

**Franklin Township
Hunterdon County, NJ
Trail Network
Capoolong Creek Trail**

The Capoolong Creek Trail is on the former 3.9 mile Pittstown branch of the Lehigh Valley RR. This rail line connected Pittstown to the Lehigh Valley main line located at Landsdown. The Pittstown Station opened in July of 1891. During the 1890s, this rail line service supported local peach harvesting, delivering peaches to markets throughout the New York metropolitan area. In 1895 an insect blight destroyed the Hunterdon peach industry. In the early 1900s, the Pittstown station was used by the Pittstown Milk Association, shipping local products to New York area markets. By 1968 the Pittstown branch was abandoned and in 1973 the state purchased the former rail line property and made it into a nature trail. At the other end of this trail was the passenger station at Landsdown on the busy Lehigh Valley main line. Across from the Landsdown train station was the Lehigh Valley Railroad's Clinton branch. After passenger service ended in 1936 on the Clinton branch, the stations at Landsdown and Clinton were demolished.

Today, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife operates the Capoolong Creek Wildlife Management Area through which the trail wanders along Capoolong Creek, also known locally as Cakepoulin Creek.

Municipal Boundaries

Roads

Capoolong Creek Trail

Landsdown Trail

- Data Sources:
 Franklin Township
 Environmental Commission
 -Capoolong Creek Trail (2010)
 Hunterdon County
 Dept. of Parks and Recreation
 -Landsdown Trail (2009)
 New Jersey Office of Geographic
 Information Systems
 -Municipal Boundaries (2010)
 -Aerial Photography (2007)
 New Jersey Dept. of Transportation
 -Roads (2010)

