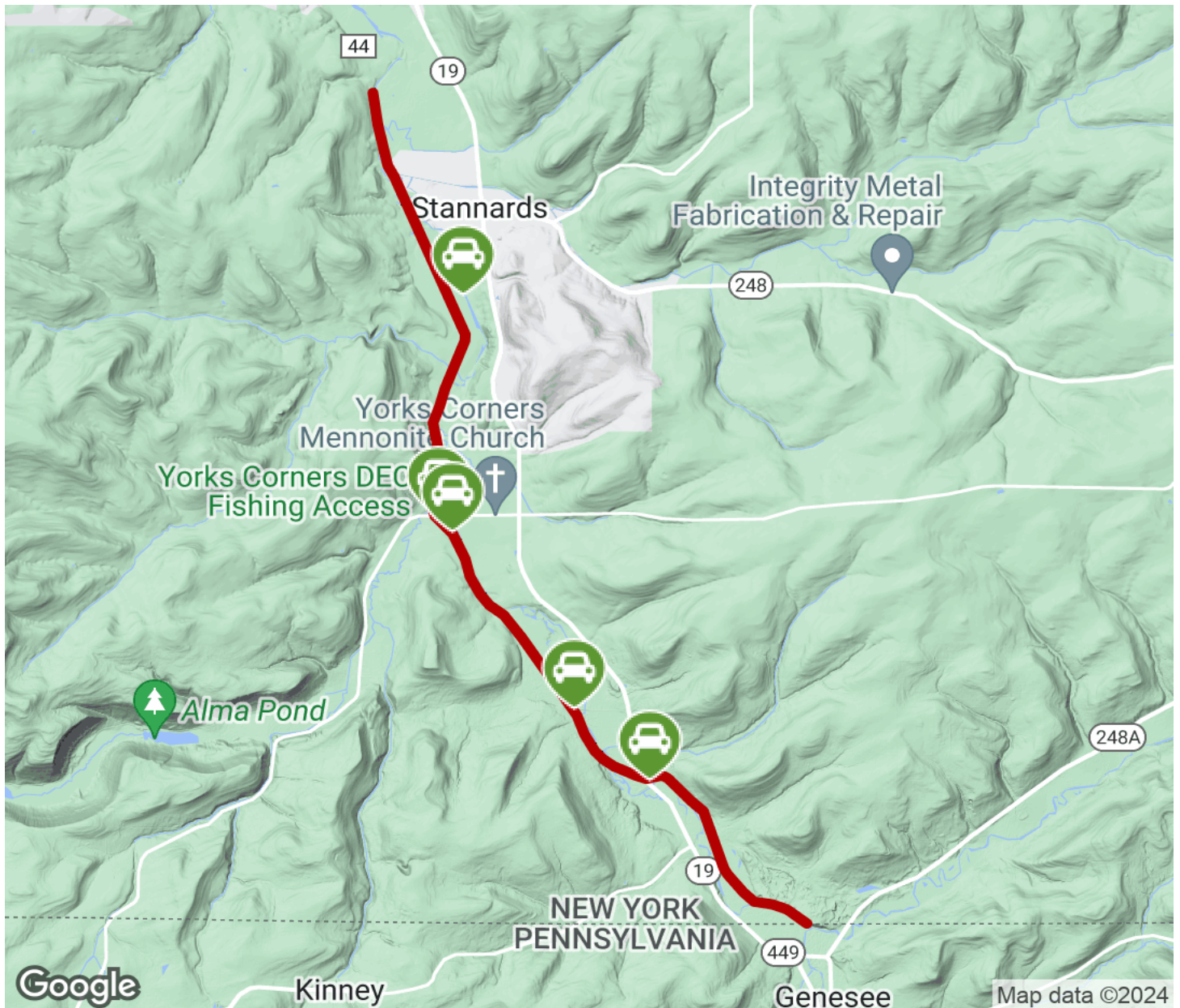
An additional option is Island Park, just off Rt 417 in Wellsville. Once parked, take the footbridge across the Genesee river and follow the path left. This approximately 1.25 mile multi use cinder path is technically not part of the WAG trail. It is a easy scenic multi use trail along the Genesee River with easy access to the north end of the WAG Trail.

Refer to the trail map for more parking options.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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