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Guides



**Vanderbilt  
Motor  
Parkway**  
*New York*



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Boston-Queens Greenway network.

This trail is the legacy of the first elevated roadway in the United States, constructed by William K. Vanderbilt in 1904. Vanderbilt created the parkway to get to his family's estate in Long Island, but it was also a playground for him and his fellow car enthusiasts, hosting a number of road races. Today, the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway is a popular space for human-powered recreation with motorized traffic having ceased in 1938. Trees border much of the trail, providing leafy cover from summer sunshine. The trail corridor is wide and welcoming. Unpaved paths veer into some of the wooded areas along the route. The trail is anchored by two parks: to the east and Cunningham Park To the west, Alley Pond Park. It's an engaging course, traveling through woods, along backyards and playgrounds, and over and under major roadways. The Motor Parkway is part of the greater



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**States:** New York

**Counties:** Queens

Length: 3miles

**Trail end points:** Alley Pond Park (79-25  
Winchester Blvd, Queens Village) to  
Cunningham Park (199th Street, Flushing)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Wheelchair

Accessible, Mountain Biking, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at Alley Pond Park (79-25 Winchester Blvd, Queens Village). From here trail can be accessed at either the Winchester Boulevard trail marker, or by following path behind the tennis courts. Parking is also available at Cunningham Park (196-10 Union Turnpike, Flushing). Trail access point is across Union Turnpike on 199th Street (Street parking may be available here). Additional parking lot may be found at Hills Terrace between 73rd Ave and Union Turnpike.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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