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Guides



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Valley Trail**  
*Pennsylvania*



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the McElhattan section. Extending the route by about 0.3 miles, the revitalized former railroad bridge is known as the Falcon Bridge and includes an ADA-accessible switchback ramp connecting it to the trail. Currently, the route ends with the bridge on the northeast riverbank.

The next and fifth phase will continue the trail northeast through Clinton County and will provide a link to the popular 62-mile [Pine Creek Rail Trail](#) at its Jersey Shore Trailhead in neighboring Lycoming County. Phase 6 will connect Castanea and the city of Lock Haven.

Bald Eagle Valley Trail, formerly known as the Clinton County Rail Trail, offers a pleasant crushed-stone pathway along scenic Bald Eagle Creek and the West Branch Susquehanna River. As you pedal or walk along this former railroad bed, look up in the trees for the bald eagles which like to nest in the area.

The trail, which will one day span 11.5 miles, is being constructed in six phases. In 2018, the first phase opened and, in 2019, the second phase opened. The trail now totals 5.5 miles in two disconnected segments: a section from the Castanea Train Station to Youngdale Road in Wayne Township (3.5 miles), and a section in McElhattan between McElhattan Drive and Spook Hollow Road (2 miles). In 2023, a pedestrian/cyclist bridge spanning the Susquehanna River opened at the eastern end of



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Clinton

Length: 5.8miles

**Trail end points:** Castanea Train Station  
(Castanea) to Spook Hollow Rd & Falcon Bridge  
(McElhattan)

**Trail surfaces:** Boardwalk, Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Wheelchair  
Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

For the western segment, a trailhead with a parking lot and restrooms is located at the Castanea Train Station (201 Logan Ave, Lock Haven). For the eastern segment in McElhattan, you'll find a parking lot at both ends of the trail. Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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