Background

The North County Trailway is a paved bicycle and pedestrian path located primarily on right-of-way lands of the former Putnam Division of the New York Central Railroad. The “Old Put,” as it was fondly referred to by commuters, provided freight and passenger service from 1881 to 1958 between the Bronx and Putnam County.

The Putnam Railroad once served 23 stations in Westchester, some of which still stand today. Included are the Tudor-revival style Briarcliff Manor Station, which is now used as a public library, and the old station at Railroad Park in Yorktown Heights. Historic marker plaques have been placed at these locations.

The map to the left shows the general location of the trailway. The larger scale maps on the reverse side detail the trail route, access points, local roads and nearby parks and facilities.

The Putnam Right-of-Way spans 36.2 linear miles through Westchester County, of which 22.1 miles comprise the North County Trailway. The remaining 14.1 miles, south of Eastview to the Bronx border, is nearly completely developed as the South County Trailway.

The North County Trailway is one element of an extensive countywide trailway system that includes the Bronx River Pathway, Briarcliff Peekskill Trailway, South County Trailway and many planned bike routes along the county’s roads.

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