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The trail passes through Oil Creek State Park for 9.5 miles; the 1.5-mile Queen City Trail connects it to Titusville. In addition to the frequent bicyclists and hikers, the path, open daily, sunrise-sunset, is also popular among those who enjoy fishing for bass and trout.

About The Route

The main trailhead is at the Jersey Bridge Parking Area at

Oil Creek State Park, which is also the southern endpoint for the Queen City Trail. For a 0.3-mile side trip to the informative Drake Well Museum, which includes a replica of that first oil well, turn right from the parking lot and cross Oil Creek, and then turn right onto Museum Lane.

Otherwise, turn left from the parking lot and head south along the west shore of Oil Creek. The trail follows the twists and turns of Oil Creek through a mostly hardwood forest, which provides good shade in the summer and good views across the gorge that Oil Creek and the trail run through. There are also numerous historical sites along the trail, as well as some still-working oil and gas wells.

The trail passes boomtowns including Boughton, Millers Farm, Shaffer Farm, Pioneer, and Funkville as the route heads south. Crossing the river at 7.9 miles past the trailhead, the trail comes in contact with rails of the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad, a tourist train that has been running on the east side of Oil Creek from Titusville since 1986.

The Oil Creek State Park Trail continues on the east side of Oil Creek and then follows a park road for its last 0.5 mile, ending at the site of the most notorious of the boomtowns, Petroleum Centre. Today, the area has shelters, restrooms, parking, and a boat launch; the ranger station here also rents bicycles, or trail users can take a self-guided walking tour of the "wickedest town east of the Mississippi," according to the state park's brochure. A depot for the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad is here.

Connections

The trail is part of the future 270-mile Erie to Pittsburgh Trail, which will connect with the [Great Allegheny Passage](#).

At the trail's northern endpoint, trail users can continue along



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Venango

Length: 9.5miles

Trail end points: Allen St. (Titusville) to 1123
Russell Corners Rd. (Pleasantville)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

Parking & Trail Access

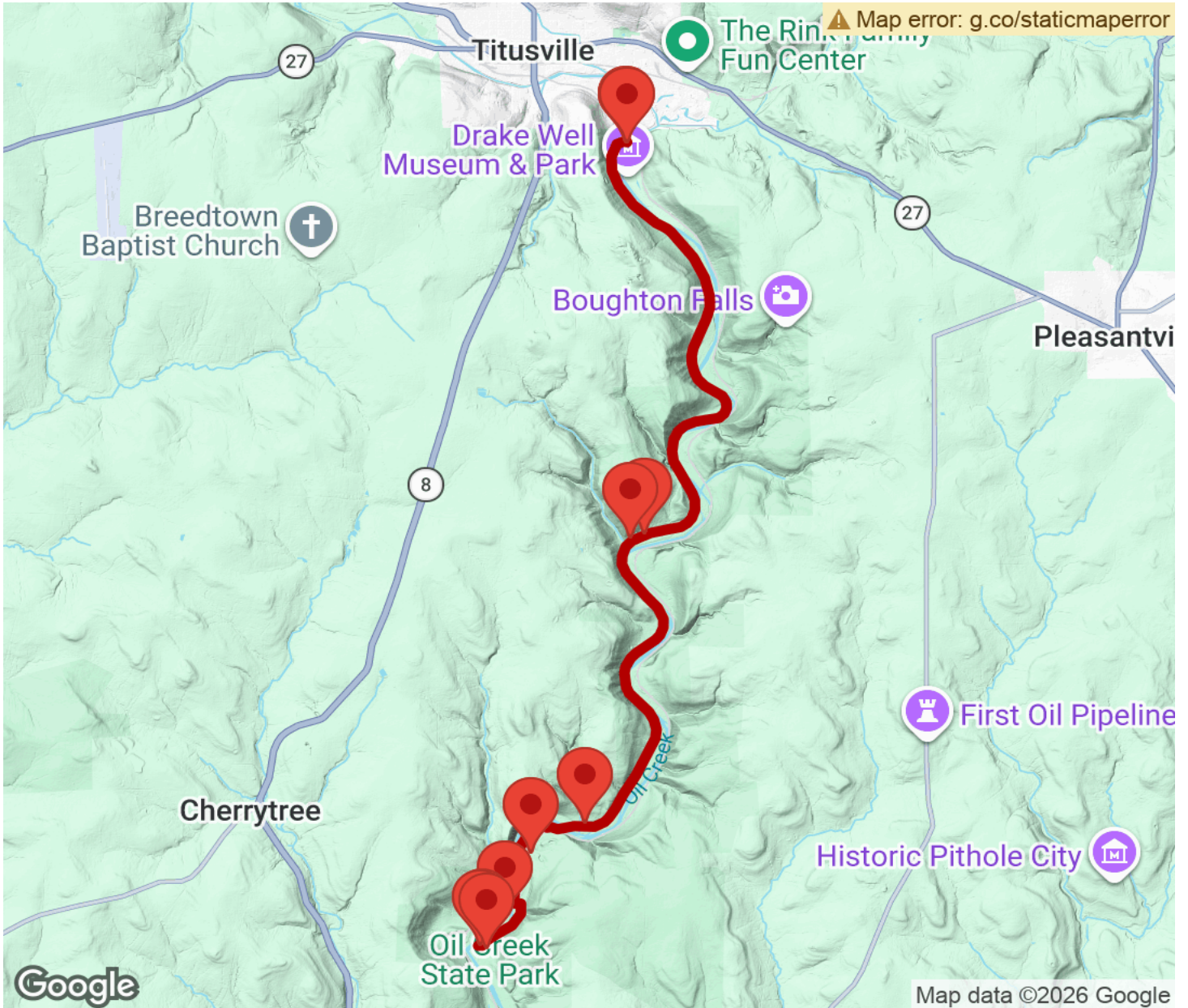
The Oil Creek State Park Trail runs between Allen St. (Titusville) and 1123 Russell Corners Rd. (Pleasantville), with parking available at both ends.

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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