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Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail

Pennsylvania



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About the Route

Heading east from the western trailhead in Lititz, the trail's first access point can be found at the Warwick Township Municipal Park, which offers the closest parking to the Lititz end in addition to restrooms, playground, baseball fields, and a 0.6-mile trail encircling it.

This section of trail between Lititz and Millway is comprised of crushed stone and runs through farmland, though it still has some tree cover to keep your trip pleasant on a sunny day. Here, users are advised to be aware of farm equipment crossing the trail, stay a safe distance away, and observe posted rules and regulations. When crossing into Millway, the route crosses Cocalico Creek and begins the paved, asphalt section of the trail. Just off the trail in Millway, a nearby farmer's market offers fresh fruits, vegetables, and baked goods.

The next section of trail east of Millway passes through largely residential areas as the route heads toward downtown Ephrata. The trail also passes through Ehprata Linear Park, which is the easternmost parking option along the trail, and reaches its easternmost endpoint just a little further along the trail, at W Chestnut St.

Connections

Near the western end of the trail, trail users can access the Warwick Township Linear Park Trail.

Trail History

When the Reading and Columbia Railroad, which the Warwick to Ephrata Trail was built on, was built during the Civil War, there was debate about whether the terrain was suitable for a rail line and if cutting a mere 25 miles off a trip from New York to Washington, D.C., was worth the investment, particularly when a rail line already existed through Harrisburg.





States: Pennsylvania **Counties:** Lancaster Length: 7miles

Trail end points: N Oak St. (Lititz) to W

Chestnut St. (Ephrata)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail runs between N Oak St. (Lititz) and W Chestnut St. (Ephrata).

Parking is available at:

- Warwick Township Park, 304 Clay Rd (Lititz)
- 106-96 Millway Rd (Ephrata)
- 221-1099 Steinmetz Rd (Ephrata)

See <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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