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The trail surface is primarily compressed limestone with a few paved asphalt sections in the borough of Ford City and Kittanning. The trail is typically 9ft wide; the narrowest sections are 6ft wide.

About the Route

Access the northern end of trail at the Sarah Furnace Trailhead (1867 Sarah Furnace Rd, Rimersburg), where there is parking. From, this trailhead, head north or south. Heading north, the trail follows the river for about 3 miles before coming to a dead end. Heading south, the trail follows the river for about 1.5 miles before reaching the Brady Tunnel, which is now open. Bypassing the section of trail in downtown East Brady and Phillipston, the tunnel connects the northern and southern sections of the trail to create a continuous route. The southern end of the tunnel exits 1.2 miles past the Phillipston Trailhead.

It's possible to access the trail in East Brady and follow the route south as it meanders along the river. The East Brady Trailhead (300 Verner St, East Brady) has parking, restrooms, and a picnic area.

At the Phillipston Trailhead (94 N Apple St, Rimersburg), there is an old railroad turntable (restored in 2020) left over from the days when the railroad serviced locomotives here. There trailhead also has parking and restrooms.

The southern entrance to the 0.5-mile 1915 Brady Tunnel is about 1.2 miles from the Phillipston Trailhead. In a little less than 1.5 miles past the tunnel exit, the trail passes the coaling tower used to replenish locomotives from 1930 until 1957, when diesel power replaced steam.

At the Redbank Junction Trailhead (780 Redbank Rd, Templeton), the trail connects to the [Redbank Valley Trail](#) and the Sligo Spur. Just south of the coaling tower, the trailhead is situated at the point the Redbank Creek meets the Allegheny River.

Continuing south, Armstrong Trails rolls nearly two miles to Allegheny River Lock & Dam 9, built in 1938 as the farthest upstream navigation impoundment (a dam located farther north is for flood control). South of Lock & Dam 9, the Rimer Trailhead (101 Madison Rd, Templeton) has parking and



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Armstrong, Clarion

Length: 48.1 miles

Trail end points: Hillville Rd. (Upper Hillville)
to Silicon Dr. (Leechburg)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Armstrong Trails run between Hillville Rd. (Upper Hillville) and Silicon Dr. (Leechburg).

Parking is available at:

- East Brady Trailhead, 300 Verner St (East Brady)
- Redbank Junction Trailhead, 780 Redbank Rd (Templeton)
- Schenley Trailhead, 128 Railroad St (Schenley)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



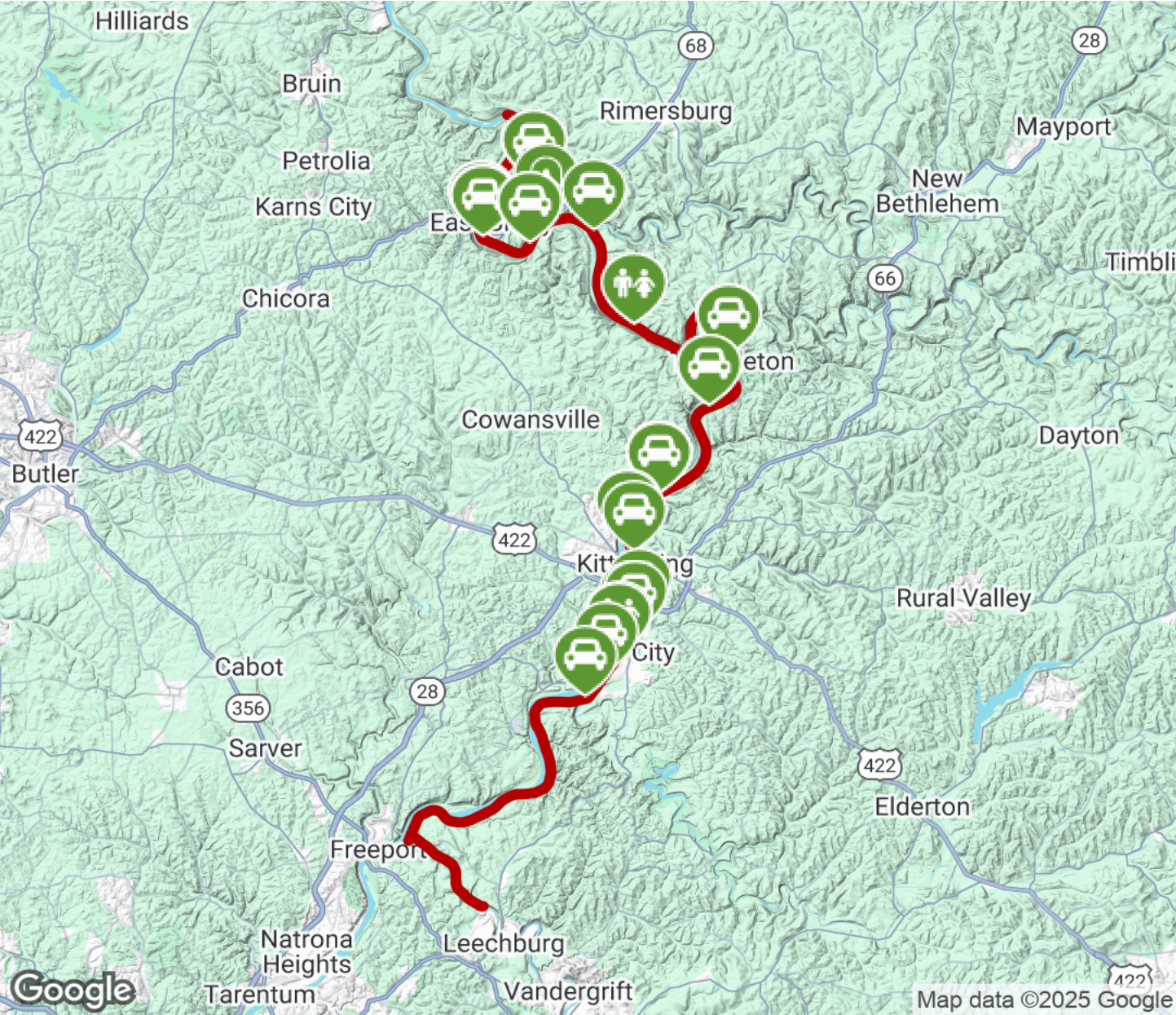
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- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel