

## Giving Opportunities

Redbank Valley Trails Association is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed in 2010 to develop and maintain the trail. RVTA acquired ownership of the trail on Feb. 18, 2020. The trail is available to the public at no cost. Donations are appreciated.

Giving opportunities include the May Day of Giving, December challenge, memorial contributions and donations of any amount mailed to RVTA. Participation in projects, clean up days, on call maintenance and Adopt-a-Trail volunteer work is appreciated. Contact us or follow us on Facebook to see how you might join our terrific volunteers in improving and maintaining the trail.

## Membership

Membership is not required to use and enjoy the 4-season non-motorized trails, but is appreciated. Visit our website to download a membership form.

Individual	\$20 (Annually)
Family	\$50 (Annually)
Business/Org.	\$50 (Annually)
Individual Lifetime	\$200
Family Lifetime	\$350
Business Lifetime	\$500

## Board of Directors

RVTA's Board of Directors meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM at New Bethlehem Town Center at 419 Arch Street, New Bethlehem unless otherwise announced. Members and visitors are welcomed to attend.

## History Along The Trail

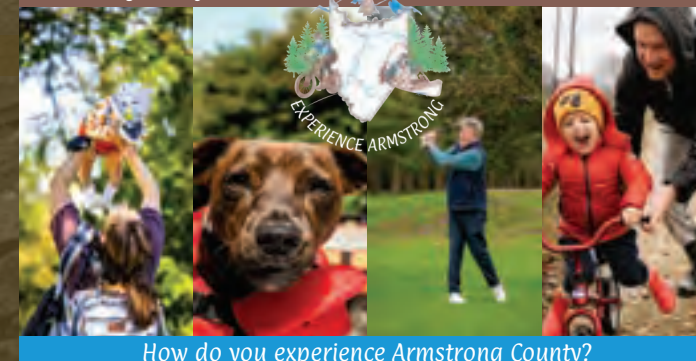
MP 0	Redbank Coaling Tower
MP 5.8	Lawsonham Station & Sligo Spur
MP 14.8	St. Charles Refractory
MP 15	Tornado of 1860
MP 17	Climax Brick Plant
MP 17.1	Climax Tunnel
MP 19	Coke Ovens & Long Run Arch
MP 19.2	New Bethlehem Tile Company
MP 20.28	New Bethlehem
MP 20.6	Beer, Milk or Peanut Butter
MP 22.3	Fishbasket Native American Indian Village
MP 22.95	Oak Ridge Turntable
MP 24	Hawthorn Pottery
MP 34	Summerville Station
MP 35.63	Gristmill
MP 35.63	Moore Road Terror on the Bridge
MP 35.96	Rachel Carson Bridge
MP 37.4	Railroad Cistern
MP 38.7	Puckerty Joe Settlement
Depot Street	Brookville History at Trailhead

Markers on many of our bridges memorialize or honor people important to the area's history. There are also metal sculptures and other works of art placed along the trail.

Coke ovens along the Redbank Creek at MP 19



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## Adopt-a-Trail

RVTA has 51 miles of trails to maintain and monitor. The Adopt-a-Trail Program is a plan to make sure every mile is getting proper attention. All users are strongly encouraged to pick up trash and address minor issues or report problems they see anywhere on the trails.

If you would like to adopt a section of the trail, please see what is available on our website under the Adopt-a-Trail section and then contact us to register.

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Climax Tunnel

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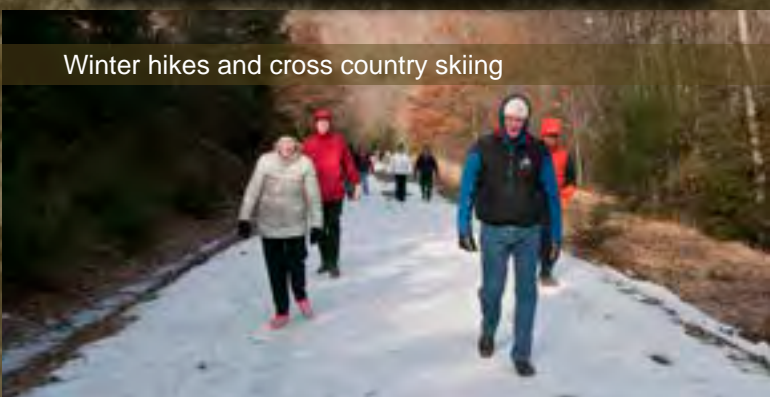
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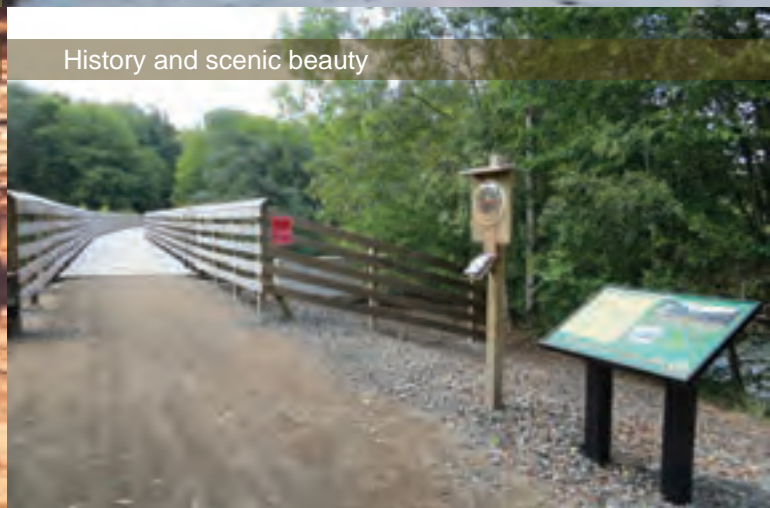
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## Towns Along The Trail

**Brookville**  
Settled: 1797  
Incorporated: 1830  
Population: 3763  
Lat.: 41.159654  
Long.: -79.080276  
Elevation: 1,239 ft

Brookville, county seat of Jefferson County, is located at MP 41 of the Redbank Valley Trail. It is home to the Jefferson County History Center, restaurants, hotels, services, shopping, Scripture Rocks Park, and the annual Western PA Laurel Festival each summer. The Brookville Historic District, Brookville Presbyterian Church and Manse, Gray-Taylor House, Joseph E. Hall House and Phillip Taylor House are all listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on a walking tour.

**Summerville**  
Settled: 1812  
Incorporated: 1887  
Population: 503  
Lat.: 41.116428  
Long.: -79.188391  
Elevation: 1,185 ft

Located at MP 34, Summerville is on the west side of Jefferson Co. It has Eats and Sweets restaurant 2 blocks from the trail, an outfitter, Dollar General, and service station .3 miles south along State St. to SR 28.

**Hawthorn**  
Incorporated: 1916  
Population: 450  
Lat.: 41.020621  
Long.: -79.274163  
Elevation: 1,094 ft

Hawthorn is home to a restaurant and the United Valley Soccer Association at MP 24. It is the former home of Hawthorn Pottery. A kayak launch is located to the east of the Walker Flat Road bridge near the circle.

**New Bethlehem**  
Settled: 1840  
Incorporated: 1853  
Population: 901  
Lat.: 41.003302  
Long.: -79.330935  
Elevation: 1,077 ft

Located at the midpoint (MP 20.12) of the Trail, New Bethlehem is the southern gateway to the PA Wilds and the Lumber Heritage Region. It is has many grand historic homes, churches, a history center, art gallery, trail office, and tourism info at 419 Arch St., Gumtown Park, kayak launch, many restaurants, banks, grocery, services, Trail-side Stay B&B, gas and shopping. The Peanut Butter Festival is in Mid-September. The Brick House B&B is nearby in Oak Ridge (MP 22.35).

## Towns Near The Trail

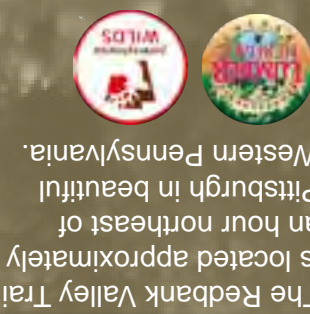
**Sligo**  
Settled: 1828  
Incorporated: 1878  
Population: 652  
Lat.: 41.107700  
Long.: -79.493350  
Elevation: 1,267 ft

Rimersburg's business district is not on the trail. Main St. is less than 1 mile from the south via 3 routes from SR861. Rimersburg has Avalon Guest House, several restaurants, a grocery store, gas station, banks and shopping.

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## Bike The Trail!

## Trail Quick Facts

- The trail follows Redbank Creek for 41.5 miles thru undeveloped, natural areas and several towns.
- Connects with Armstrong Trail and EPTA at Allegheny River at MP 0 and Brookville at MP 41.5.
- Sligo Spur extends 9 miles from Lawsonham at MP 5.8 to one mile south of Sligo.
- The trail is now privately owned and open for non-motorized public use from dawn to dusk.
- Corridor built in 1870's by Allegheny Valley Rail Road as Bennett's Branch Low Grade to Driftwood.
- Maintains less than 1% grade throughout, except at Middle Run Rd. at MP 21.76 (steep 8-9% grade) and Sligo Spur up to 3% in places.
- It begins at an elevation of 825.4' above sea level at the Redbank Creek's confluence with the Allegheny River and rises to 1220.0' at Mile Post 41.5
- There are 9 stone arches, 3 tunnels and many bridges.
- The tunnels are:
  - Long Point at MP 8.4
  - 644 ft., masonry & brick entrances, curved natural rock interior. Unimproved, travel at own risk.
  - Climax at MP 17.05
  - 608 ft. - brick and stone lined, on a curved alignment.
  - Brookville at MP 41.11
  - 754 feet, brick and stone lined. (Closed)
- Natural resource-based industries, rail stations and facilities existed along the corridor, including a distillery, coke ovens, coal mines, furniture, pottery, glass, tile and brick works.
- Gas wells and a peanut butter factory (at MP 20.53) still exist.
- Improvements to the trail began in July 2010 and are continuing.

## Trail Links

- Armstrong Trail (MP 0)  
www.armstrongtrails.org
- Baker Trail  
www.rachelcarsontrails.org/trails/baker-trail (MP 30.8)
- Erie to Pittsburgh Trails Alliance (MP 0)  
www.eriepittsburghtrail.org
- North Country Trails  
www.northcountrytrail.org
- Allegheny Valley Trails Association  
www.avta-trails.org
- Rail 66 Country Trail  
www.rail-66.com

## Bridges - Arches - Tunnels

Bridges may be slippery. Use lights in tunnels. At Middle Run Rd. (MP 21.76) steeply sloped ramps (8-9%) replace a bridge. Runs pass under stone arches.

MB = Memorial Bridge.  
# = RR identification number

Mile	Crosses	Length	Bridge/Tunnel Name
1.02	Mortimer Run	65'	R. Vidunas Mem. Covered Br.
5.65	Turkey Run	15'	stone arch (#268)
5.78	Wildcat Run	15'	stone arch (#267)
7.33	Buck Lick Run	10'	stone arch (#266)
8.42	Tunnel	644'	Long Point
10.25	Rock Run	10'	stone arch (#265)
11.84	Middle Run	8'	stone arch (#264)
14.90	Leatherwood Run	56'	Nathan Goutley MB (#263)
17.05	Tunnel	608'	Climax
19.02	Long Run/Bridge	80'	Terry Mateer MB.stone arch (#262)
20.30	Redbank Creek	220'	Trail Volunteer/Bostonia Branch
19.81	Traits Run	15'	stone arch (#261)
20.53	Leasure Run/Keck Ave.	45'	John Galt Bridge (#260)
21.76	Middle Run Road		no bridge (#259) ramps
22.27	Town Run	57'	Justin Burkett MB (#258)
22.85	Oak Ridge Rd.	31'	Ray Doverspike MB (#257)
24.77	Pine Run	57'	Adam Mohney MB (#256)
26.47	no name run	15'	stone arch (#254)
28.68	Patton Run	16'	stone arch (#253)
30.76	Redbank Creek	221'	Darl L. Kennemuth MB (#252)
31.43	Beaver Run	57'	bridge (#251)
35.63	Redbank Creek	212'	Rev. Dr. Joseph Mateer MB (#250)
35.92	Redbank Creek	267'	Rachel Carson MB (#249)
37.18	Rattlesnake Run		culvert (#248)
37.96	Redbank Creek	240'	Dr. Nicholas J. Pozza MB (#247)
39.28	Coder Run	36'	Bea Willeumier MB (#246)
41.00	Redbank Creek	212'	Rose Siding Bridge (#245)
41.11	Tunnel (Closed)	754'	Brookville Tunnel
41.21	Sandy Lick Creek	172'	closed bridge (#244)
41.28	Private Road	67'	closed bridge (#243)
50.92	Wildcat Run	51'	bridge
51.02	Wildcat Run	60'	bridge
56.81	Cherry Run	46'	Chuck Marsh MB

## For More Information About The Area:

**Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce**  
100 Franklin Avenue  
Brookville, PA 15825  
814-849-8448  
www.brookvillechamber.com

**Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce**  
309 Broad Street, Suite 2  
New Bethlehem, PA 16242  
814-275-3929  
www.redbankchamber.com

**Redbank Renaissance**  
New Bethlehem area and trail town information.  
814-275-1718  
www.redbankren.org

**PA Wilds**  
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www.pawilds.com

**PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau**  
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814-849-5197  
www.VisitPaGo.com

**Redbank Valley Visitor, Community Information and links to other sites.**  
info@RedbankValley.org  
www.RedbankValley.org

**Redbank Valley Park**  
Campground near mile 22.3  
www.redbankvalleypark.com  
814-365-5924

**Clairion County Trails Association**  
www.clairiontrails.com

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**The Gallery at New Bethlehem Town Center**  
Trail Office, Tourism Info  
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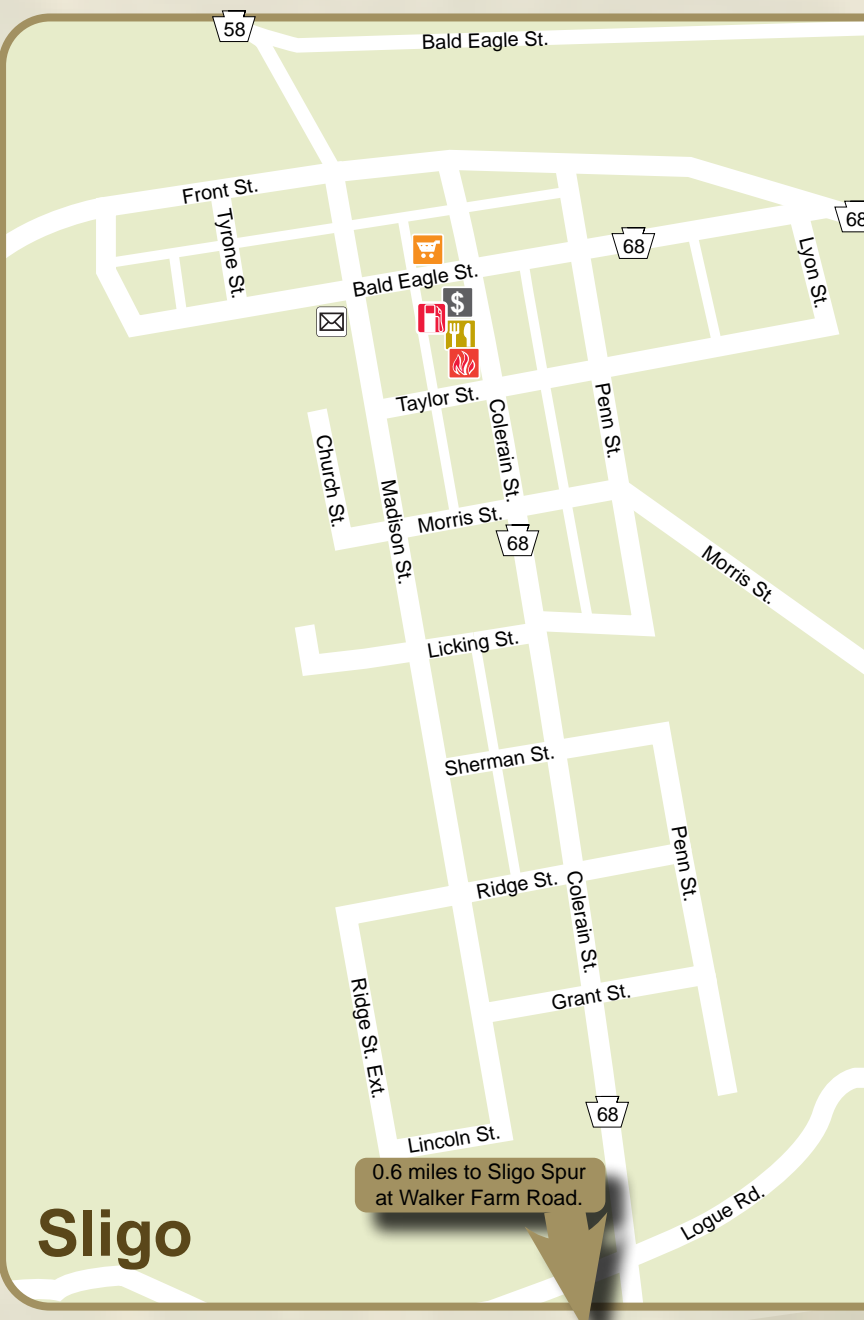


### Picnic Shelters

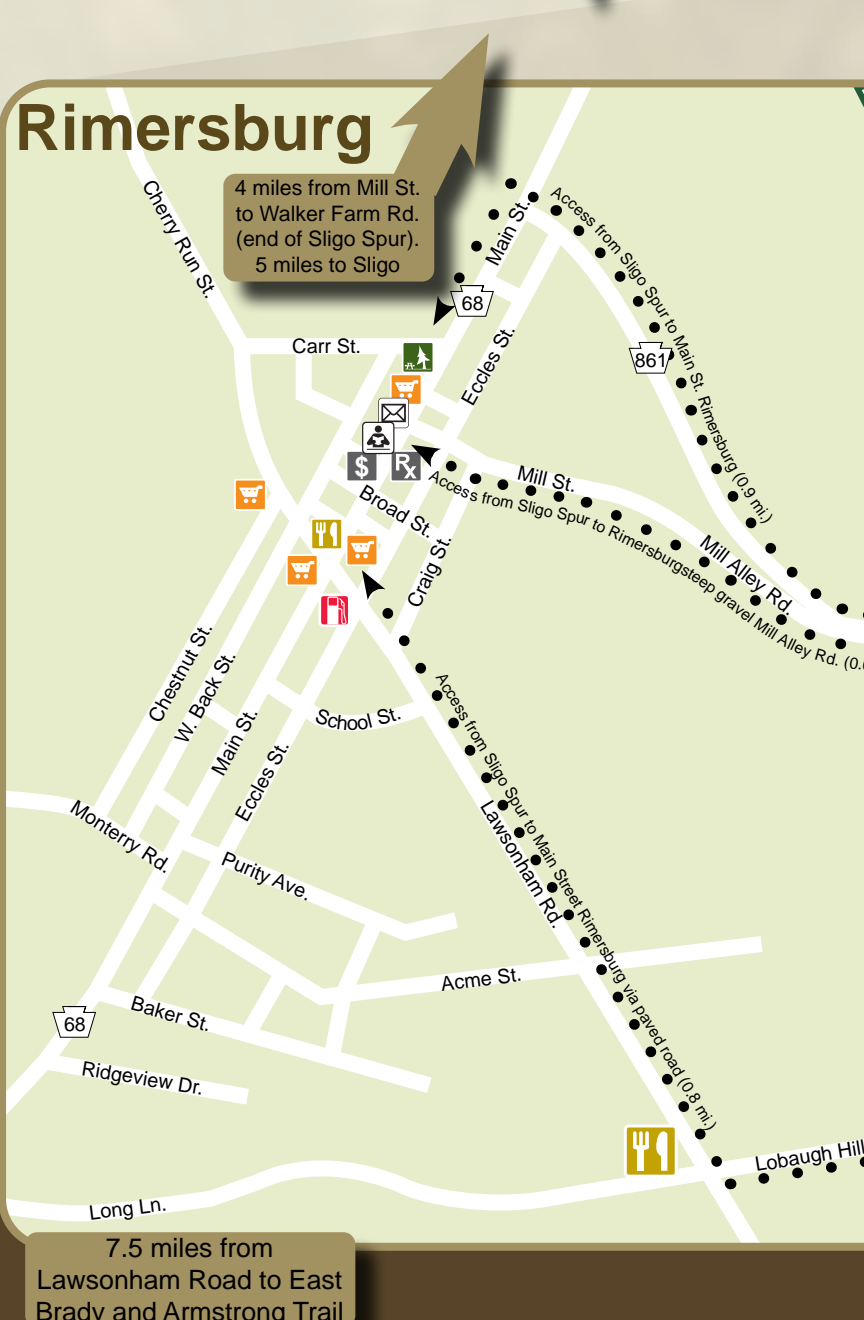
Picnic shelters can be found near:

- MP 1.02 Mortimer Run
- MP 5.8 Lawsonham Station
- MP 8.4 Long Point Tunnel (& Adirondack)
- MP 15.3 Between St. Charles and Climax
- MP 29.9 Patton Station
- MP 37.4 Scout Shelter near Rattlesnake Run
- MP 38.8 Near Puckerty Joe settlement

Shelters, benches, restrooms and tables can be donated in honor or memory of individuals and provide a needed benefit to trails users.



The business district of the Borough of Sligo is located one mile north of the end of the Spur at Walker Farm Road. Follow Walker Farm Road to the east/right, then follow SR 68 north/left. Services are limited.



Rimersburg's business district is not on the trail, but Main St. can be reached from the south via 3 routes by following:

1. Paved Lobaugh Hill Road for .8 mile to Lawsonham Rd. which becomes Lawsonham St.;
2. Mill Alley Rd., a rough steep gravel road, to Mill St. for about .6 mile. Mill Alley Rd. is at SW corner of intersection of SR 861 and Spur;
3. Left on SR 861 to a left at SR 68 for .9 mile into Rimersburg's business district. Use caution.

Armstrong Trail Locations from Mouth of Redbank  
 Downtown East Brady...5 Mile upstream  
 Rimer...4 Miles downstream  
 Templeton...10 Miles downstream  
 Kittanning...18 Miles downstream  
 Ford City...22 Miles downstream

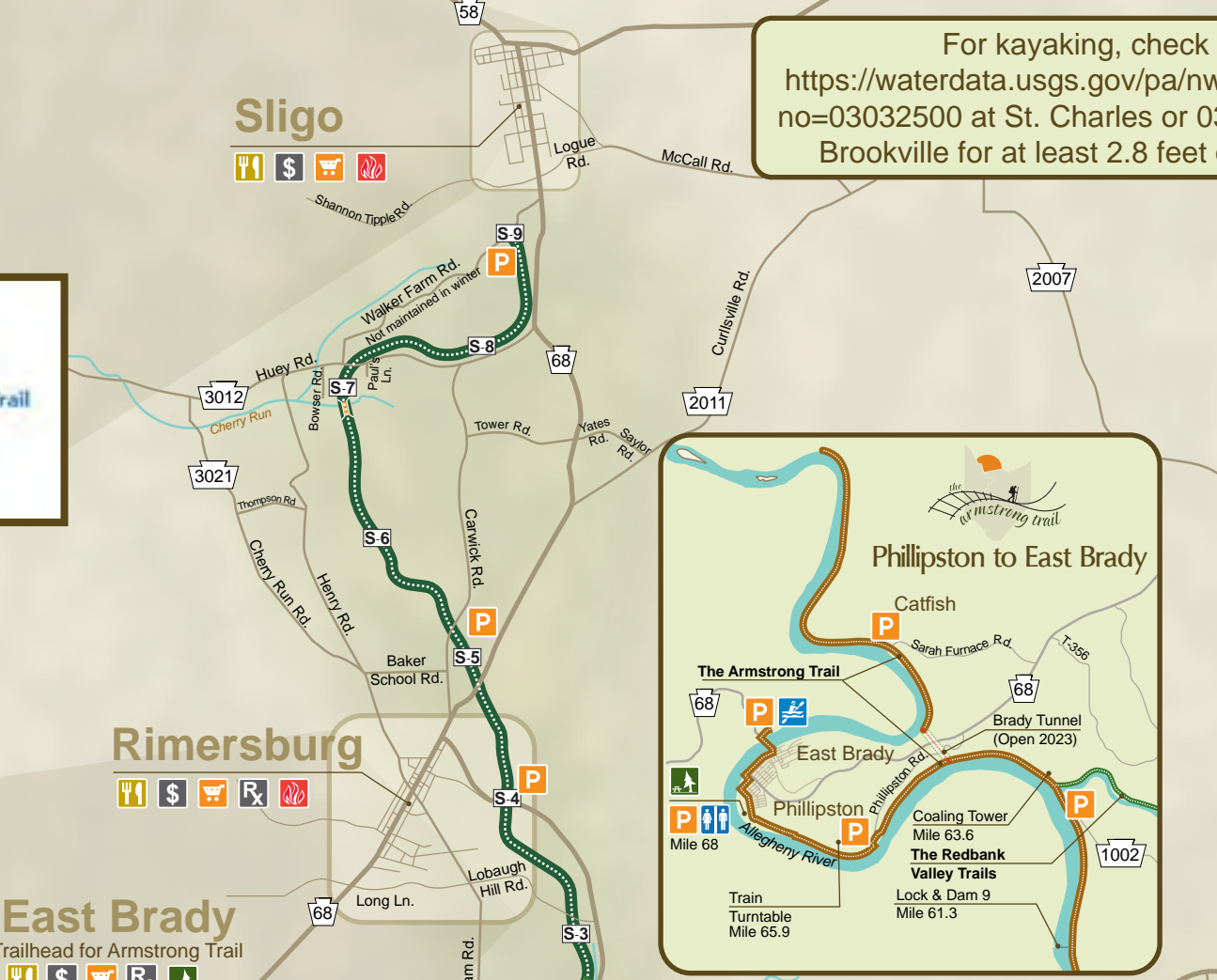
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Water and rest rooms are currently only available in towns. Some portajohns may be available. Cell phone reception is limited in some areas. Wildlife may be present. Please wear orange and use precautions during hunting season (September - March).

### Parking

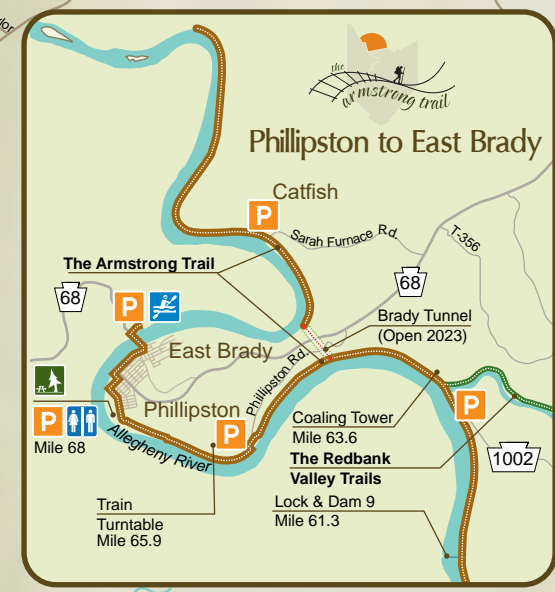
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MP 5.79 3511 Lawsonham Road, Rimersberg, PA 16248 Lat. 40.9951 / Long. -79.4905	MP 35.7 Moore Road off SR 28, right at bottom of hill Lat. 41.1242 / Long. -79.1629
MP 12.4 T-468, Leatherwood Station Rd.* Lat. 41.003 / Long. -79.4107	MP 36.52 Baxter SR 3003/9675 Mt. Pleasant Road, Corsica Lat. 41.1324035 / Long. -79.1531138
MP 17.05 West side of Climax Tunnel, SR 1009, near 4365 Climax Rd. Lat. 40.9859 / Long. -79.3751	MP 41 Brookville Downtown parking, trail access via Brookville Depot St. Spur 40 S. White St. (SR 36) Lat. 41.1596 / Long. -79.0841
MP 20.3 New Bethlehem 301 Wood St. Municipal lot off SR 66 (Wood) and 28 (Broad) Lat. 41.0024 / Long. -79.3322	S4 Rimersburg, across from Mill Alley Rd. RT 861 and trail Lat. 41.0408 / Long. -79.4905
MP 24 Hawthorn - United Valley Soccer's Pottery Field 4019 Brookville St. Hawthorn, PA Off SR 28 at Walker Flat Rd. Lat. 41.0192 / Long. -79.2730	S5 Rimersburg Opposite of Doc's Tavern at 9006 SR 68 Lat. 41.0517 / Long. -79.4946
MP 25.5 Mayport - At Mayport Road Lat. 41.033564 / Long. -79.251198	S9 Walker Farm Road* Lat. 41.0895 / Long. -79.1808
MP 31.4 Heathville Road at Strausser Road, SR 3007 Lat. 41.0895 / Long. -79.1808	

\* Road not maintained in winter

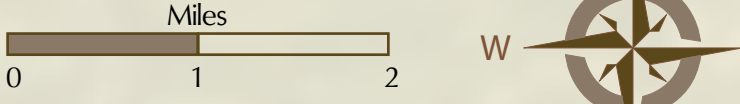


For kayaking, check [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/uv?site\\_no=03032500](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/uv?site_no=03032500) at St. Charles or 03031882 for Brookville for at least 2.8 feet of depth.

For current trail conditions and information to plan your visit, please visit us online at [www.redbankvalleytrails.org](http://www.redbankvalleytrails.org). Please follow us on Facebook for the latest news and trail alerts.

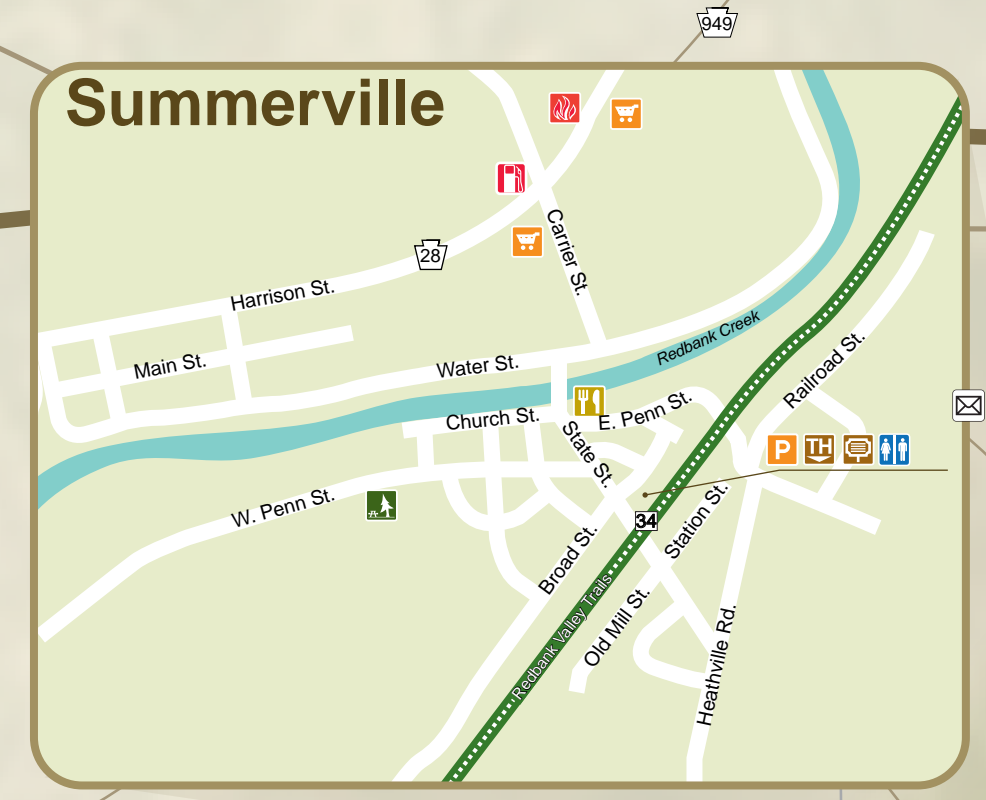


Mile markers are based on historic locations and may not mark actual mileage.



### Elevation Table

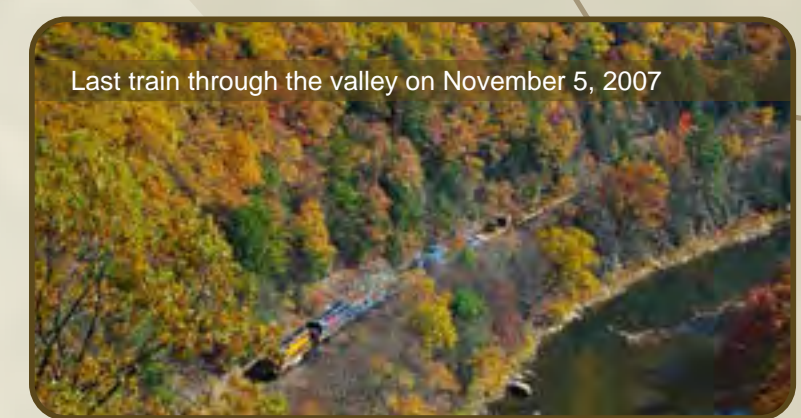
MAIN TRAIL	
MP 0 Allegheny River	825'
MP 20.2 New Bethlehem	1077'
MP 24 Hawthorn	1094'
MP 34 Summerville	1185'
MP 41.5 Brookville	1220'
SLIGO SPUR	
Lawsonham	955'
Rimersburg	1480'
Sligo	1267'



### Legend

Redbank Valley Trail (Open)	Parking
Redbank Valley Trail (Closed)	Portajohn
Sligo Spur	Park
Brookville's Depot St. Spur	Bank/ATM
Armstrong Trail	Restaurant
Mile Marker	Hospital
Historical Marker	Fire Station
Trailhead	Police Station
Tunnel	Shopping
Tunnel (Closed)	Pharmacy
Bridge	Gas
Stone Arch	Lodging
Kayak Launch	Steep Slope
Shelter	Free Wi-Fi
Bike Shop	Post Office
Fix-it Station	Library
Museum	Artwork

Trails need constant maintenance. Use caution in work areas. Please report any maintenance problems that you see.



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