

Welcome to the Westmoreland Heritage Trail

The historic Westmoreland Heritage Trail is one of the premier rail-trails in Westmoreland County, and is open for hiking, biking, walking, jogging, and cross-country skiing. As of January 2026, there are 18.7 miles available. The Eastern section is 8.5 miles and the Western Section is 10.2 miles long.

The eastern section of trail starts in Saltsburg, and travels along a natural country setting toward Delmont. Visitors will see pristine views of the Conemaugh River, Loyalhanna Creek, and Beaver Run Reservoir before arriving at the Rangos Trailhead. The western segment of the WHT begins at the end of the parking lot in Export. Traveling past the caboose continuing through Murrysville, the trail winds along the Turtle Creek Gorge to Trafford's charming B-Y Park. Along the way, visitors will pass by the historic Haymaker Gas Well site, the first and (in its day) most productive gas well in Westmoreland County.



The trail chapter's primary goal is to acquire and construct a twenty-two mile trail from Saltsburg to Trafford. The WHT will be built in segments as property and funding are obtained. The WHT has a wide, flat ADA-compliant surface suitable for everyone regardless of age or physical ability. The Heritage corridor includes historic community centers in Saltsburg, Slickville, Export, South Murrysville and Trafford, which grew from local industries in salt mining, coal mining, natural gas extraction, and steel making.

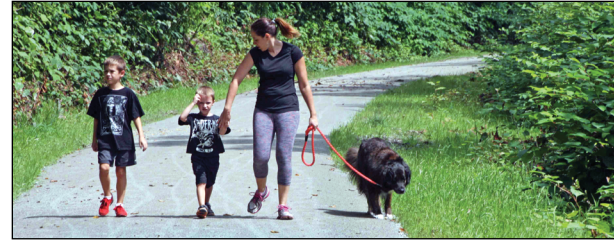
Westmoreland Heritage Trail East



In Saltsburg at the intersection of Canal Street and High Street (near playground), our Gateway Arch welcomes you to the WHT and WPT. The WHT connects with the West Penn Trail, part of the vast network of Trans Allegheny Trails, including the Blairsville Riverfront Trail, Hoodlebug Trail to Indiana, and Ghost Town Trail to Ebensburg.

As the trail exits Saltsburg it crosses over the Conemaugh River on a curved bridge then enters a tunnel under SR 981 before crossing the Loyalhanna Creek. The trail offers scenic views of Loyalhanna Creek and travels through open countryside for 2.5 miles to the Sara Steele Trail Access Area, at the intersection of County and Bortz Roads. The WHT continues with a slight incline within a canopy of trees to Slickville. Food and drink is available at the Deli in Slickville, located near the 4.5 mile post. Parking is available at the Slickville Volunteer Fire Department, 128 Main Street, Slickville, PA 15684. After crossing SR 819, the WHT continues past the Pavlovich Pavilion (a nice place to stop for lunch or a break) and climbs through a deep railroad cut and then runs downhill to cross Story Road. The trail travels across the causeway of Beaver Run Reservoir with scenic water views on both sides. After crossing Athena Drive the trail passes through refreshing forests to the John Rangos Trail Access area at mile post 8.75 in Salem Township, just east of the Borough of Delmont. The east section ends there at the present time.

Westmoreland Heritage Trail West



This section begins at the far end of the parking lot in Export at Lincoln Avenue. You will pass the Caboose and continue west along Turtle Creek past Helltown Brewery and Griff's Italian Ice & Soft Serve near Van Buren Street, before continuing into Murrysville. It goes under William Penn Highway (SR 22) at the Cozy Inn Cut-off heading to Haymaker Farm Road. It then passes the Murrysville SportZone, crosses School Road South, and runs around the rear of the Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, along Turtle Creek, alternating between bustling urbanized environments and natural areas.

Just past Cleveland Brothers, the trail passes the Roberts Trail Access at 4285 William Penn Highway, which includes parking, a visitor's center, restroom, and access to Murrysville's Duff Park and local businesses. This site also displays the 250th anniversary "Bells Across PA" installation, featuring a bell by artist Stacey Pydynkowski, one of two displayed in Westmoreland County. Progressing west from Roberts, the WHT is perched above Turtle Creek and parallels SR22. The Murrysville Community Center is accessible at Carson Avenue along with an information kiosk on Murrysville's history and views of the Haymaker Gas Well Historic Site. After crossing Trafford road the WHT soon enters the Turtle Creek Gorge – a wild, steep-sided, forested valley that runs for 5 miles to Trafford. Within the Gorge, the WHT goes under the PA Turnpike to the Saunders Station Trail Access Area on Saunders Station Road, then crosses Turtle Creek into Penn Township, and arrives in Trafford at Forbes Road. A ramp provides easy access to Parkside Creamery, and then it's on to Trafford's B-Y Park, which includes play and picnic areas. The trail then continues a short distance past B-Y Park but ends just about 1600' short of downtown Trafford. A connection to Downtown Trafford and the GAP Connector is in the planning stages.

Organization

The Westmoreland Heritage Trail Chapter (WHTC) is a volunteer organization associated with the Regional Trail Corporation. The Regional Trail Corporation (RTC) is a non-profit entity within Westmoreland, Fayette and Allegheny Counties, which promotes the acquisition and conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to recreational trails.

The WHTC is led by a twenty-one member board of volunteers, which includes government officials and community members from the municipalities through which the trail passes: Loyalhanna Township, Salem Township, Delmont, Export, Murrysville, Monroeville, Penn Township, and Trafford. The board includes representatives from Westmoreland County Bureau of Parks and Recreation and Westmoreland Conservation District. WHTC is working to build the trail across northern Westmoreland County as well as assisting other organizations to preserve and celebrate the historic and community resources along the trail and greenway corridor. The Board meets the second Thursday evening of every month. All are welcome.

For more information contact:

WHT Chapter web site:

www.westmorelandheritagetrail.com

provides directions to each trail access/parking location.

Regional Trail Corporation

(724) 872-5586 Call to make arrangements for holding an event on WHT.

Westmoreland County Bureau of Parks and Recreation

www.WestmorelandCountyPA.gov/Parks, click on 'Parks and Trails' / 'Westmoreland Heritage Trail'

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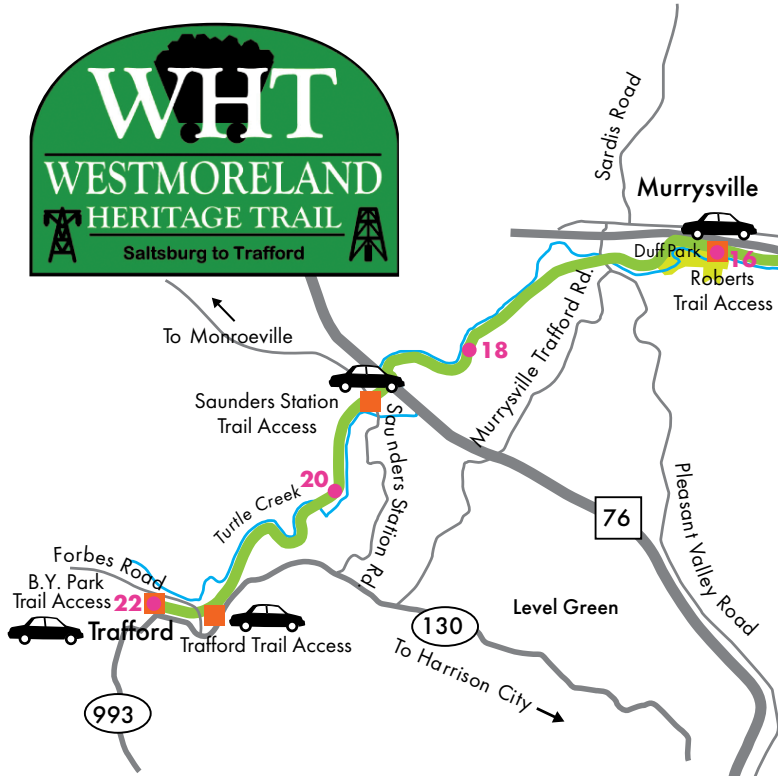


Biking, Hiking, Walking, Jogging & Cross-Country Skiing

		EAST SECTION					WEST SECTION					
Trailheads, Coordinates & Destinations		Saltsburg	Sara Steele	Slickville	Rangos	Mid Gap (future)	Export Lincoln Ave.	Old William Penn Trail	Roberts & Duff Park	Saunders Station	Trafford B-Y Park	Downtown Trafford (future)
EAST	Saltsburg 40°28'54.2"N, 79°26'51.8"W	X	2.6	4.8	8.6		12.5	13.8	16.0	19.3	21.4	22.5
	Sara Steele	2.6	X	2.2	6.1		10.0	11.2	13.4	16.7	18.9	19.6
	Slickville	4.8	2.2	X	3.9		7.8	9.0	11.2	14.5	16.7	17.4
	Rangos 40°25'42.7"N, 79°33'32.6"W	8.6	6.1	3.9	X		3.9	5.1	7.3	10.6	12.8	13.5
	Middle 3.9-mile Gap Rangos to Export (future)											
WEST	Export – Lincoln Ave.	12.5	10.0	7.8	3.9		X	1.2	3.4	6.7	8.9	9.6
	Old William Penn Trail Head	13.8	11.2	9.0	5.1		1.2	X	2.2	5.5	7.7	8.4
	Roberts & Duff Park 40°25'36.8"N, 79°41'02.1"W	16.0	13.4	11.2	7.3		3.4	2.2	X	3.3	5.5	6.2
	Saunders Station 40°24'33.1"N, 79°43'42.0"W	19.3	16.7	14.5	10.6		6.7	5.5	3.3	X	2.2	2.9
	Trafford – B-Y Park 40°23'19.3"N, 79°44'56.1W	21.4	18.9	16.7	12.8		8.9	7.7	5.5	2.2	X	0.7
	Downtown Trafford (future)	22.5	19.6	17.4	13.5		9.6	8.4	6.2	2.9	0.7	X

Distances are in Miles +/-

The WHTC's long term goal is to collaborate with others in Allegheny County to extend the trail to connect with the Great Allegheny Passage.



LEGEND

Completed Trail

Trail to be developed in the future

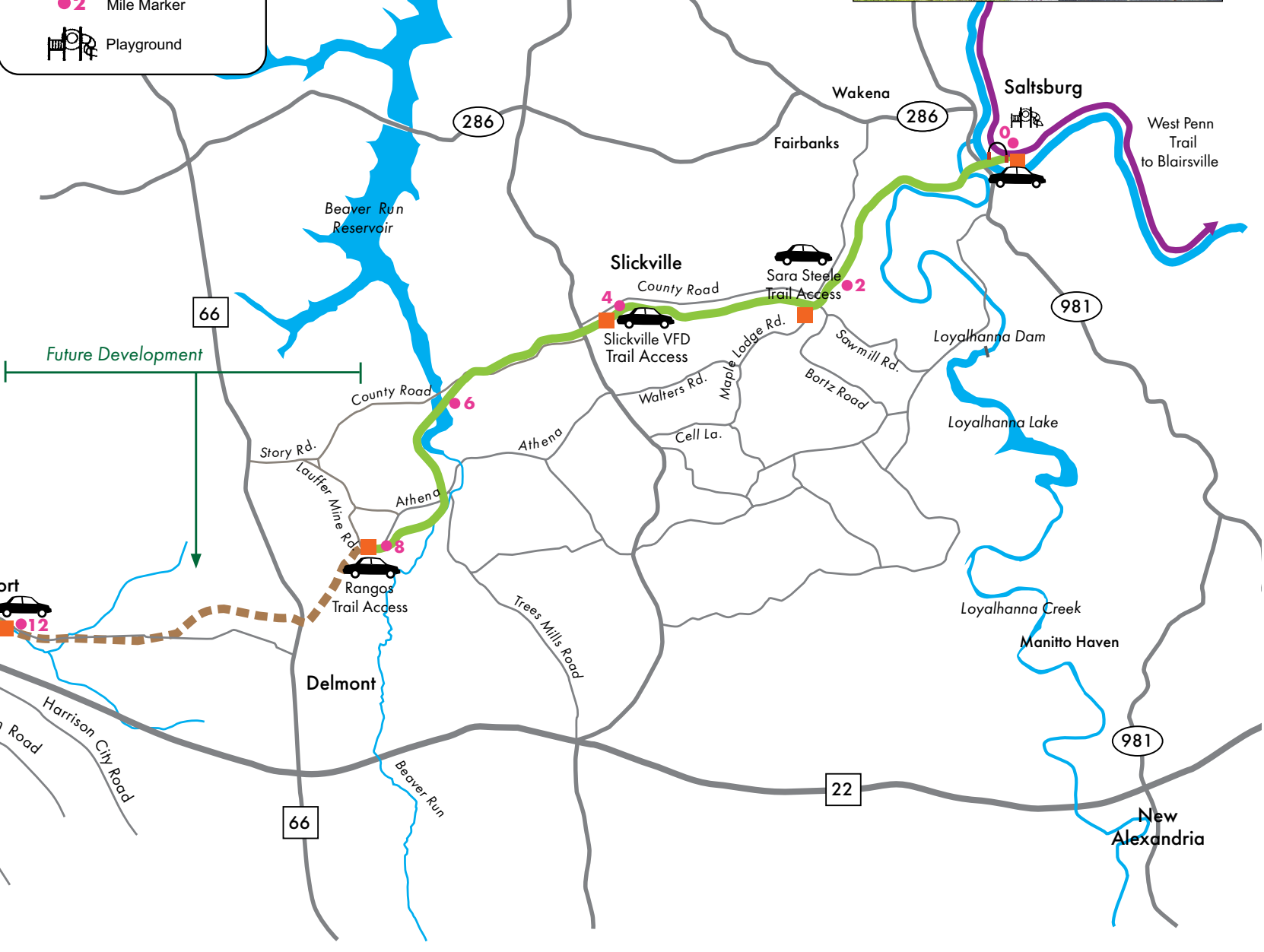
Roads

Streams

Trail Access and Parking

Mile Marker

Playground



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Membership Level

- ☐ Individual \$25
- ☐ Family \$30
- ☐ Ten-Year Individual \$150
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