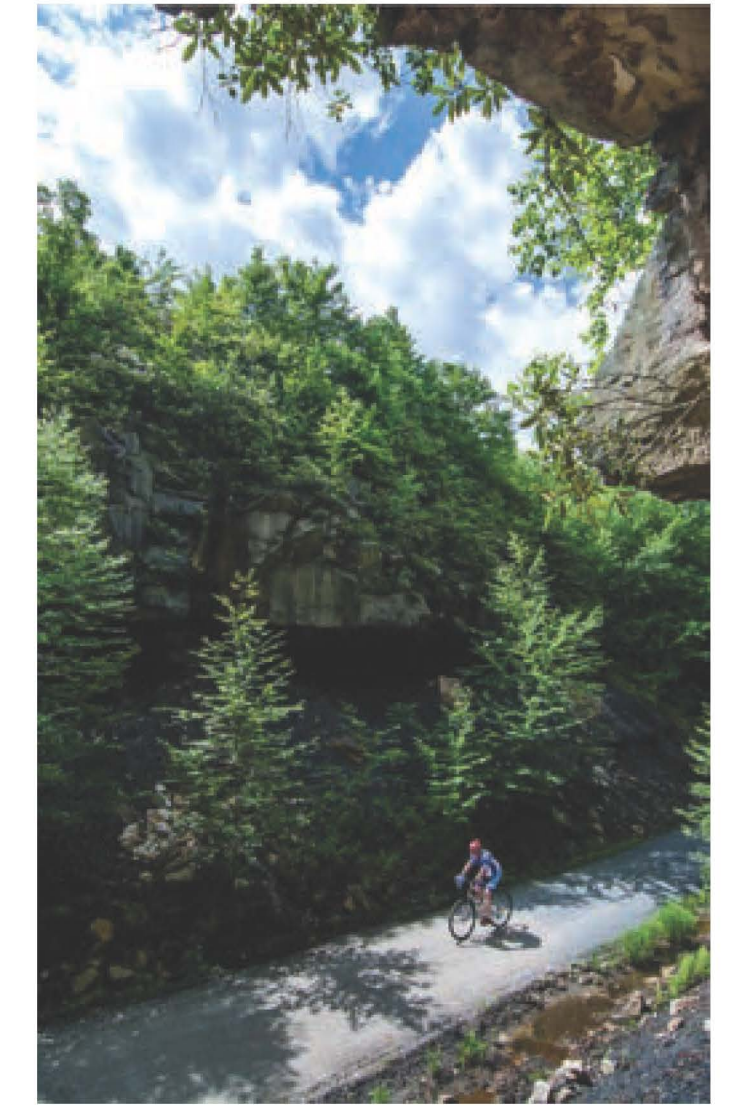


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B APOLLO'S KISKI RIVERFRONT TRAIL

1.5 miles - Apollo Borough

Apollo's Kiski Riverfront Trail begins at the western terminus of the Roaring Run Trail, allowing riders of the latter to travel into downtown Apollo, where they can patronize restaurants and historic sites. The trail parallels the Kiski River through downtown via a mix of on-road and off-road trail. Attractions and amenities can be easily accessed via First St. Just beyond North Third St., the trail turns into a limited-traffic access road until it terminates in a parking lot at River Rd. and McCain St. Eventually, trail developers hope to extend the KRT westward along the river.



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C ROARING RUN TRAIL

5 miles - Apollo to Edmond + 1.5 mile Rock Furnace spur

The Roaring Run Trail might be short on length but it's long on natural beauty! It follows the Kiskiminetas River and boasts extensive stands of wildflowers, stately hardwoods and water cascades. It is fairly level for its western three miles, while there are a few steep climbs on the two miles on the eastern end. The Rock Furnace Spur follows Roaring Run for 1.5 miles and features a wooden suspension bridge and the ruins from an iron furnace from which it got its name. It has a tar-and-chip surface and a moderate grade. There are also over 15 miles of mountain biking and hiking trails on the hillside above the Roaring Run Trail.



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F HOODLEBUG TRAIL

10.5 miles - Blacklick to Indiana

"Hoodlebug" was the local nickname for the self-propelled passenger coach that ran on the Indiana Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad line until 1940. Now, it's the name of this trail that runs from Blacklick to Indiana, connecting to the Ghost Town Trail and allowing cyclists to travel 42 miles all the way to Ebensburg. It's northern terminus is at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and at the south it intersects with the Ghost Town Trail at John P. Saylor Park. For most of its length, the Hoodlebug Trail parallels Route 119 and offers easy riding. There is a short on-road section from Saylor Park to Cornell Road, which has moderate elevation change. Along the way, cyclists will pass Floodway Park, which offers amenities and a local history museum, and Homer City, which offers restaurants and stores.



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G GHOST TOWN TRAIL

32 miles - Ebensburg to Blacklick
17-mile C&I Extension - Vintondale to Expedite Road



Boasting natural beauty, fascinating historical features and a length worthy of a solid day or several of exploration, it's no wonder the Ghost Town Trail has been designated a National Recreation Trail and DCNR Trail of the Year in 2020. Named for the long-gone mining communities that once dotted its right-of-way, the GTT passes two massive iron furnaces, old coal-loading tipples, boney (coal-refuse) piles and other traces of industrial history. The Blacklick Creek valley is gorgeous, with mountain streams, stands of rhododendron, dozens of wildflower species and cool woodlands. As it climbs the western slope of the Allegheny Front, the GTT totals 51 miles in length between its 32-mile main stem, 17-mile C&I Extension, and 2-mile spur to Duman Lake County Park, which offers camping. There are extensive climbs, but none of them greater than 3%. The trail is mostly crushed limestone, but the spur to Duman Lake is mixed surface.



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K BELLS GAP TRAIL

6.3 miles - Bellwood to Lloydsville

The Bells Gap Trail meanders up the Allegheny Front via a right-of-way established in the 1850s that allowed the Bells Gap Railroad to climb to the top of the plateau. It provides outstanding views of eastern ridges, the Tuckahoe Valley and Bellwood Reservoir while crossing pretty little mountain streams before ending its climb in Lloydsville. At a 4% grade almost the entire way, the Bells Gap Trail provides a moderately challenging ride on a variety of surfaces, from crushed limestone for 2 miles from the Igou Road trailhead to a packed dirt and grass State Game Lands road closer to its terminus at the top of Blandburg Mountain.



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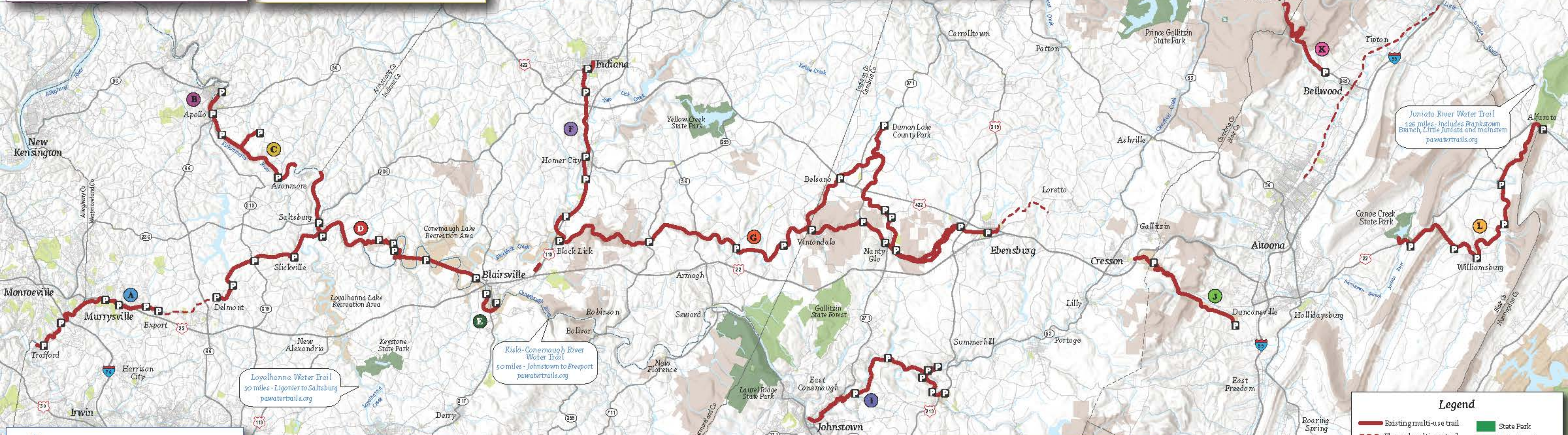
J SIX TO TEN TRAIL

11 miles - Foot of Ten to Allegheny Portage Railroad

While it might not look imposing today, before the early 19th century, the Allegheny Front was mighty and only the toughest travelers could handle its rugged, steep slopes and labyrinthine passes. Then the Allegheny Portage Railroad conquered the Front and changed everything. Through its system of level and inclined tracks, people and freight could be lifted over the mountain. The 6 to 10 Trail follows much of the same right-of-way during its 10-mile climb. Bicyclists can easily ride about 4 of these miles, from Foot of Ten to Muleshoe, but the remaining 6 miles are only open to hikers and present moderately difficult slopes.



nps.gov/alpo/planyourvisit/six-to-ten-inclines.htm



A WESTMORELAND HERITAGE TRAIL

8.5 miles - Saltsburg to Delmont
10 miles - Export to Trafford

The Eastern Section of the trail starts in Saltsburg at the confluence of the West Penn Trail and travels along a natural country setting towards Delmont. Visitors will see a pristine view of the Conemaugh River and Loyalhanna Creek traveling along the once-rich coal fields towards Slickville and onto the Beaver Run Reservoir causeway before arriving at Rango's Trailhead near Delmont. The Western Section of the WHT starts at Lincoln Ave. in Export next to the caboose and continues west along Turtle Creek passing under Rt. 22 and alternates between bustling urbanized environments, natural areas and historical wonders in Murrysville. After crossing Trafford Rd. the WHT soon enters the Turtle Creek Gorge, a wild, steep and forested valley near Monroeville and Penn Twp. that continues to B-Y Park in Trafford.



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D WEST PENN TRAIL

15 miles - Blairsville to Saltsburg

The West Penn Trail was named for the West Penn Railroad that once ran along the Conemaugh River valley. It also follows the original right-of-way of the Main Line Canal. Traces of the old canal, early railroad tunnels and beautiful stone-cut bridges can all be seen. There are three distinct sections of the trail. The easternmost 4.5 miles from Blairsville is an easy ride on a tar-and-chip surface that crosses the Conemaugh River Lake over four stone-arch bridges. At Bow Ridge, the trail climbs steeply via steps and switchbacks, then descends the other side to Conemaugh Dam. Low-traffic roads take users past the dam to the Dick Mayer Section, which includes some challenging climbs on dirt packed trails. The final six miles on the western end are nearly flat and take users into Saltsburg.



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E BLAIRSVILLE RIVERFRONT TRAIL

1.7 miles in Blairsville

The 1.7-mile-long Blairsville Riverfront Trail runs along the Conemaugh River for its entire length and is just outside Blairsville's downtown. It is relatively flat with the exception of a short rise to the Market Street trailhead. A loop through town makes for a longer ride and the opportunity to enjoy restaurants, a coffee shop and other amenities. Be advised, this trail does occasionally flood as the Conemaugh Dam's reservoir backs up during wet periods.



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H JIM MAYER RIVERSWALK

3.1 miles in Johnstown

Named for a local conservationist, this 3.1-mile trail in Johnstown follows the Stonycreek River and offers beautiful views of abundant birds and wildlife and serenity within an urban setting. A highlight of the trail is the 50-foot Buttermilk Falls, which sits about 0.7 miles from the Riverside trailhead. The Riverswalk is nearly level, and its surface is groomed and easily ridden or walked. It runs from the community of Riverside to Messenger St., then connects to a small trail that passes through Sandyvale Memorial Gardens.



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I PATH OF THE FLOOD TRAIL & STAPLE BEND TUNNEL TRAIL

14 miles - Ehrenfeld to Johnstown

This trail allows users to follow the same course that floodwaters took in 1889, when they breached the South Fork Dam and surged into Johnstown. Numerous trailside markers tell the story of this historic event. Natural beauty and scenic views abound, and steeper grades and varying trail surfaces offer a challenge to users. At Mineral Point, the trail changes names and becomes the Staple Bend Tunnel Trail for 2 miles, offering a smoother, flat riding surface and the opportunity to experience the first railroad tunnel in the United States, completed in 1833. In Franklin, the trail shifts to the road through East Conemaugh, connects to an off-road trail in Upper Woodvale, and finishes on roads into Johnstown.



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L LOWER TRAIL

17 miles - Alfara to Canoe Creek State Park

The Lower (rhymes with "flower") Trail flows for almost 17 miles along the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River. The corridor was part of the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal and later the Pennsylvania Railroad System, and today offers historical features such as canal remnants, an iron plantation and a covered bridge. The trail is also considered an Important Bird Area and is designated a National Recreation Trail. The nearly-level trail has a crushed limestone surface and 6 trailheads offering ample parking, toilets and picnic pavilions. A newly-built section of the trail also connects to Canoe Creek State Park on its western end.



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Legend

- Existing multi-use trail
- Planned multi-use trail
- Trailhead
- Interstate Highway
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- State Park
- State Forest
- State Game Lands
- Federal Lands
- Water Trail
- Water Trail Access
- 50 ft contours

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