

# Biking Trails in Montgomery County, and Surrounding Areas



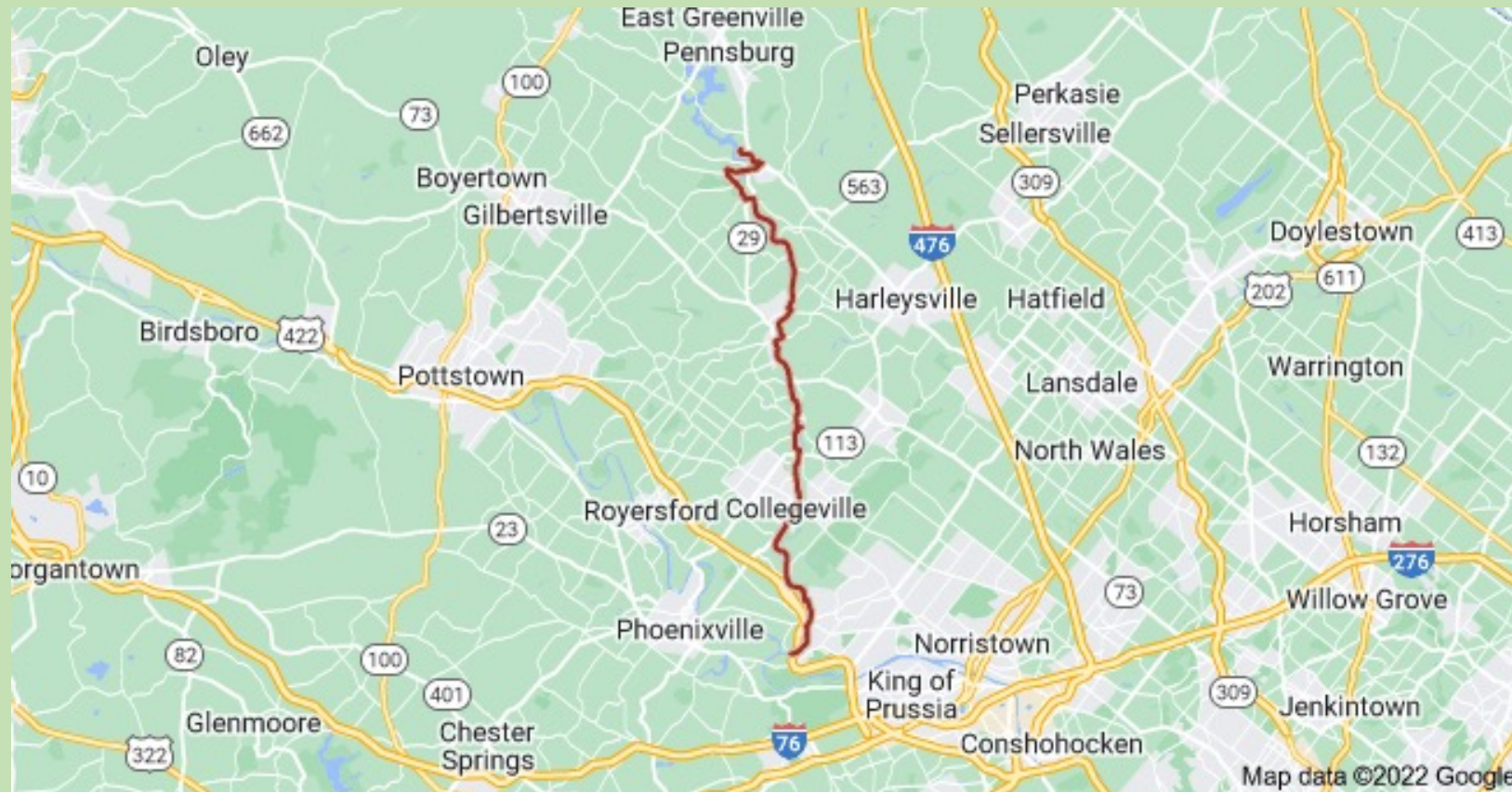
"Life is like riding  
a bicycle. To keep  
your balance you  
must keep  
moving."

Albert Einstein



# Perkiomen Trail

- <https://www.montcopa.org/1153/Perkiomen-Trail>



- 19 miles, Oaks to Green Lane
- Mostly rail-trail flat except for 2 hills: one at Spring Mountain, and one leading into Green Lane Park.
- Mostly fine gravel, some paved.
- Very scenic, mostly shaded.
- Rest rooms at Green Lane & some trailheads.
- Ends & Connects to Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) at Oaks.
- Ends at Green Lane Park.
- Restaurant adjacent to Trail at Schwenksville.
- See Perkiomen Trail website for parking/trailhead locations.

# Perkiomen Trail: Things to do and see

All are accessible to the Trail, and have parking.

- John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove

This 200+ acre property contains five miles of marked nature trails along the Perkiomen Creek. Trail maps are available at the new Center or they can be downloaded from the Audubon website. There is also the historic home of the Audubon's, a Museum, and 175 species of bird that frequent the property.

- Gov. Pennypacker House/Museum

A Colonial Revival mansion surrounded by 170 acres of farmland located on the shoreline of Perkiomen Creek near Schwenksville. Safely connected to the Perkiomen Trail, on the Rte 73 bridge over the Creek.

- Spring Mountain Adventures Sports and Skiing

Skiing, Snowboarding, & Ice Skating are all available in the village of Spring Mount, immediately adjacent to the Perkiomen Creek and Trail. There are 8 ski trails, 2 snow tubing runs, 4 lifts, terrain lift.

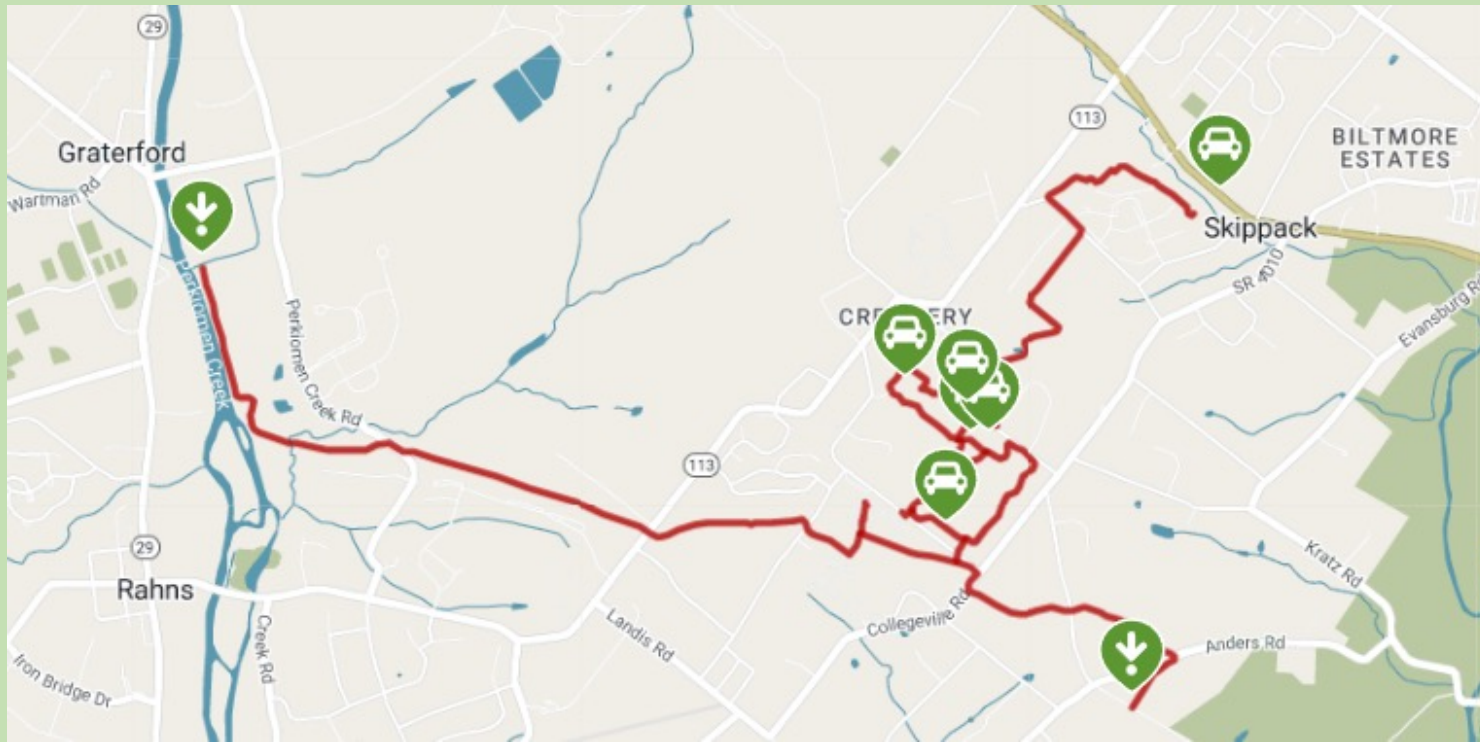
- Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Watershed conservation and education

- Green Lane Park, Lakes, and Amphitheater

The northern terminus of the Perkiomen Trail brings you to this park, which has nature trails, fishing, boating, picnicking, and a special event Amphitheater.



# Skippack Trail



- 3.3 miles, From Connection with the Perkiomen Trail to Evansburg State Park or the village of Skippack.
- Evansburg State Park is just what it says it is. And this trail connects it to the Perkiomen Trail.
- Mostly rail-trail flat except for one long, steep hill. Mostly paved.
- Very scenic and very suburban.
- Rest rooms not available except on the Perkiomen Trail.
- Connects to Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) at Oaks via the Perkiomen Trail.
- Many restaurants in Skippack..

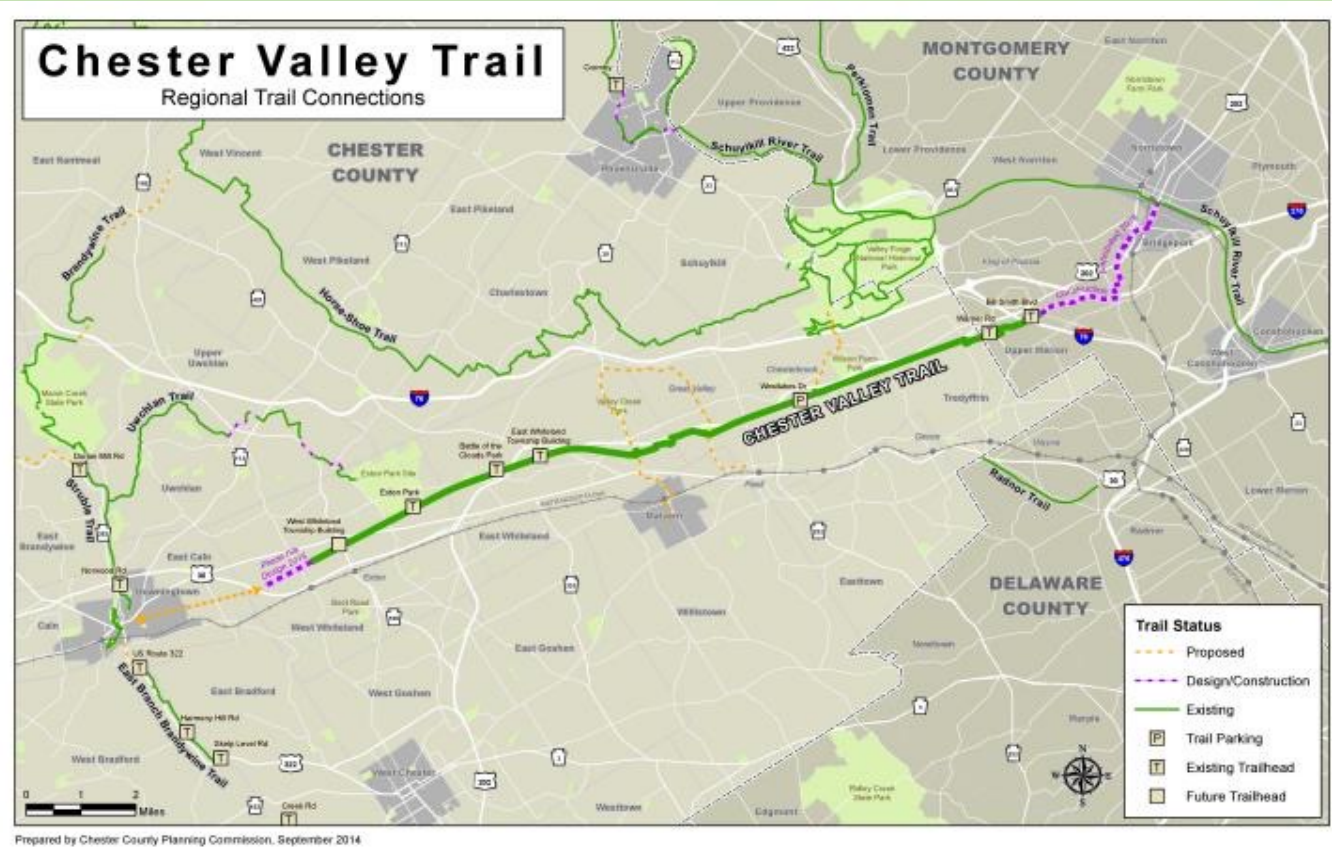




"If I can bicycle, I bicycle."  
Sir David Attenborough

# Chester Valley Trail

<https://www.chesco.org/4643/Chester-Valley-Trail>



- 18.6 miles from Exton to the Norristown Transportation Center is completely paved and rail-trail flat to nearly flat.
- The 3.9 mile extension of the Chester Valley Trail to the Schuylkill River Trail at the Norristown Transportation Center was completed in March 2023.
- There are long term plans to extend the CVT to Downingtown at the other end.
- The CVT is scenic and varied. A portion of the trail is parallel to Route 202 and can be a bit noisy.
- There are currently rest rooms or porta-potties at 5 locations and parking at 7 locations, mostly at trailheads.
- Restaurants are off-trail in Exton, Malvern and King of Prussia.
- See the Chester Valley Trail website map for Trailhead and Parking locations.



# Chester Valley Trail: Things to do and see

- Shopping Malls

The **King of Prussia Mall** is close to Trail towards the eastern end, and the **Exton Square Mall** is at the western end of the Trail. They are not exactly immediately adjacent to the Trail; however, they are either in sight or almost in sight of the Trail. It would be possible to ride one's bike to one of these malls, but being careful goes a long way. Sadly, while King of Prussia has more than survived COVID and online shopping, Exton has not. The future of the Exton Square Mall is not yet determined.

- Ecology Park

Designed as a passive recreational facility, Ecology Park exhibits various ecosystems that exist along a stream corridor. A 4-foot wide, stone dust pathway system meanders through existing woodlands and a wildflower meadow near Route 401 (Conestoga Road). A wooden boardwalk offers an elevated view of the park's surrounding wetland habitat. Located adjacent to the East Whiteland Trailhead of the Chester Valley Trail

- Battle of the Clouds Park

Also known as the Battle of Whitehorse Tavern or the Battle of Goshen, this was an aborted engagement of the Philadelphia campaign of the American Revolutionary War on September 16, 1777 in the area surrounding present day Malvern, Pennsylvania. A downpour from the clouds ended up with neither side winning the battle.





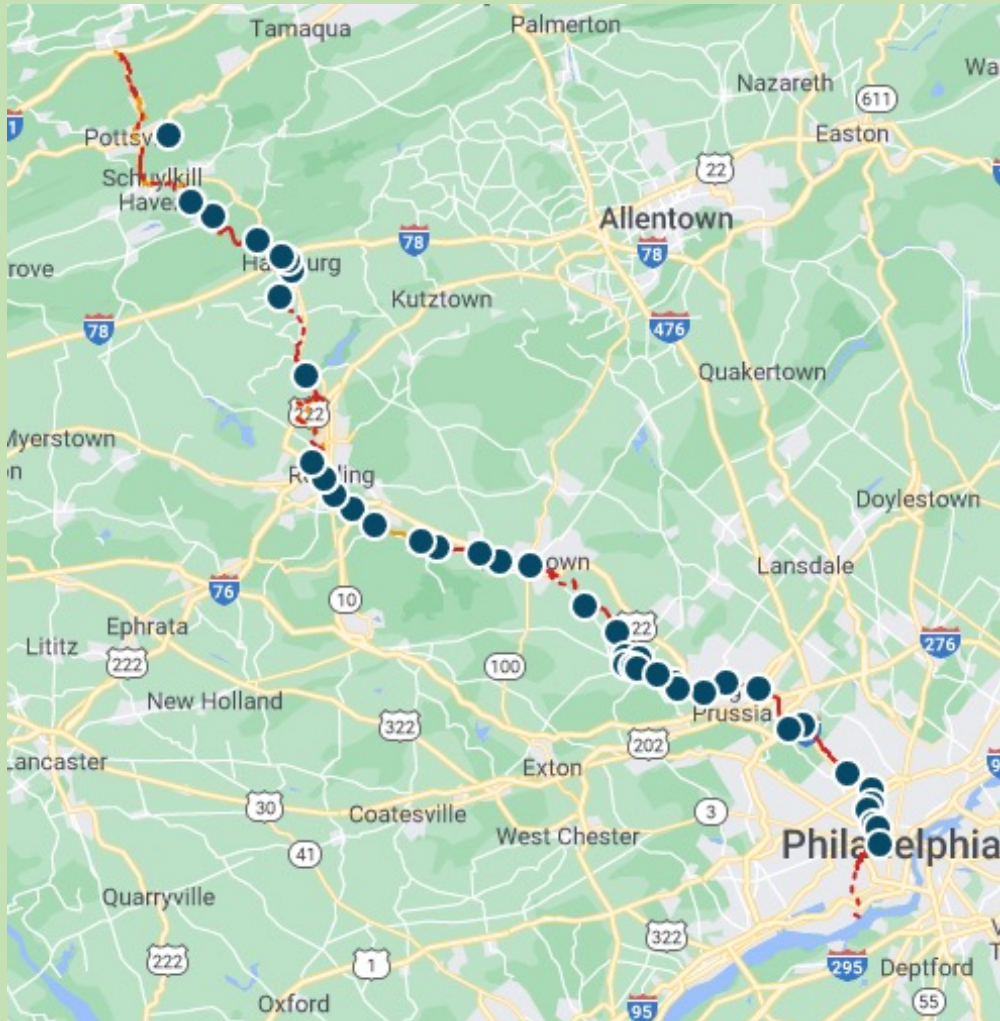
"When I see an adult on a bicycle, I do not despair for the future of the human race."

H. G. Wells



# Schuylkill River Trail

<https://schuylkillriver.org/map/>



- 120 miles from center city Philadelphia to Frackville in Schuylkill County, continuous from Philadelphia to Route 422 near Pottstown. It traverses Philadelphia, Montgomery, Chester, Berks, and Schuylkill Counties.
- Beyond Pottstown, the trail is discontinuous but mapped and planned.
- Southeast of Route 422 it is almost completely rail-trail flat, with exception of a fairly significant “hill” behind Phoenixville.
- Southeast of Rout 422, it is almost completely paved surface with exception of a few spots near Manayunk.
- The SRT is scenic and varied with views of river, country, towns, and cities.
- Rest rooms or porta-potties are located at some trailheads and most county parks.
- The SRT connects with the Perkiomen Trail at Oaks, with the Cross-County Trail at Conshohocken, and with the Chester Valley Trail at the Norristown Transportation Center.
- Restaurants are sparse, with exception of Phoenixville and Philadelphia.
- See the Schuylkill River Trail website Interactive Map for Trailhead and Parking locations.

# Schuylkill River Trail: Things to do and see

- The Website

The **Trail Towns** section of the **Schuylkill River Trail Website** is a great place to explore.

<https://schuylkillriver.org/schuylkill-river-trail/trailtowns/>

- Philadelphia

You can get a great view of Philly from the Trail, which follows the river bank of the Schuylkill River in the downtown district. You can also ride your bike off of the Trail and see other parts of the city. Center City is virtually flat, and there is much to see and places to eat.



- Valley Forge National Park

This historical park has miles of trails throughout for walking and biking, and it is connected directly to the Schuylkill River Trail at the Betzwood Trailhead.

Check out the Valley Forge Website: <https://www.valleyforge.org/things-to-do/>



- Phoenixville

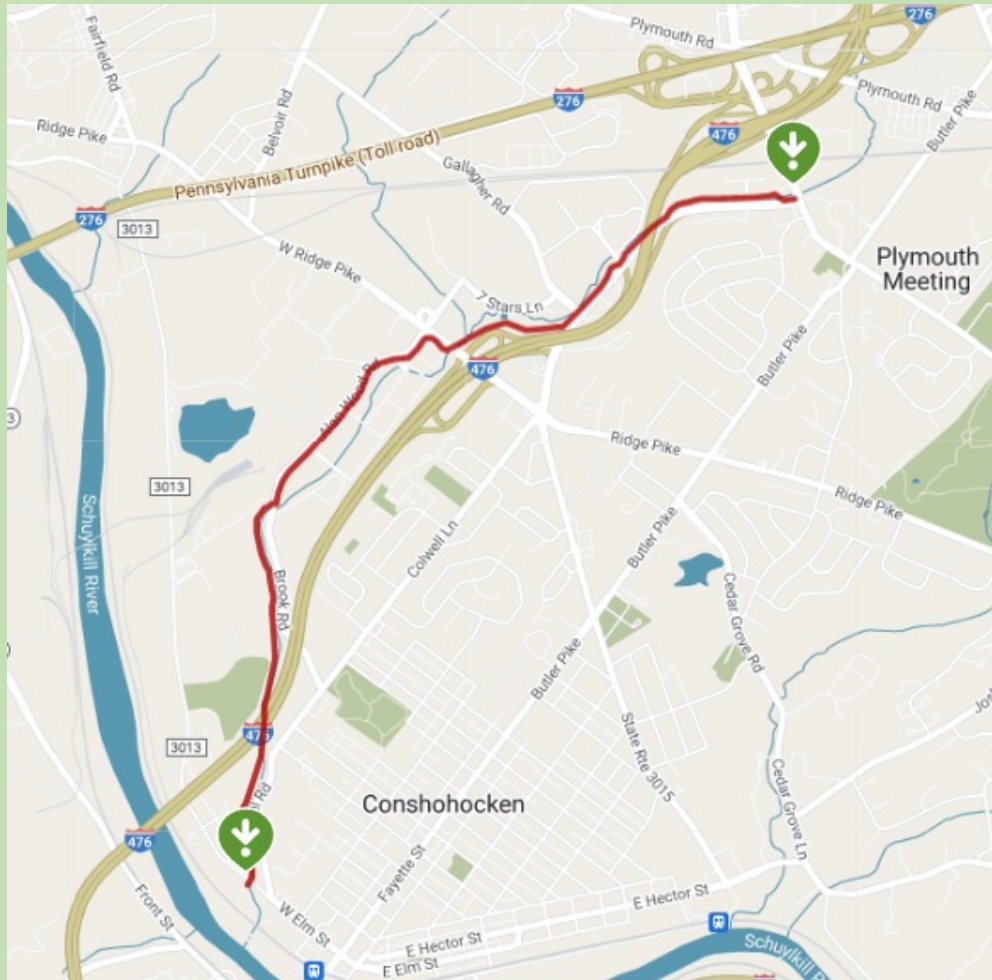
Another very walkable city with a pleasant town center, full of shops and dining places. And the Trail runs right through Phoenixville.



# Cross County Trail

<https://www.montcopa.org/921/Cross-County-Trail>

## Map



The Cross County Trail runs for 3 miles between the [Schuylkill River Trail](#) in Conshohocken and the village of Plymouth Meeting. The trail links suburban shopping with neighborhoods and mostly parallels a short section of I-476.

Plans call for extending the trail to a total of 17.5 miles, crossing Montgomery County on a north-south link and connecting with other regional trail systems.

### **Parking and Trail Access**

On evenings and weekends you can park at the SEPTA station parking lots along the trail. You can also park in the lots owned by the big box stores found along the route.

# Cross County Trail

<https://www.montcopa.org/921/Cross-County-Trail>

- From its connection with the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) in Conshohocken, the Cross County Trail is only 3 miles long to Germantown Pike in Plymouth Township.
- It is projected to cover 17.5 miles into Willow Grove and into Bucks County.
- It will also connect up with the Wissahickon Green Ribbon Trail, giving users access to Fort Washington State Park, Morris Arboretum, and Fairmount Park in Philadelphia.
- This trail is almost completely rail-trail flat, with exception of a hill coming north from the connection with the Schuylkill River Trail.
- It was designed and built as a paved trail thus far.
- The CCT is scenic and varied in it's views of towns, suburbs, and cities.
- Restaurants may be available off-trail,



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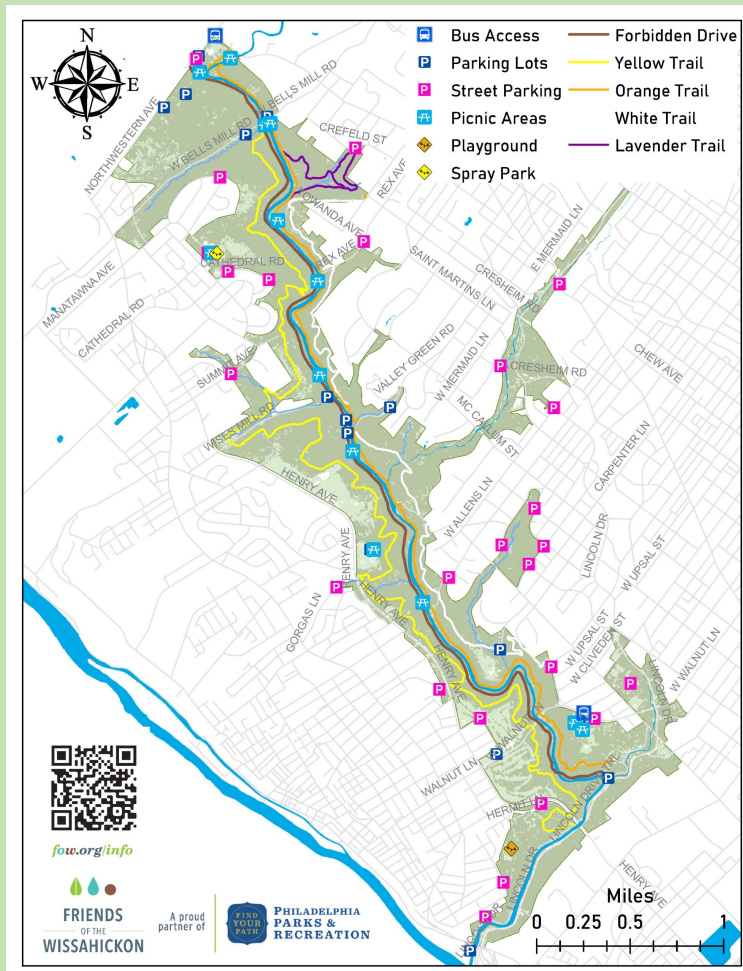
P.J. O'Rourke



# Wissahickon Valley Trail

a.k.a. Forbidden Drive

<https://fow.org/visit-the-park/maps/>



- The Wissahickon Valley Trail, a.k.a. Forbidden Drive is 7 miles long.
- It begins at the intersection of Northwestern Ave with Thomas Dr in Wyndmoor. It ends at the Lincoln Drive in Philadelphia.
- It is made of gravel, dirt, and asphalt.
- It is part of the larger trail system in Fairmont Park which has 50 miles of trails, which are open to walkers and equestrians.
- It connects with the Schuylkill River Trail at the south end, and with the Wissahickon Green Ribbon Trail via local roadways in Montgomery County.
- Accessible restaurants include one on Northwestern Avenue, one on the trail near its upper Trailhead, and the Valley Green Inn on the Trail.
- There are porta-potties at the upper Trailhead.

# Wissahickon Valley Trail

Philadelphia, PA.

## Things to See and Do

- See historic sites, mills, and buildings throughout Fairmont Park
- Explore a covered bridge
- Visit Morris Arboretum just a short automobile ride up Northwestern Ave
- Dine at Valley Green Inn, the last of the roadhouses on the trail.



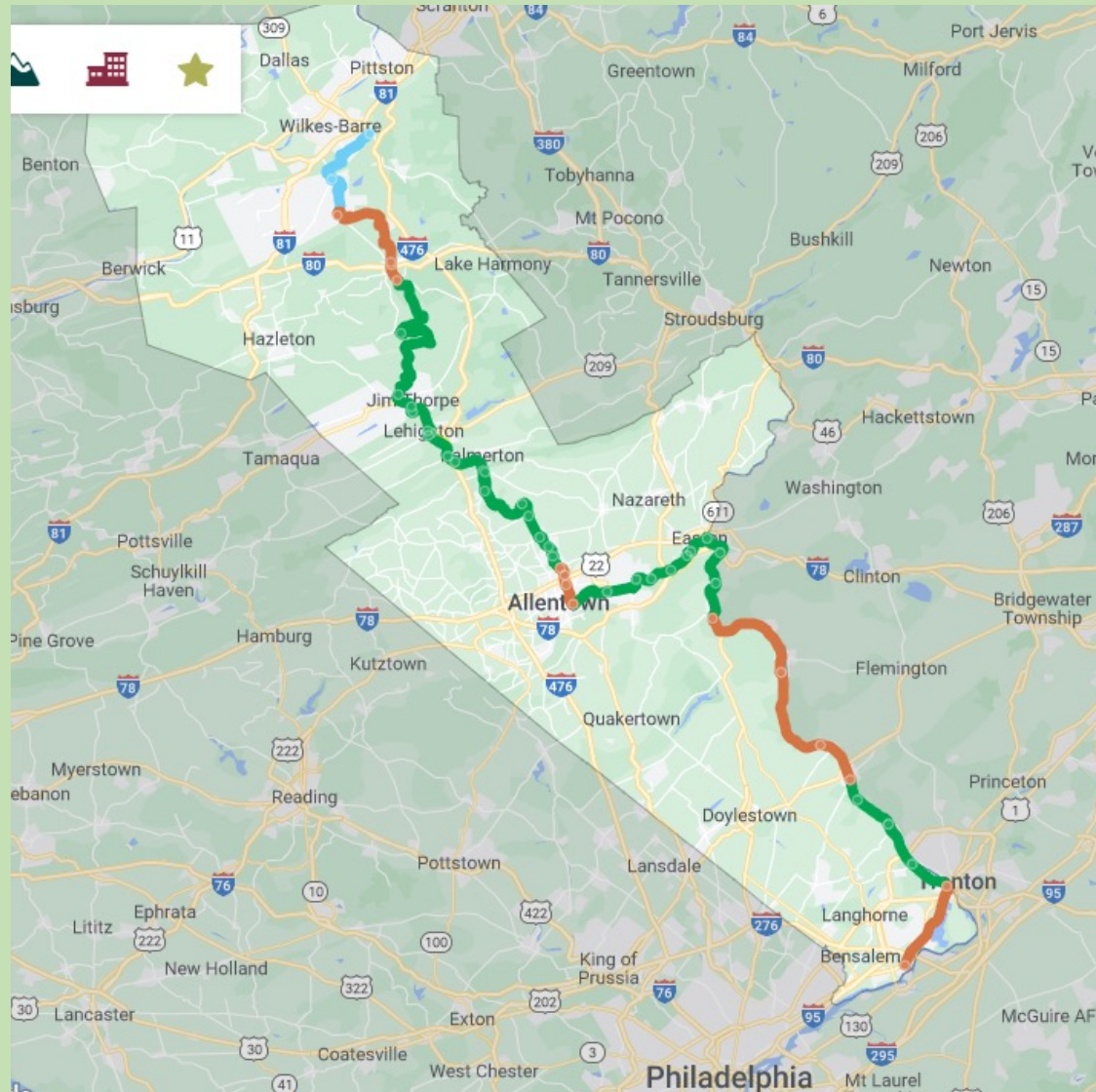
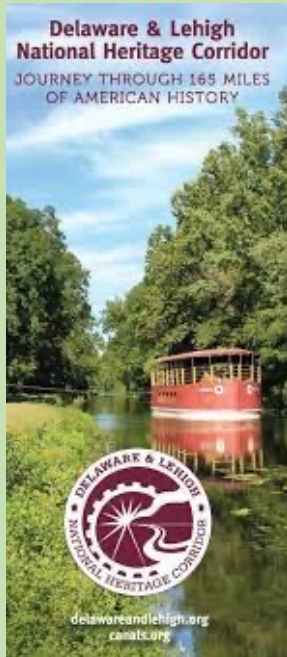
Morris Arboretum





# Delaware & Lehigh Canal Trail

<https://delawareandlehigh.org/map/>



- 165 miles, 5 Counties, Bristol to Wilkes- Barre.
- Map Key
  - Complete, Open
  - Obstruction in Section
  - Future Planned
- At Easton the trail makes a westward turn to Allentown at which point it turns north following the Lehigh River through Jim Thorp.
- This trail is one of the most scenic trails in Eastern PA.
- It is accompanied by a canal that once carried coal from the mountains to the city.
- It is generally rail-trail flat.
- It is largely a packed-gravel trail with occasional paved sections.
- See the D&L website for information on restrooms and parking.

# Delaware & Lehigh River Trail: Things to do and see

- The D&L Trail

From Bristol to Easton to Allentown to Wilkes-Barre, this 165 mile Trail covers too much land to write about, so here are a few Web Links to help you get started.

**Bucks County:** <https://delawareandlehigh.org/about/>

**Lehigh Valley:** <https://www.discoverlehighvalley.com/blog/post/exploring-the-delaware-lehigh-national-heritage-corridor/>

**Northern Gorge:** <https://www.discovernepa.com/articles-and-stories/sights-stops-along-the-northern-dl-trail/>

- Tinicum

Tinicum Park is directly on the Trail and Canal. It also hosts the Tinicum Art Festival every summer in July, and it hosts the Tinicum Polo Club every Sunday.

- Jim Thorpe

Quaint village in the mountains near the Trail and an operating sightseeing train in the summer.

- Lehigh Gorge

The D & L Trail sits aside an active railway through the Lehigh River Gorge.

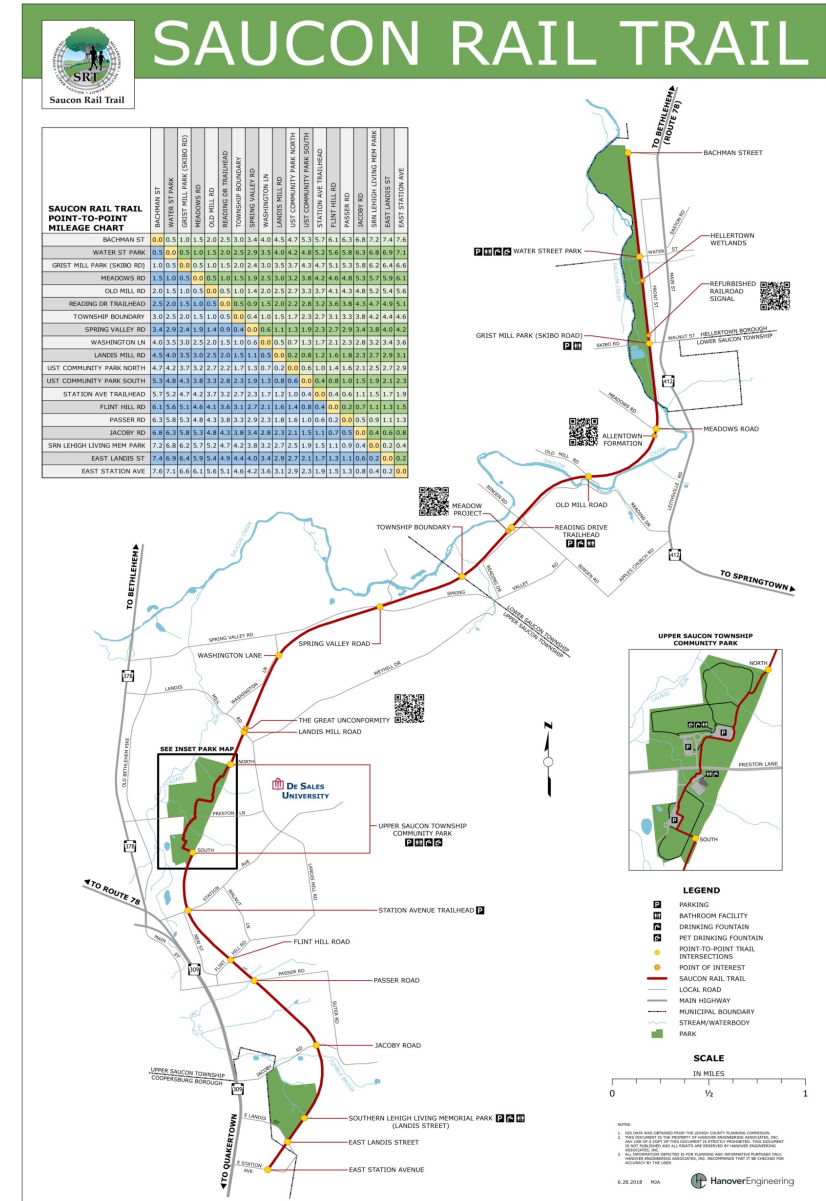


# Saucon Valley Trail

[sauconrailtrail.org](http://sauconrailtrail.org)



- 12.0 miles, Upper Saucon Twp (Richlandtown soon) to Hellertown.
- Mostly rail-trail flat, with some slight incline.
- Mostly fine gravel, some paved.
- Very scenic, mostly shaded.
- Rest rooms at the Upper Saucon Twp Community Park.
- Porta-potties at some trailheads.
- Will connect to Bethlehem South Greenway just above the end of the SRT.
- Restaurants in Coopersburg and Hellertown
- 8 Trailhead Parking Areas



# Saucon Valley Trail: Things to do and see



- The Trail

Though fairly short in length, this trail is among the better, shadier, and more scenic trails around. The neighborhood community is worth seeing as well. Well groomed, well built, and well maintained. Not to mention the golf course immediately to the north.



- Center Valley

DeSales University sits on a campus of 550 acres, just off-trail by about a mile. This University is well known for its Master's in Criminal Justice Program, its Computer Information Technology Program, and its Theater Arts Program. Not to mention attracting the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival in the summer semester, attracting actors from New York and far and wide.



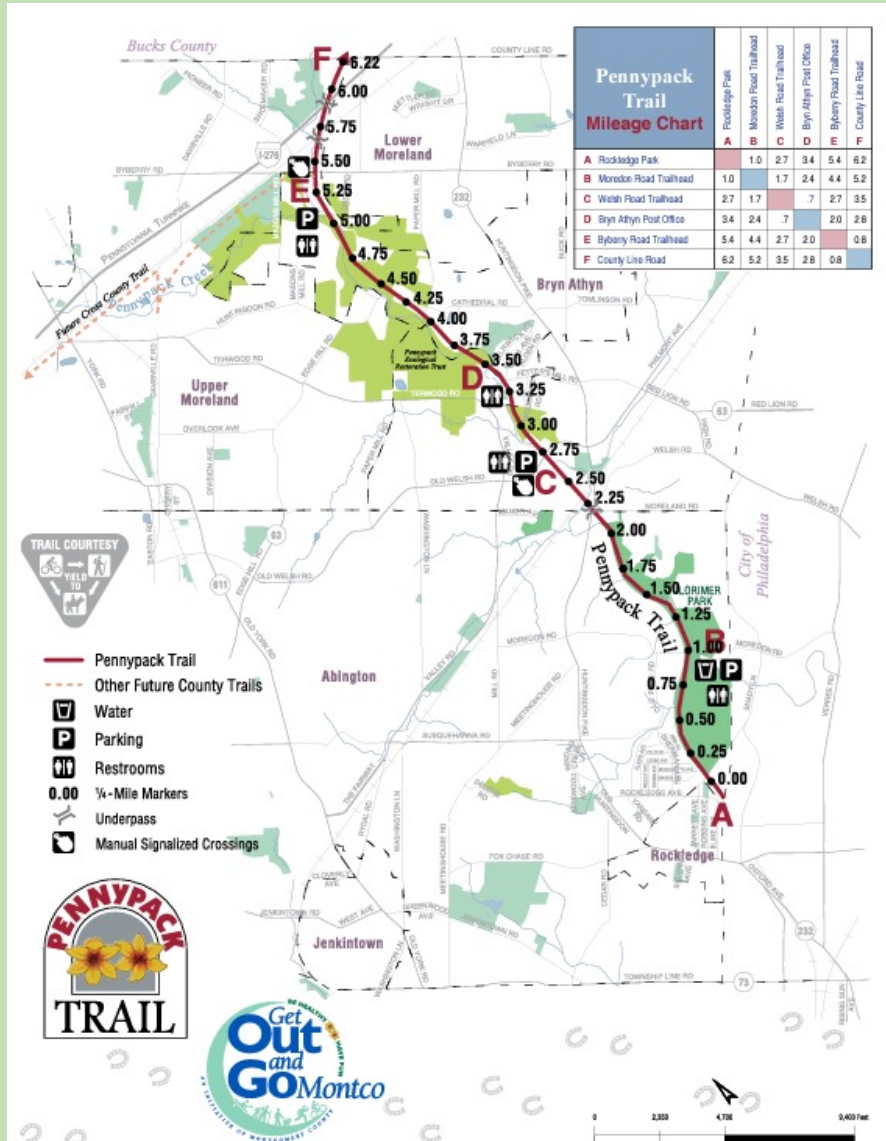
- Hellertown

The Braveheart Highland Scottish Pub, at 430 Main Street, just a few blocks off-trail, offers a menu-full of Scottish food and drink. Dining inside and outside.



# Pennypack Trail

Map Address:



- 14 miles, from State Road in Holmesburg, Philadelphia to Byberry Road in Huntingdon Valley.
- In Philadelphia, the Trail is mostly rail-trail flat, following along the Pennypack Creek. In Montgomery County, it becomes hilly.
- In Philadelphia the Trail is paved, but in Montgomery County it is crushed stone..
- Very urban, but the Pennypack Creek corridor is very scenic, mostly shaded.
- It is part of the East Coast Greenway.
- It connects to the Baxter Trail, currently under construction.

## Pennypack Trail: Things to see and do

- Betrayers Swamp – An Audubon designated Important Bird Area.
- Lorimer Park – Rich in Wildlife
- Long Abandoned Mills – Look for the many water-powered Mills left over from Colonial Times.



"When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hope hardly seems worth having, just mount a bicycle and go out for a spin down the road, without thought on anything but the ride you are taking."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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