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Montour Trail Pennsylvania



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The trail surface is primarily crushed limestone, with small sections of paved asphalt trail in Peters Township and Clairton, and some on-road trails east of milepost 39.5 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 Montour Run, a creek that the trail follows for its northernmost 8.5 miles. Milepost 0 is located in Moon Township off of SR 51. The recently-developed Coraopolis branch connects Mile 0 to Coraopolis and its stores, restaurants, and bike shops. The route heads south from Mile 0 and travels alongside leafy green neighborhoods sprinkled with wildflowers. The Enlow Tunnel in Findlay Township, just past milepost 7, highlights this section. 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. At the Five Points intersection in Enlow the Pittsburgh Airport Connector trail enables users to bike all the way to the Airport terminal. Pittsburgh Airport Connector At the Five Points intersection the connector trail follows lightly-trafficked Enlow Rd. to the north past a small residential area. The trail then passes onto private airport property, continuing uphill through an undeveloped wooded area. At the top of the hill, there is a 7/10 mile segment on Clinton Rd.; the road has narrow shoulders. After crossing over I-376, the trail turns back onto airport property and follows a lightly-used private roadway. Near the terminal, the crossing over the airport exit road is signaled and follows a painted path through the parking lot.

Enlow to Southview (13.4 miles)

From Enlow, the trail heads southwest through Imperial and uphill past the trail's Boggs campground. It then heads south under US 22 toward McDonald. As the trail approaches the town of McDonald, a connector to the 29.2-mile Panhandle Trail splits off to the left. Staying right 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)



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States: Pennsylvania Counties: Allegheny, Washington Length: 63miles 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 <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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