

to the valley of Mill or Muscle Brook, and up that valley to Buxton's Corner. Or, in crossing Presumpscot River, the line may be carried farther west, in a more direct course, by making a pile bridge, a distance of about two miles, and then entering the same valley, and following it as before mentioned.

From Buxton's Corner, the route inclines more northerly, over favorable ground, passing west of the upper village of North Yarmouth, and east of Walnut Hill meeting-house, to the valley of Royal's River, which it follows up to a summit dividing the waters of that river from those that empty into the Little Androscoggin. It then pursues the course of a range of ponds, over favorable ground, passing near Poland Corner, to the outlet of the Hogan Ponds, near the Little Androscoggin. It then takes the valley of the Little Androscoggin, and follows it about twenty-four miles, to Bryant's Pond, near Bacon's Hill summit. From this pond, the route follows down the valley of a brook to Concord River, and over favorable grounds bordering this river, and along the meadows of the Androscoggin, to Rumford Point, at the junction of the Androscoggin and Ellis Rivers, the distance is about nine miles. A bridge about 450 feet long will be required to cross the Androscoggin, at the north side of Ellis River. The route then follows up the valley of Ellis River, crossing it occasionally to shorten the distance, or to avoid uneven grounds, to Andover, which is ten miles from Rumford.

The whole distance from Portland to Andover, is computed at seventy-two miles, and the most of this distance may be considered as unusually favorable for the location