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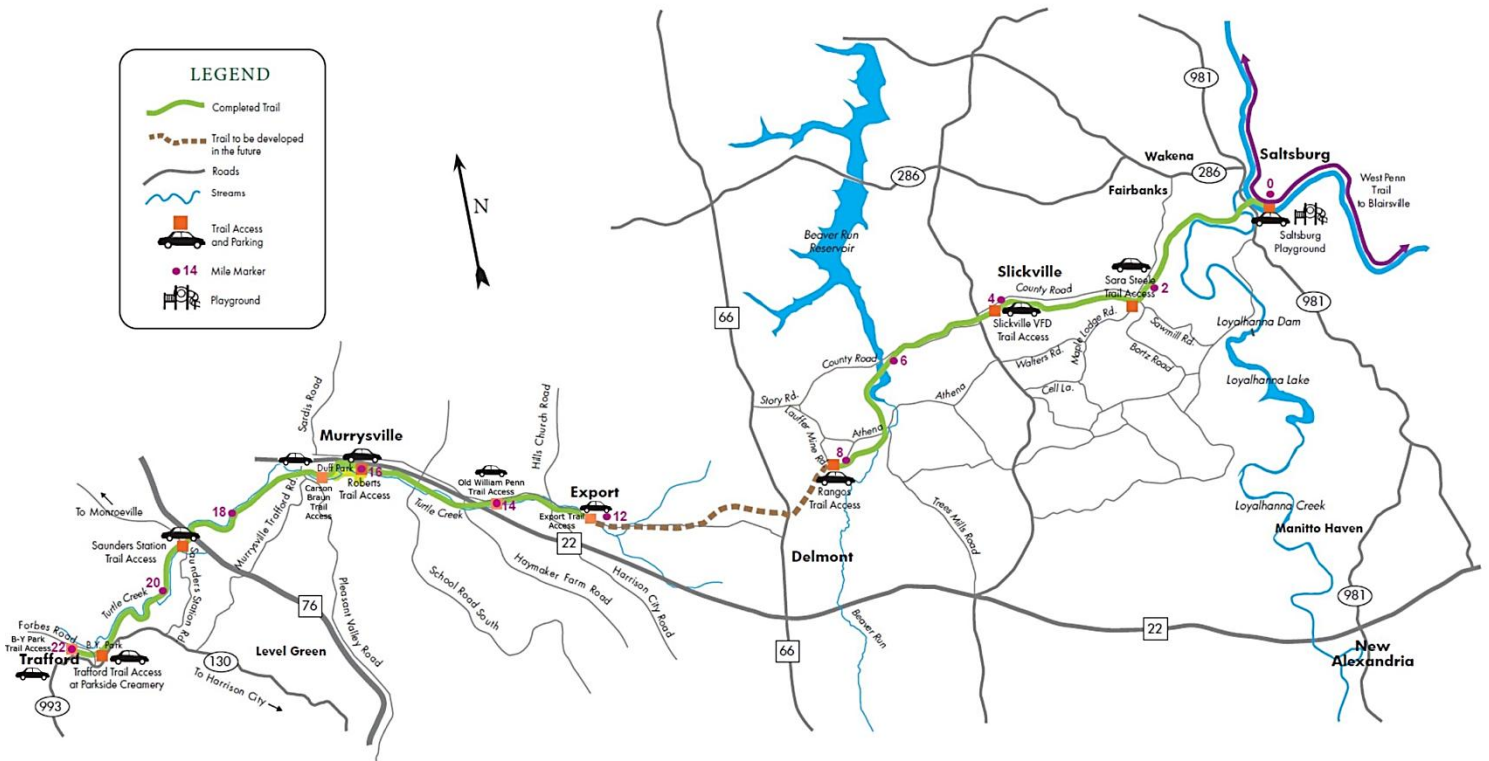
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The Westmoreland Heritage Trail is managed by the Westmoreland Heritage Trail Chapter of the Regional Trail Corporation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Eight municipal partners (Trafford, Monroeville, Penn Township, Murrysville, Export, Delmont, Salem Township, and Loyalhanna Township) work with over 400 active chapter volunteers to maintain and monitor the trail. Other trail partners include the Westmoreland County Bureau of Parks & Recreation and the Westmoreland Conservation District.

Autumn Trail Notes



Our recent stretch of dry weather may have made the fall leaves a little less colorful than usual, but it has also kept the trail free of floods and falling trees.

WHT volunteers have been working hard all summer long to mow grass and whack weeds. As always, trail users are reminded to



give them enough room to work when biking or running past them. Remember also that our volunteers may not hear you over the noise of their equipment, so hail them loudly if you are coming from behind.

As winter approaches, we are getting ready for an upcoming construction project that may impact the trail near the Murrysville sewage treatment plant. Be prepared for possible disruptions or plan to use other sections once that work begins.

Our Bestseller is Back in Stock!

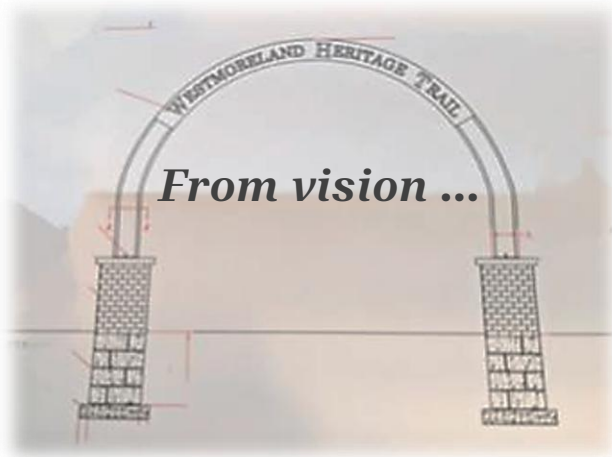
Our green hooded sweatshirt with the new WHT logo was so popular that it sold out almost immediately after we ordered it. It's finally back in stock and available for purchase!



You can pick one up at the RTC store in West Newton, or at any WHT board meeting. You can also get one directly from our PR Chair, Vicki Rudge by emailing whmpr2017@gmail.com.

Trail baseball caps and other apparel are still available, and we hope to have pull-over green windbreakers sporting our new logo later this year.

A Year in the Making ... Our New Gateway Arch!



In the fall of 2024, we shared a sketch of what our new Gateway Arch would look like, while our volunteers were pouring the initial footers for the brick support pillars. Fast forward through a year of bricklaying, metal fabrication, and construction by our intrepid volunteer crew and our Gateway Arch is now turning heads in Saltsburg (as can be seen from this issue's cover!)

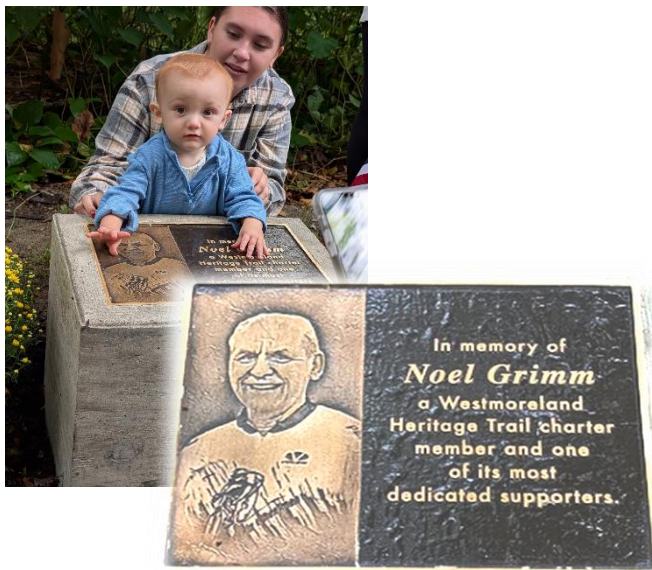


The arch welcomes trail users to the Westmoreland Heritage Trail (on its east side) and to the West Penn Trail (on its west side). The costs of the metal arch and sign were shared equally by the Westmoreland Heritage Trail Chapter and the Conemaugh Valley Conservancy, parent organization for the West Penn Trail. Many thanks go out to our volunteers for all of their dedication and hard work!



Remembering Noel and Rey

On September 6, memorial plaques were placed to honor two of the trail's founding fathers: Noel Grimm (left) and Rey Peduzzi (right). These civic leaders helped shape the vision of the trail and worked long and hard to bring it into existence. Noel served as WHT chapter president and Rey as fundraising chair and zone leader for many years. Their plaques were placed along sections of the trail that were most associated with them – Noel's near Simpson Run in Monroeville and Rey's near the B-Y Park in Trafford. Many of their family members were able to be present for the dedication, including two of their youngest descendants. We thank them for sharing this celebration of Noel and Rey's impact.



Summer and Fall Fundraisers along the Trail



We have been busy throughout the summer and fall months working to raise funds for trail repair and future construction. In addition to our June Poker Run, we also sponsored another great bicycle raffle, thanks to the generosity of Flat Tire Bike Shop in Greensburg. Trail member Paul Lieneman bought the winning ticket, while PR Committee member Barb Coulter sold the most tickets. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Trail volunteers staffed information tables and sold trail merchandise at numerous events and festivals along the trail. Starting with the B-Y FlavorFest in Trafford through Ginni's CarnivAlz fundraiser, the Export Festival, the Murrysville Community Connection Day to Delmont's recent Apple and Arts Festival, someone from the Westmoreland Heritage Trail (usually Vicki Rudge!) was there to sell t-shirts and tell the public about our all-volunteer trail chapter and our amazing trail.



We would love to add more people to our Public Relations outreach team. If you're interested in joining us at a festival or two next summer, please check out the article on Page 8 to find out how to volunteer for the trail.

2nd Annual Export 100 Trail Race a Success!

For a second year, the Westmoreland Heritage Trail was the site of the Export 100, a two-day long distance race covering 103 miles. Nine hardy endurance runners from across the country came out on the first weekend of October to run east from Export to Saltsburg, Apollo, and Blairsville (along the Westmoreland Heritage, Roaring Run, and West Penn Trails). Runners then returned along the same trails west to Murrys ville, where they looped through Duff Park and Pleasant Valley Park and



continued on to B-Y Park in Trafford, before returning to the finish line at the red caboose in Export.

Westmoreland Heritage Trail volunteers joined other race volunteers and local police forces to guide the runners safely across road crossings and through rough terrain during the grueling race event, which continued throughout the night from Saturday to Sunday.



Congratulations to all the participants!

Nick Fiorelli 23-hours, 26-minutes
 Aaron Falcone 25-hours, 58-minutes
 Jeff Sterniak 26-hours, 15-minutes
 Jason Maruccio 26-hours, 18-minutes
 Brian Caskey (Honorable Mention)
 Gina Armenini (Honorable Mention)
 John Calabrese (Honorable Mention)
 Heidi Hall (Honorable Mention)
 Julie Marsich (Honorable Mention)



Volunteer for the Westmoreland Heritage Trail



We welcome volunteers to join us in maintaining and supporting the trail, no matter what season of the year it is. Your volunteer hours also count as an in-kind donation, making the trail eligible for higher levels of grant funding because we can show that we have ‘matched’ the cash award with many donated hours of labor.

There are several ways you can help support the trail. These include: helping out with trail maintenance or special projects like the Gateway Arch; assisting with public relations; helping to staff tables at our fundraising events; working at our Poker Run and Community Festivals, or joining one of our committees.

We especially welcome dedicated runners, walkers, and bike-riders to become Trail Ambassadors. Our ambassadors keep an eye on trail conditions and let trail users know about possible hazards, parking closures, and updates to trail policies. They also answer questions about how to join our all-volunteer trail chapter.

If interested – all you need to do is attend one of our monthly meetings (schedule on page 10) or sign up on our website using our new volunteer intake form. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting or trail event!

News from Other Trails – Coal & Coke Trail

Our sister Coal and Coke trail in southern Westmoreland County is sponsoring a Comedy Night on November 1 in Norvelt PA. If you'd like to support them and enjoy a fun evening out, tickets are available through the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Office.



COMEDY NIGHT!

Sponsored by: **LEVIN**
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Saturday, November 1
Doors Open: 6:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Hall
2325 Mt. Pleasant Road, Norvelt, PA 15674

Dinner included with ticket!
Tickets \$35 per person
Ages 21 and up

*Tickets must be purchased in advance!
No tickets will be sold at the door*

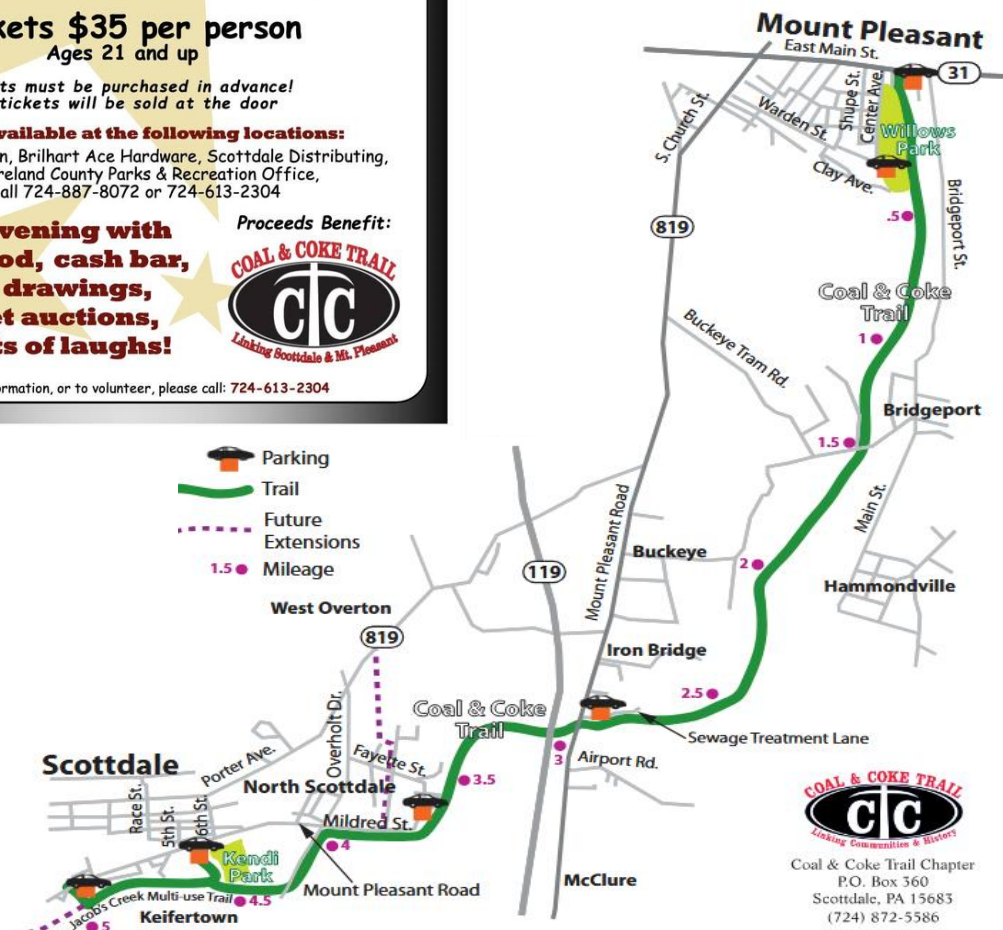
Tickets available at the following locations:
The Filling Station, Brillhart Ace Hardware, Scottdale Distributing,
Westmoreland County Parks & Recreation Office,
or call 724-887-8072 or 724-613-2304

**A fun evening with
good food, cash bar,
50/50 drawings,
basket auctions,
and lots of laughs!**

Proceeds Benefit:
COAL & COKE TRAIL
c/c
Linking Scottdale & Mt. Pleasant

For more information, or to volunteer, please call: 724-613-2304

The Coal and Coke Trail follows the railroad corridor of the Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad, originally built to service the numerous coal mines and coke ovens that operated in this region during the early 1900s. It may extend south in the future to connect to the Great Allegheny Passage.



The mission of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail is to manage and maintain the trail from Saltsburg to Trafford, in partnership with like-minded groups, Westmoreland County Parks, and the associated municipalities the trail passes through. The trail will be promoted for walking and biking activities and for recreation, education, volunteerism, tourism, and historic and environmental conservation.

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Upcoming WHT Board Meetings

November 13 – Lamplighter Restaurant

**December 11, 2025 – Volunteer
Appreciation Night at Westmoreland
Conservation District, Greensburg**