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About the Route

The northernmost piece of the trail exists in two short, isolated sections of trail totaling 3 miles. The northernmost segment runs between US-22 in Jonestown and PA-72 in Bunker Hill. The second section just north of Lebanon runs between Long Lane in Ebenezer and Union Canal Tunnel Park, where parking

and picnic benches are available.

Lebanon, the northern endpoint for the southernmost section of trail offers a good spot to sample Pennsylvania Dutch cooking—from Lebanon bologna to scrapple (pork trimmings) to Schnitz and Knepp (ham, dried apples, and dumplings). The trail heads south through Lebanon for 2.2 miles from US 422 until it heads out of town and follows along a utility corridor to Zinns Mill Road. From here, it's another 1.7 miles to the Cornwall trailhead, where trail users can find a snack stand in the shape of a barrel. In Lebanon, there is a paved four-mile section from the Eighth Street trailhead to the Lebanon Valley Exposition Center & Fairgrounds entrance.

Cornwall was home to the mine and the Cornwall Iron Furnace, which operated from 1742 to 1883. The brick Gothic Revival iron furnace building, part of a National Historic Landmark District, stands today much as it did the day it closed. To visit from the trailhead, turn left onto Cornwall Road/Boyd Street, and then turn right onto Boyd Street and follow it to the end—a total distance of 0.6 miles.

Leaving the Cornwall trailhead, the route trends uphill to Mount Gretna in about 4 more miles, where Conewago Creek meets Conewago Lake. Mount Gretna is also the site of Coleman's vacation resort and Chautauqua-style arts and education retreat. Much of the town's architecture and flavor remains. Look for a side trail on the left to take a jaunt into town.

Continuing downhill 2.5 miles, the trail passes through Colebrook, where trail users can check a drive-in and tavern within a couple of blocks of the trail. In another 0.5 miles, the path crosses the Horse-Shoe Trail, an equestrian and pedestrian trail that runs 140 miles between Valley Forge and Harrisburg. Another 4 miles through farmland takes you to the county line, where the trail becomes the Conewago Recreation Trail.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Lebanon

Length: 18.5miles

Trail end points: US-22 (Jonestown) to
Conewago Recreational Trail (Elizabethtown)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone,Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing,Wheelchair
Accessible,Horseback Riding,Mountain
Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail runs between US-22 (Jonestown) and Conewago Recreational Trail (Elizabethtown).

Parking is available at:

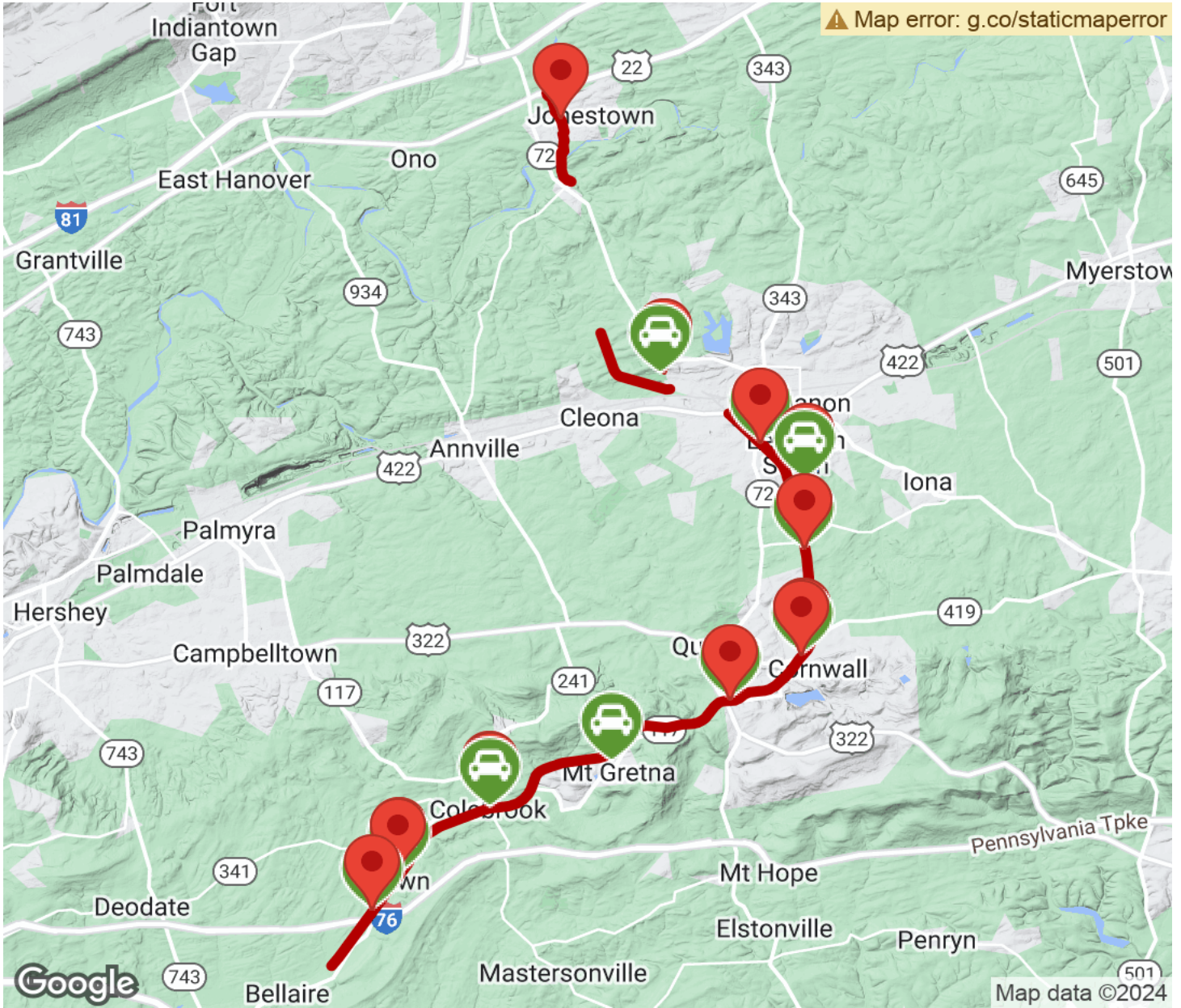
- South Hills Park, 1100 S Lincoln Ave (Lebanon)
- 1141 Alden Way (Lebanon)
- 31 Valley Rd (Hershey)

Please see [TrailLink](#) map for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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