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Guides



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System**
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Today, the 7.5-mile route between inclines 6 and 10 has been converted into a rail trail featuring both hiking and biking sections, with historical culverts (drainage structures) visible along the hiking-only route. The trail makes up a small part of the September 11th National Memorial Trail that connects the 9/11, Flight 93, and Pentagon Memorials.

Be aware that the biking portion of the trail contains steep grades and poor sight lines, and while it is wheelchair accessible, the Valley Forge Road crossing is not. State game land surrounds much of the trail (both hiking and biking sections), and users are advised to wear bright colors to alert hunters year-round, particularly in the fall. The trail and parking areas are open from sunrise to sunset.

About the Route

Leaving from the north end of the trail at the top of the mountain, where the National Park Service maintains a visitor center at the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site dedicated to the history of the railway, as well as restrooms, drinking fountains, and picnic areas. At the summit is a reproduction of an engine that lifted the train cars and a re-creation of the steep tracks of incline 6, as well as a tavern restored to its 1840s appearance. These buildings are open daily (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) in spring, summer, and fall, and weekends only in winter. This area also provides access to a hiking-only trail heading westward, the Summit Level Trail.

From the visitor center, trail users can tackle the 6 to 10 Trail as it heads east and downhill along the path of the Allegheny Portage Railroad; this twisting section is a steep and tricky descent recommended for capable hikers. Loops and spurs offer opportunities to extend the mileage a bit and to see additional historical artifacts. Bicycles are not allowed on this portion of the trail, so bikers will start about 3.3 miles farther along the route at the Muleshoe trailhead and follow the path of the railroad that supplanted the portage system.

From the Muleshoe trailhead, the trail rolls about 4.2 miles downhill on limestone dust to the Dry Run Road trailhead, where restrooms and water fountains are available. Look for wildlife such as white-tailed deer, turkeys, pheasants, and chipmunks, as well as snakes and the occasional black bear. About halfway along this segment, the route comes to another 1.2-mile hiking-only segment that extends past two historical culverts and then reconnects with the trail just southeast of Valley Forge Road and a third historical culvert.

As the trail nears the southeast trailhead at Dry Run Road, it connects with the 1.6-mile Foot of Ten Trail, a hiking-only, somewhat triangular loop that extends northeast toward the former site of an engine house and another historical culvert, after which it heads south (on a partially overgrown path)



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Blair

Length: 7.5miles

Trail end points: Summit Level Visitors Center
(Duncansville) to 390-404 Valley Forge Rd.
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Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone, Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Walking, Wheelchair
Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

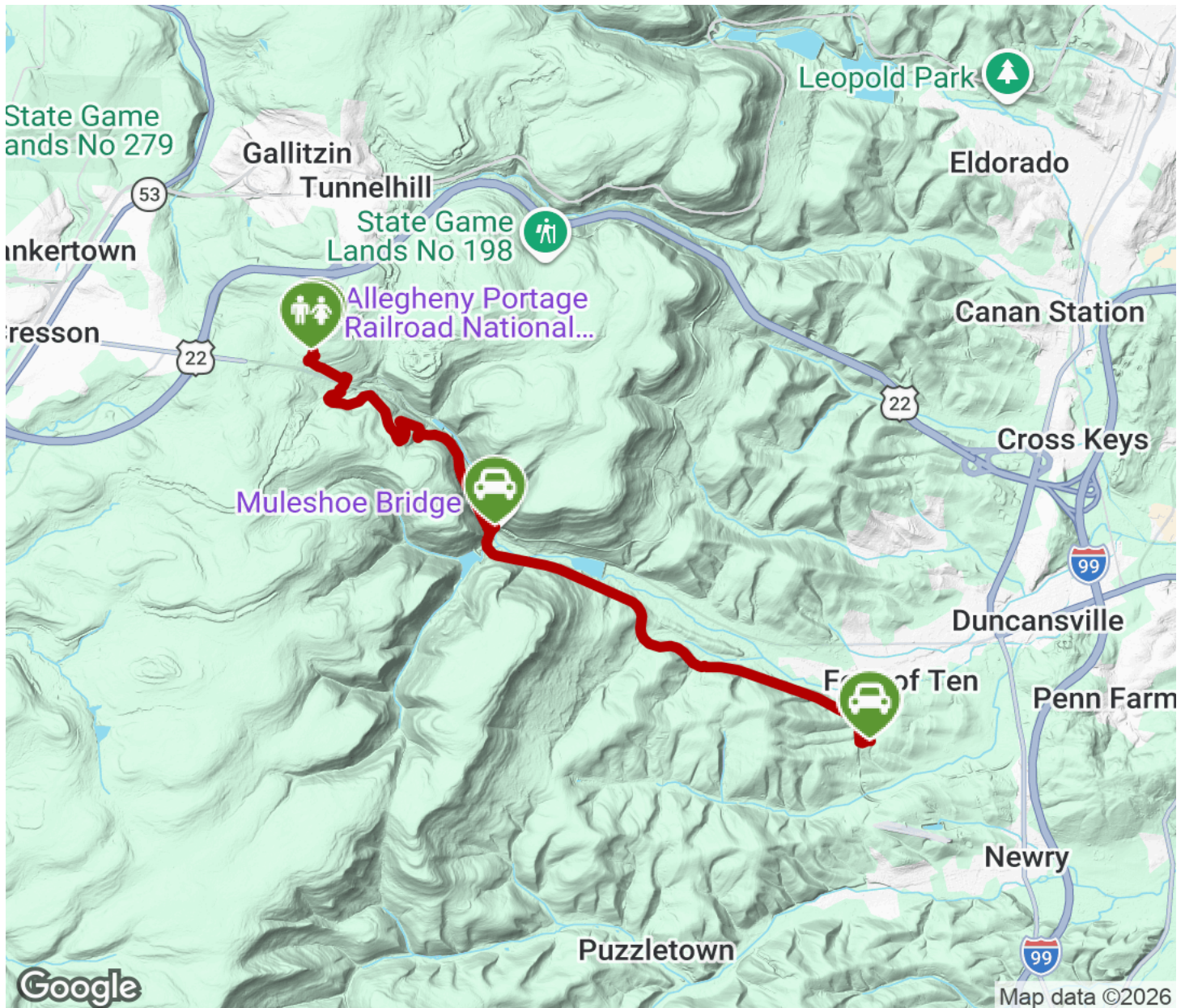
The 6 to 10 Trail System runs between Summit Level Visitors Center (Duncansville) and 390-404 Valley Forge Rd. (Duncansville), with parking available at both ends.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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