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Orange County park becomes more ADA accessible

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The Hudson Valley is home to some of the best walking trails in the state, and now people with disabilities have more access to them.

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With the help of \$217,000 in state environmental protection funding, the project took about six months to build. The pathway means that people with a range of disabilities, from wheelchair bound to difficulty walking, will finally be able to safely enjoy the breathtaking views that the park offers. "We wanted to do this for 20 years. It's been so difficult to grant access to all such a big beautiful wild area, so for me it's a culmination of decades of dreaming and planning and hard work", says Director of Black Rock Forest Bill Schuster.

The path offers 50-mile views up the Hudson Valley to the Catskill Mountains. It's open from dawn to dusk every day of the week. "I'd be limited to where I could explore in the forest without something like this trail to make it possible for me to use my scooter to go up and down," says Stephen Sirota, of Cornwall.