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Guides



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Forbes State Forest and the adjacent state parks (Linn Run, Laurel Mountain, and Laurel Ridge) maintain the PWS Trail System, a network of snowmobile trails and forest service roads through the second-growth forest along Laurel Hill. Much of this network serves as a mountain biking system the rest of the year. Bicycling is allowed only on the designated trails (and on roads open to automobiles). Bikes are prohibited on the yellow-blazed Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail.

The rail-trail segment of the system occupies the corridor of the old Pittsburgh, Westmoreland and Somerset railroad, which operated from 1899 until 1916. The abandoned corridor was unused until the trail opened in 1992.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Somerset, Westmoreland

Length: 36 miles

Trail end points: Forbes State Forest to Linn Run State Park

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Wheelchair

Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

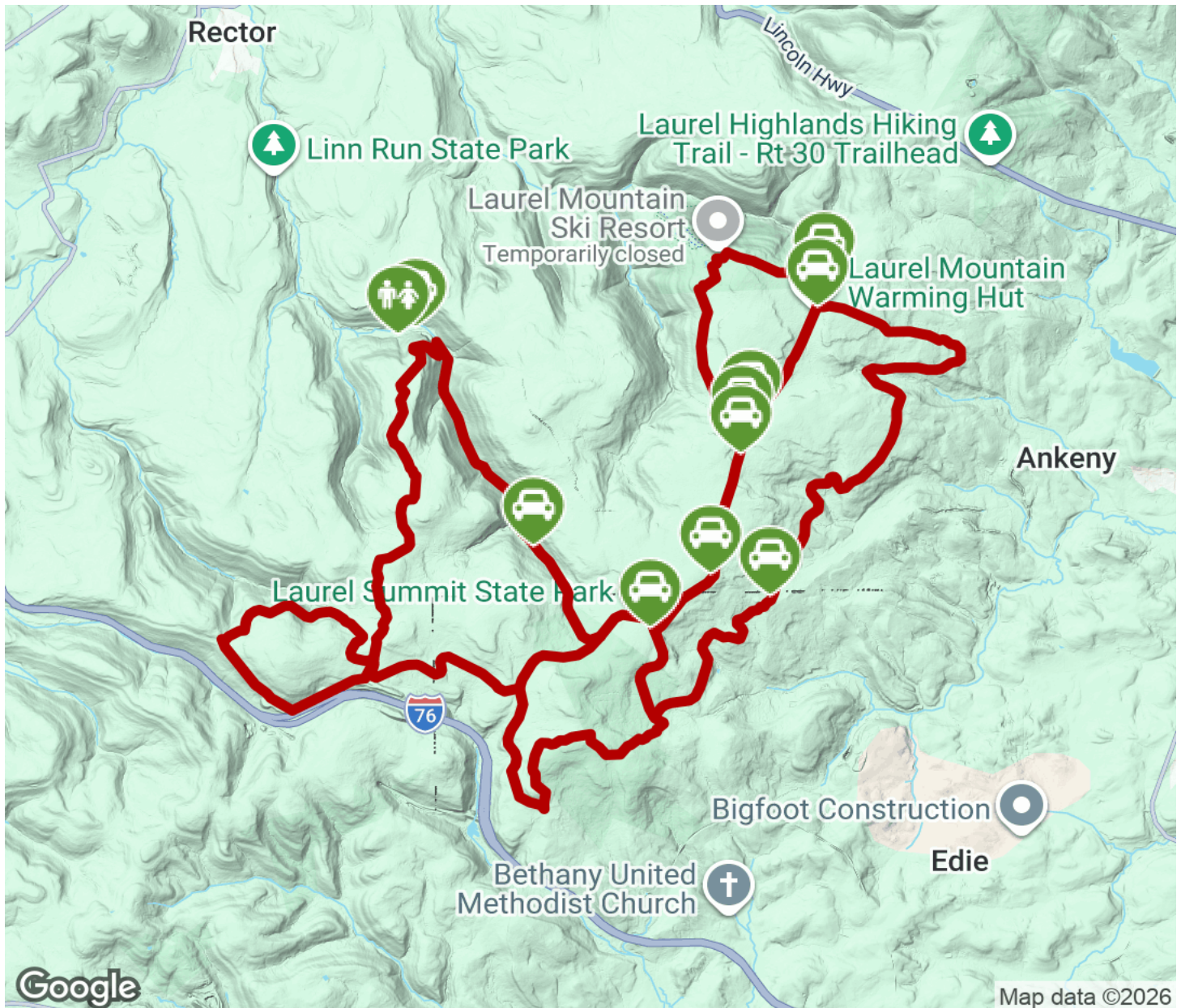
Parking & Trail Access

To Laurel Summit Road trailhead; Driving from Ligonier, follow Route US-30 for about 7.5 miles to Laurel Mountain Summit, then turn right onto Laurel Summit Road. Follow Laurel Summit Road for about 2.5 miles to the Laurel Mountain Ski area. You will find plenty of parking on the left. To Linn Run trailhead: Driving from Ligonier, take Route US-30 for 2 miles and turn right on PA-381. Follow PA-381 for 3 miles and then left on Linn Run Rd and go uphill for about 3 miles until you enter Linn Run State Park. You'll find areas to park as you enter Linn Run State Park.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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