

Town of Vernon
Rails-to-Trails
Hop River State Park Trail
Rockville Spur

Parking Locations

51 Church Street

264 Tunnel Road

300 Valley Falls Road

There is no parking at Grand Avenue on the Rockville Spur section of the rail trail.

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Trail Map provided by Vernon Greenways Volunteers, Inc.

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Hop River State Park Trail

- The original railroad - built in 1849 – operated for 100 years.
- The abandoned railway bed running between Manchester and Willimantic was regraded in several phases between 1994 – 2004 with funding from local, state, and federal grants.
- 5-miles of the 21-mile ***Hop River State Park*** rail trail passes through the town of Vernon.
- The ***State of CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)*** maintain this section of rail trail.
- The ***Hop River Trail*** connects to the ***Air Line State Park Trail*** in Willimantic, providing an additional 50 miles of rail trail in eastern Connecticut.

Report State Park Trail Problems or Vandalism

Vernon Greenways Volunteers, Inc.

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Rockville Spur

- The ***Rockville Spur*** splits from the ***Hop River State Park Trail*** at Phoenix Street, east of the Church Street parking lot.
- The ***Spur*** extends 4.25-miles toward the historic center of Rockville.
- This railroad bed was originally constructed in 1862 to supply the thriving mill industries in Rockville.
- The trail passes over the Tankerhoosen River and under I-84, where a mural can be viewed.

Report Trail Problems or Vandalism

parksandrec@vernon-ct.gov

State and Local Organizations

Hop River State Park Trail

- State of Connecticut DEEP General Information <https://ctparks.com/parks/hop-river-state-park>
- Manchester – Vernon – Bolton <https://ctparks.com/media/526/download?inline>
- Trail Overview <https://ctparks.com/media/519/download?inline>

Air Line State Park Trail

<https://ctparks.com/park-maps#air-line-state-park-trail>

Town of Vernon Parks and Recreation

<https://vernonct.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

Vernon Greenways Volunteers

<https://vernongreenways.org>

Hop River Trail Alliance

<https://www.facebook.com/hoprivertailalliance/>

Northern CT Land Trust

<https://northernctlandtrust.org/properties/vernon/>

Historical Information about the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad

<https://www.vernondepot.com>



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