



IN THE KNOW

NEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE SULLIVAN O&W RAIL TRAIL

More than 25 miles of multi-use trails spanning four towns in the Sullivan County Catskills



WOODRIDGE RAIL TRAIL

Length: 1.7 miles | Surface: Unpaved

Trailhead: Joseph Road (aka Tabaczynski Road) & Avon Lodge Road, Woodridge (41.696705, -74.601509)

Trailhead: Roosevelt Avenue & Highland Avenue, Woodridge (41.710323, -74.574618)

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SEGMENT SPOTLIGHT:

WOODRIDGE RAIL TRAIL

This 1.7 mile multi-surface segment connects the Village of Woodridge with the Neversink River. One trailhead can be found at the entrance to Veteran's Memorial Park at the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and Highland Avenue in the center of the Village. From there the trail heads west and traverses a beautiful marsh teeming with wildlife and perfect for birdwatching.

The second trailhead, located where Tabaczynski Road intersects with Avon Lodge/River Road, has ample parking and is often used by anglers fishing the nearby Neversink River.

At one time, the O&W railroad crossed over the Neversink at this spot via a massive trestle. The stone abutments are still visible on the opposite side of Avon Lodge Road. There are plans to use those abutments to support a pedestrian bridge that would connect to the South Fallsburg portion of the trail. That project is in the engineering and permitting phase with bidding scheduled for later this year.



UPCOMING TRAIL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Rail Trail Canal Trail Combo

Sat, May 20, 2023 @ 10AM

MAMAKATING

Meet at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center at 16 Bova Road in Summitville for this 3-mile, 3-hour loop hike!



National Trails Day! Saturday, June 3, 2023

WOODRIDGE (9AM)

Meet at the trailhead parking lot at 269 River Road in Woodridge to help volunteers maintain this 1.7 section of trail!

LIBERTY (10AM)

Meet at the Bridge & Tunnel Brewery at 50 Lake Street in Liberty to help volunteers maintain this 2.7 section of trail!

For event details visit www.sullivan-oandw.com

SULLIVAN O&W RAIL TRAIL ALLIANCE

MUNICIPALITIES:

County of Sullivan
Town of Fallsburg
Town of Forestburgh
Town of Liberty
Town of Mamakating
Town of Rockland
Town of Thompson
Village of Liberty
Village of Woodridge
Village of Wurtsboro
Village of Monticello

TRAIL ADVOCATES:

Catskill Mountainkeeper
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Morgan Outdoors
Open Space Institute
Sullivan 180
Sullivan Catskills Visitors Assoc
The Center for Discovery



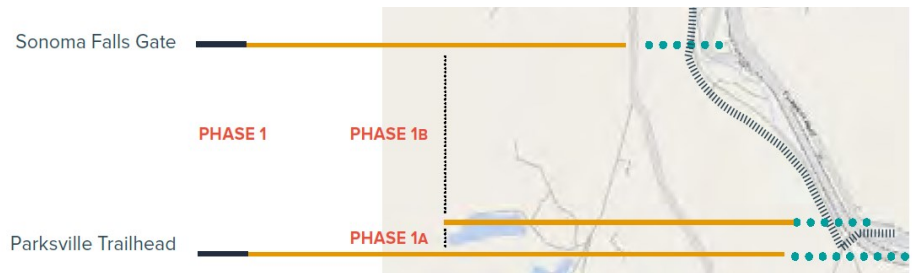
The **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance** is an organization formed to oversee maintenance, marketing and promotion of existing segments of the O&W Rail Trail in Sullivan County. We also work collaboratively to acquire and develop new sections of trail along the former railroad right-of-way.

The Alliance is an intermunicipal cooperative body whose membership is comprised of representatives of local government and trail advocates.

DOWN & THE ROAD

Ongoing efforts to expand and improve the O&W Rail Trail in the future!

PARKSVILLE TO LIVINGSTON MANOR: The northern terminus of the O&W Rail Trail is currently located in Parksville (Town of Liberty) at a trailhead located on Old Route 17 adjacent to the Fox Mountain Road overpass. The long range goal is to extend the trail from this location another 4 miles north into Livingston Manor (Town of Rockland) where it would end at Rotary Park, on the outskirts of the downtown business district. The project has been broken up into three phases, and the Town of Liberty (with help from Sullivan County, Sullivan 180 and others) has taken the lead on completing the first phase. Phase I involves developing a 1.8 mile segment from Fox Mountain Road to Sonoma Falls, along portions of the original railroad right-of-way that are currently owned by NYSDOT. The Town is pursuing an agreement with NYSDOT that would allow public access and further development of this trail segment. The project is currently in the engineering and permitting phase, and a \$400,000 state grant has been secured through Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office. With any luck, this trail extension will be completed and open to the public next year.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

People Making a Difference and Helping the Cause!



- Kudos to **Sullivan 180** for braving the cold and spearheading the annual **SNO&W** snowshoe event, held in Wurtsboro on February 25th!
- Congratulations to the **BRIDGE & TUNNEL BREWERY** at 50 Lake Street in Liberty on their grand opening March 4th! Best of Luck!

- Thanks to County Historian John Conway for leading the **HURLEYVILLE HISTORY HIKE** on National Celebrate Trails Day (April 22).
- Cornell Cooperative Extension will be performing pedestrian counts on the Hurleyville section of the rail trail on **May 6th and 10th!** Call 845-292-6180 for more details or to volunteer!
- Vision Hudson Valley's **ANNUAL PLACEMAKING CONFERENCE** will explore the role of trails in creating sustainable communities. Call 845-469-9459 for more info or to register!

TRAILS: NATURE'S
PATHWAY TO HEALTHY,
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023
11 AM - 5 PM
SUNY ORANGE MIDDLETOWN
ROWLEY CENTER FOR
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING