



2025

TrailLink Unlimited 

Guides



## Roaring Run Trail

*Pennsylvania*



## Roaring Run Trail

Pennsylvania

*Overview Evidence of the Roaring Run Trail's past lives are readily visible all along the 4.8-mile corridor in western Pennsylvania.*



### Overview

Evidence of the Roaring Run Trail's past lives are readily visible all along the 4.8-mile corridor in western Pennsylvania. Stone remains in the Kiskiminetas River (Kiski for short) mark the site of a canal lock left over from the 1820s to 1860s when the route served as a towpath on the cross-state Main Line Canal system. Mileage markers and a bridge are remnants of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which bought the canal system in 1857 and converted it to rail.

### About the Route

The Roaring Run Trail runs along the eastern shore of the Kiskiminetas River from south of the borough of Apollo to

Edmon. There are no services between the two communities. About the northernmost 4 miles of trail follows the railroad grade upriver from Apollo on a crushed-stone surface; the last mile is marked by a climb, a dip, and then a steeper climb on tar and chip asphalt to the Edmon trailhead. The trail is open from dawn to dusk.

Starting at the trailhead south of Apollo, the trail cuts a wooded course along the river for 1.5 miles to the confluence of Roaring Run. If the river isn't running high, the remnants of a canal lock are visible here. Here, the trail also meets the Rock Furnace Trail which climbs 1.5 miles from here to a trailhead in Brownstown. The Rock Furnace Trail features a suspension bridge over cascading waterfalls in the creek and the piled ruins of the Biddle Iron Furnace that date back to the canal era. A huge stone hanging over the trail here is called the Camel Rock.

Back on the Roaring Run Trail, in another 1.8 miles a mountain bike singletrack heads up the slope, where the remains of an old coal washing and loading operation are disappearing into the vegetation. Other mountain biking tracks are on the hillside as well.

Trail users will want to take the right fork in another 0.5 miles to go the remaining mile, mostly uphill, to the trailhead in Edmon. The left fork pays a visit to Flat Run, where a hiking path continues to a waterfall.

### Connections

Near the northern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Apollo's Kiski Riverfront Trail](#).

At the trail's midpoint, trail users can connect to the [Rock Furnace Trail](#).

Roaring Run Trail is one of the Trans Allegheny Trails, a system of trails in western Pennsylvania. The trail is also part



# Roaring Run Trail

Pennsylvania

**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Armstrong

Length: 4.8miles

**Trail end points:** 681 Canal Rd. (Apollo) to High St. (Avonmore)

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Wheelchair Accessible, Mountain Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

The Roaring Run Trail runs between 681 Canal Rd. (Apollo) and High St. (Avonmore), with parking available at either end.

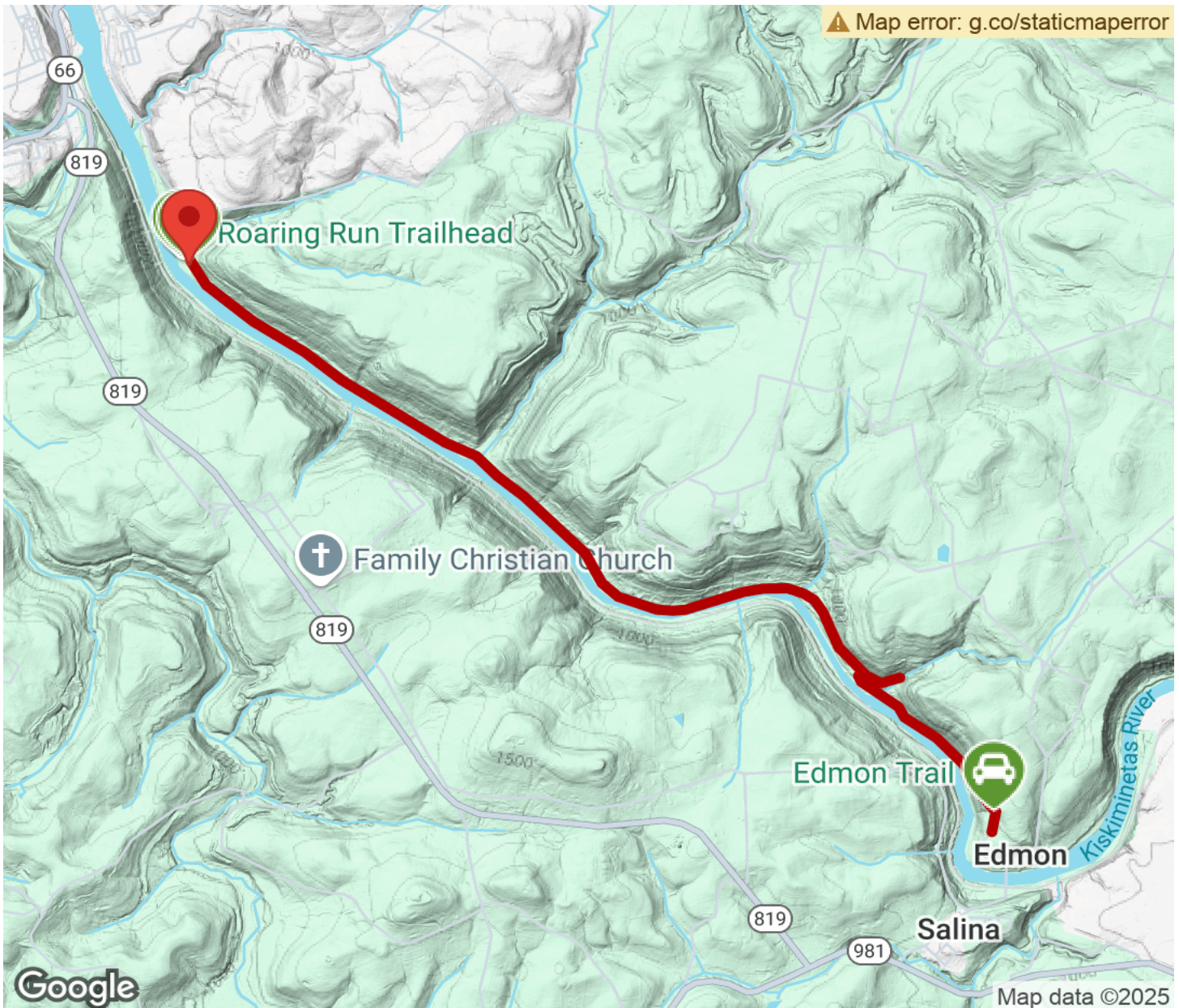
See [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.





# Roaring Run Trail

Pennsylvania



Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



**TrailLink**  
by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

**TrailLink.com**