

History:

BR&P was hit by the Great Depression and was taken over by the B&O in 1932.

In 1972 the Chessie System was formed.

In 1986, Chessie System and Seaboard System merged into CSXT.

The B&P was formed when CSXT let go of ex-B&O trackage in 1988 a year later after it was formed.

This was due to a decrease in demand for coal, so the lines were seen pointless to keep.

Every B&O line north of Pittsburgh was handed over to Genesee & Wyoming.

After about 10 years, the line was abandoned, and in 2010 was taken out from Orchard Park to West Valley.

Ownership History:

Rochester & State Line: 1869 - 1887

BR&P: 1887 - 1932

B&O/Chessie System: 1932 - 1986

CSXT: 1986-1988

B&P: 1988-present

Depot History and Facts:

Men and women were separated in the station between, each had a separate room. This ended in the 1930s. Dividers were put on benches to prevent people from sleeping, not to separate people from each other sitting on the benches. At the time the depot was built, most roads were dirt, and in the rain the roads became too muddy for travel. People would commonly ride the train from Orchard Park to Buffalo, which took about twenty minutes.

In 1988, CSXT sold all the trackage from the Buffalo-Ashford line to G&W, besides the Orchard Park Depot.

The Ringling Brothers used to do BR&P Circus style excursions by train, which ended in Rochester. The movie *Marshall* was filmed at the Orchard Park Depot. An ice cream social and holiday event is hosted every year at the depot.

Trail Notes:

- Start of trail

Yates Park

- west of the trail (not sure if it can be seen)
- south of Thorn Ave

Green Lake

- southwest of the trail (not sure if it can be seen)
- west of South Buffalo St

*Location/Attraction:

BR&P Orchard Park Depot:

Built in 1911 by the BR&P. In the mid 1950s passenger services ended.

South Branch Smokes Creek

- south of the trail (comes close to trail)
- passes below South Buffalo St
- passes through Green Lake

*Location/Attraction:

Orchard Park Country Club

- trail follows alongside the country club
- the country club is to the south of the trail

Orchard Park Country Club Pond

- south of trail (not sure if it can be seen)
- north of Jewett Holmwood Rd

State Regulated Freshwater Wetlands on North Branch Smokes Creek

- northeast of trail (not sure if it can be seen)
- east of Freeman Rd and north of Jewett Holmwood Rd

Birdsong Park

- northeast of trail (not sure if it can be seen)
- east of Freeman Rd and north of Jewett Holmwood Rd
- located on state regulated freshwater wetlands

Intersection Jewett Holmwood Rd

- southwest of Freeman Rd
- southeast of Orchard Park Country Club

- South of Jewett Holmwood Rd to Ellicott Rd

Possible Trail Pass Over Creek

- south of Middlebury Rd

Second Possible Trail Pass Over Creek

- south of Knob Hill Rd and north of Ellicott Rd

Small Pond

- west of trail
- north of Ellicott Rd

Intersection - Ellicott Rd

- by the border of East Aurora and Orchard Park

Border Cross Into East Aurora

- at intersection with Ellicott Rd

- Ellicott Rd to Behm Rd

Pond

- east of trail (not sure if it can be seen)
- south off Ellicott Rd

Intersection Old Glenwood Rd

- west of Davis Rd

Rare/Endangered Species Zone

- south of Mill Rd. and north of Falls Rd

West Branch Cazenovia Creek

- east of trail
- Davis Rd between trail and creek

West Falls Park

- east of trail (not sure if it can be seen)
- west of West Falls Rd and east of Davis Rd

- Behm Rd to Burr Rd/Old Lower East Hill Rd

Intersection Bridge St

- west of Davis Rd

***Problem: Shooting range east of the trail near Behm Rd. and Bridge St. in West Falls.**

Border Cross Into Colden

- north of Burr Rd/Old Lower East Hill Rd
- south of Bridge St

Pipe Creek

- connects West Branch Cazenovia Creek (not sure if it can be seen)
- starts east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek (not sure if it can be seen)

West Branch Cazenovia Creek

- just east of trail

- Burr Rd/Old Lower East Hill Rd to Boston Colden Rd

*Location/Attraction:

Buffalo Ski Club

- just west of trail

*Event: Head-to-head train crash

Date: 2/6/1987

Location: Colden, NY; by the Buffalo Ski Club slopes

Description: Two deaths, one serious injury, and six minor injuries. CSXT trains.

Intersection Lower East Hill Rd

- north of Boston Colden Rd

- Boston Colden Rd to Murray Hill Rd

Intersection Boston Colden Rd

- south of Lower East Hill Rd
- west of State Rd.

Cross over West Branch Cazenovia Creek

- south of Boston Colden Rd

*Location/Attraction:

Kummer State Park

- east of the trail (not sure if it can be seen)
- east of State Rd

Intersection State Rd

- south of Park St
- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

Cross over Haynes Hollow Creek

- east of State Rd
- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

Intersection State Rd

- south of Haynes Hollow Creek

*Location/Attraction:

Glenwood Depot

- east of the trail

Intersection Mill St

- south of State Rd

Intersection Murray Hill Rd.

- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

- Murray Hill Rd to Morse Rd

Pizza Glen

- west of the trail

Cross over Crump Brook

- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

Intersection Dog Run

- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

Intersection Kissing Bridge Ln

- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

*Location/Attraction:

Kissing Bridge

- west of the trail
- west of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

*Old possible telegraph poles along trail noticed near Kissing Bridge

Cross over Sprague Brook

- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

*Location/Attraction:

Sprague Brook County Park

- just east of the trail across the road

Cross over West Branch Cazenovia Creek

- west of Old Glenwood Rd

Intersection Old Glenwood Rd

- east of Morse Rd

● Morse Rd to Genesee Rd

Start of Spencer Brook

- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek

Cross over West Branch Cazenovia Creek

- east of Old Glenwood Rd

Intersection Old Glenwood Rd

- west of Glenwood East Concord Rd (previously State Rd)

Cross over Graff Brook

- east of West Branch Cazenovia Creek
- west of Glenwood East Concord Rd (previously State Rd)

*Pass through state regulated freshwater wetlands

- THREATENED SPECIES: Northern Bog Aster
- MAY REQUIRE NYS DEC PERMIT

Intersection Sibley Rd

- west of Glenwood East Concord Rd. (previously State Rd)

*Pass through a significant natural community: black spruce-tamarack bog

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Pass by Dead Mans Lake

- west of Glenwood East Concord Rd (previously State Rd)
- south of Sibley Rd

- Genesee Rd to Middle Rd

Intersection Genesee Rd

- west of Allen Rd (previously State Rd)

*Pass through state regulated freshwater wetlands

- THREATENED SPECIES: Northern Bog Aster
- MAY REQUIRE NYS DEC PERMIT

*Pass near a significant natural community: dwarf shrub bog

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*Pass near a significant natural community: rich hemlock-hardwood peat swamp

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Intersection Middle Rd

- east of Sharp St

- Middle Rd to W Main St

Cross over Spring Brook

- east of Sharp St

Intersection Sharp St

- south of Spring Brook

***Train and bus crash at Sharp St in Springville, NY. This event happened on January 29th, 1934. 28 high school students and one bus driver, Walter G. Kummer, were in the bus. There were no deaths.**

Pass by small pond

- north of Buffalo Rd
- west of the trail

Intersection Buffalo Rd

- north of North St

Pass by small lake

- north of North St
- west of the trail

Intersection North St

- southwest of Buffalo Rd

Intersection North Central Ave

- south of North St

Intersection Eaton St

- west of North Central Ave

Intersection Franklin St

- north of Park St

*Attraction/Location:

BR&P Springville Depot:

Built in 1910 by the BR&P.

- W Main St to Edies Rd

Intersection Waverly St

- south of West Main St

*Pass through a significant natural community: hemlock-northern hardwood forest

- MAY REQUIRE NYS DEC PERMIT

*Pass through a vicinity of rare plants or animals

- MAY REQUIRE NYS DEC PERMIT

*Location/Attraction:

Springville Country Club

- just west of the trail

*Location/Attraction:

Trestle bridge pass over Cattaraugus Creek

- south of Edies Rd

Cross into Cattaraugus County

- over Cattaraugus Creek

Intersection Edies Rd

- southeast of Cattaraugus Creek

- End