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About the Route

The Snow Shoe Trail preserves the 1,277-foot Peale Tunnel, completed in October 1883. If you plan to pass through the tunnel, bring a light to get a better look at the cut-stone entrances and mix of brick and natural surface on the interior. Note that another of the trail's structures,

the viaduct bridge over Moshannon Creek is permanently closed to users.

While all types of users are welcome on the trail, motorized users must get a permit from SSRTA. Local ATV membership is highly recommended. Obey all of the posted signs and be courteous to other trail users. Note that there are 12 gates with bollards along the trail; motorized vehicles must be less than 61 inches wide to pass through these bollards.

Trail History

The Snow Shoe Trail finds its origins in the Beech Creek Railroad, which opened in 1884 to serve the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company, whose mines were expected to produce 500,000 tons of coal each year. In 1899 the railroad ceased independent operation and was incorporated into the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company. The rail line also offered passenger service until about 1934.

The railroad saw its last train in 1990 under the ownership of the Consolidated Rail Corporation. By 1994 the tracks had been removed and the right-of-way had been acquired by the Headwaters Charitable Trust in anticipation of a rails-to-trails project. Since then the SSRTA formed and has worked to create this fully functional rail trail.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Centre, Clearfield

Length: 18.4 miles

Trail end points: Clarence Rd. (Clarence) to
Cassanova Rd. (Munson)

Trail surfaces: Ballast, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: ATV, Fishing, Horseback
Riding, Mountain
Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Snow Shoe Rail Trail runs between Cassanova Rd. (Munson) and Clarence Rd. (Clarence), with parking available at either end.

Parking is also available at:

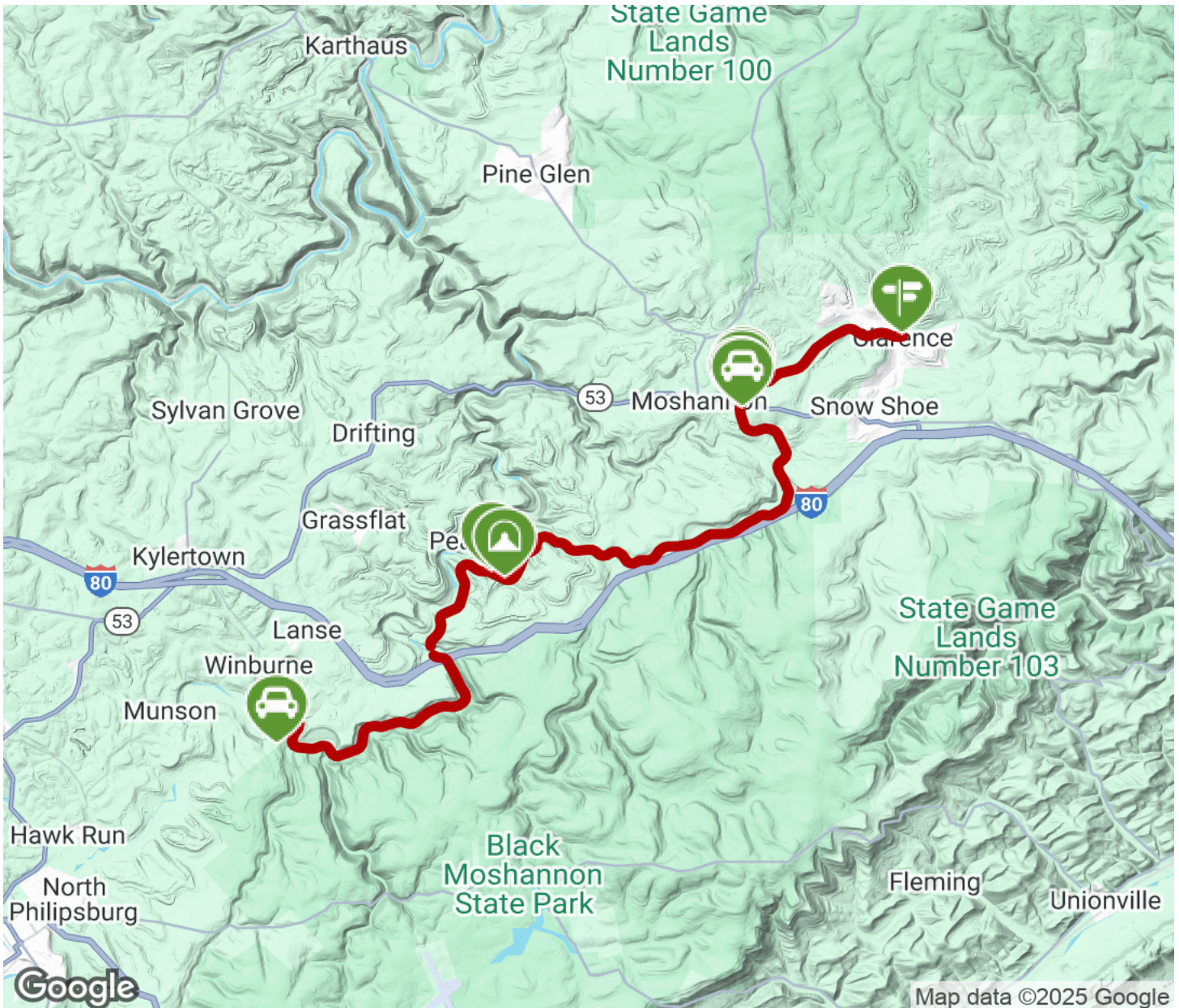
- 1145 W Sycamore Rd. (Snow Shoe)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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