

The Empire State Trail



BACKGROUND

In 2017, Governor Cuomo allocated \$200 million to create the Empire State Trail (EST), tying together the Erie and Champlain Canalway Trails with the Hudson River Valley Greenway. PTNY's advocacy efforts have played a critical role in setting the conceptual framework for the fully-connected 750-mile trail from Buffalo to Albany and from New York City to the Canadian border. Once complete at the end of 2020, the EST will be the largest statewide multi-use trail in the nation. All of the projects funded by the initial \$200 million allocation are on schedule for completion by the end of the year.

PROGRESS

Together, the Hudson River Valley Greenway, New York State Canal Corporation, New York State Parks, New York State Department of Transportation, MTA/Metro North Railroad, and many local communities have been making significant progress along the Empire State Trail.

- 80% of trail projects are either complete or under construction.
- 85% of the trail will be off-road between Manhattan and Buffalo.
- EST wayfinding signage has been installed on 35% of the 750-mile Empire State Trail route.
- 30/50 Trailheads and Gateways are currently under construction.
- A website and mobile application are expected in 2020, offering trail users with information about nearby local attractions and amenities.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

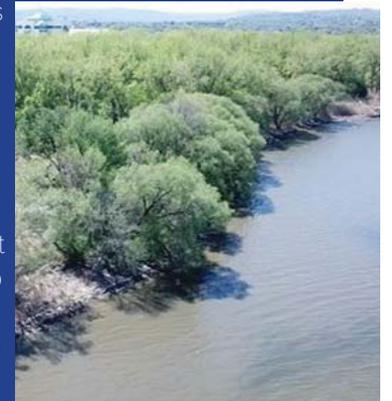


Albany-Hudson Electric Trail

The Hudson River Valley Greenway broke ground in May 2019 on this new 36-mile rail-trail from the City of Hudson to the City of Rensselaer (expected completion November 2020).

Loop the Lake

The Honeywell Corporation has started construction of a new 3-mile segment that will extend the trail from Camillus, through the State Fairgrounds, to the Loop the Lake Trail on Onondaga Lake (Spring 2020). Onondaga County will construct a trail connection from the Loop the Lake Trail to downtown Syracuse (expected completion December 2020).



Fort Edward to Fort Ann

The NYS Canal Corporation has started construction on this new 9-mile trail section of the Champlain Canalway Trail (expected completion November 2020).



More information is available on the Empire State Trail website:
<https://www.ny.gov/programs/empire-state-trail>