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The trail surface is primarily crushed limestone, with small sections of paved trails in Peters Township and Clairton, and some on-road trails between South Park Township and Clairton. Horses are permitted on the shoulders of the trail in Cecil Township between Morganza Road and the crossing of SR 980 and SR 50. Cross-country skiing is also permitted.

Coraopolis to Enlow (7.8 miles)

Both the railroad and the trail are named after the Montour River that the route follows for the trail's northernmost 7.8 miles beginning in Coraopolis. The route travels alongside leafy green neighborhoods sprinkled with wildflowers. A highlight of the trip includes the Enlow Tunnel in Findlay Township, about 7.2 miles south along the trail. Not only is its 575-foot expanse fun to traverse, but the journey on either end is a treat as the path winds through a scenic wooded valley here.

Enlow to Southview (13.4 miles)

From Enlow, the trail heads southwest through Imperial and then south under US 22 toward McDonald. As the trail approaches the town of McDonald, it splits. To the left is a connector section to the 29.2-mile Panhandle Trail.

Veering right to stay on the main trail, the route approaches one of the trail's highlights, the beautiful 900-foot McDonald trestle, which crosses over the Panhandle Trail. The Montour Trail continues through wooded surroundings, and then curves back south and runs next to a large golf course and several farms to the small neighborhood of Southview.

Westland Branch Spur (4.1 miles)

One of the newest segments of the trail splits off from the main route near Southview and heads southwest to Mount Pleasant Township. At just over 0.3 miles past the Galati Road trailhead, the relatively flat, crushed-gravel pathway turns southwest, continuing along 3.5 miles of the rail line that was reactivated in 2012 to support the shale gas industry, before terminating at a parking area in the community of Westland.

This portion of the trail follows an active rail line for 3.5 miles, although, for the entire length, the route is separated by 14 ft



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Allegheny, Washington

Length: 55.9 miles

Trail end points: Coraopolis Rd/SR 51
(Coraopolis) to N State St (Clairton)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Wheelchair
Accessible, Horseback Riding, Walking, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Montour Trail runs between Coraopolis Rd/SR 51 (Coraopolis) and N State St (Clairton), with parking at both ends.

Parking is available at:

- 1548 Robinson Hwy (McDonald)
- 210 Valley Brook Rd (McMurray)
- 5780 Irishtown Rd (Bethel Park)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel