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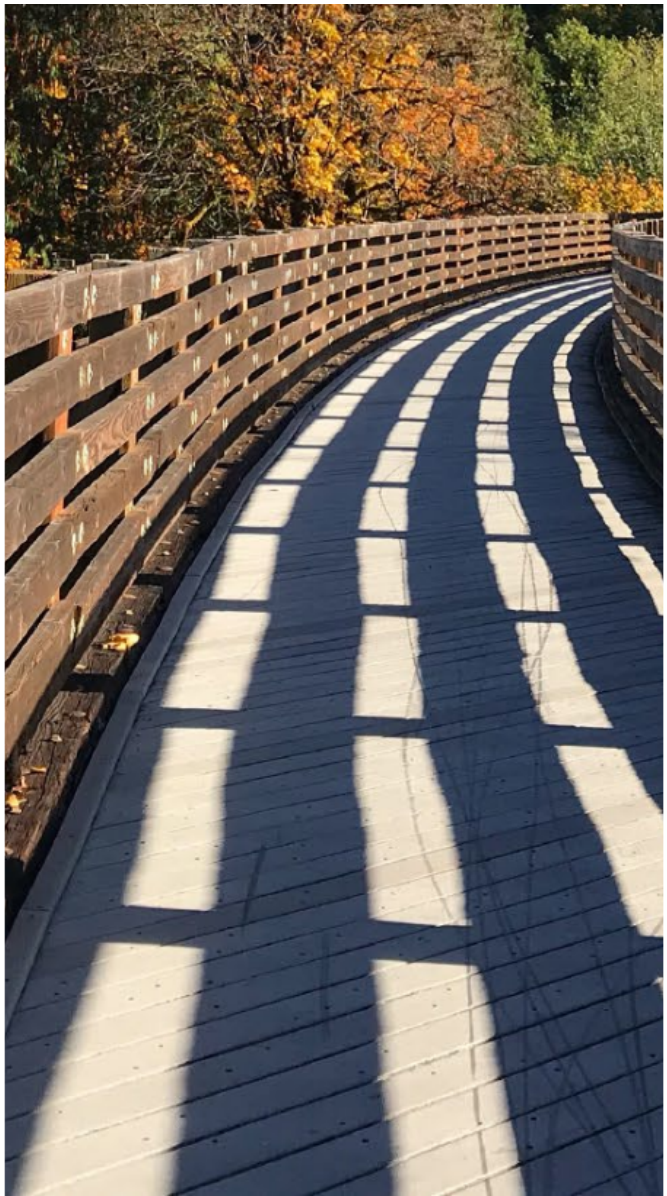

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About the Route

The Greenbrier River Trail's northern endpoint is at Back Mountain Rd/WV 66 and Deer Creek Road, just outside Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. From Cass, the trail heads south for 9 miles, to the town of Clover Lick, which houses a restored railroad depot built in 1900 that once served the booming logging industry. 16 miles south of Cass, the serpentine route comes to the 500-foot-long Sharps Tunnel. Completed by the railway in 1900, the tunnel is immediately followed by a trestle bridge that crosses the river.

After winding further south, the trail becomes paved for a 4-mile stretch through Marlinton, the largest town on the trail, where users can find trail information and several cafés, grocery stores, bike shops, and overnight accommodations in town. Marlinton is also the site of the annual Roadkill Cookout in the fall. For those with more plain palates, the town of Seebert is 10 miles further south on the trail, and boasts a well-known ice-cream stop.

South of Seebert, the trail becomes even more remote, passing towns that are little more than names on a map. However, cell service becomes more prevalent. Another remnant of the railroad era emerges just north of Horrock, at the 402-foot-long Droop Mountain tunnel. Like with its northern counterpart, a light will prove useful inside the pitch-black tunnel. The trail continues south from the Droop Mountain Tunnel for about 29 miles, with campsites and other rest sites offering restrooms and drinking fountains throughout southern stretch of the trail.

Just north of the southern endpoint in North Caldwell, trail users can take a historic detour three-tenths of a mile north on Stone House Road, to see The Stone Manse, a historic home built in 1796. The Greenbrier River Trail's southern endpoint is at Stone House Rd/CR 38 & Mountain View Farm Dr (North Caldwell). Lewisburg, 3.5 miles west of the endpoint, has a variety of shops, restaurants, and lodging.

Trail History

Maintained by the state parks department and the nonprofit

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States: West Virginia

Counties: Greenbrier,Pocahontas

Length: 77miles

Trail end points: Back Mountain Rd/WV 66 and Deer Creek Rd. (Cass) to Stone House Rd/ CR 38 & Mountain View Farm Dr. (North Caldwell)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Boardwalk,Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Horseback

Parking & Trail Access

The Greenbrier River Trail runs between Back Mountain Rd/ WV 66 and Deer Creek Road (Cass) and Stone House Rd/CR 38 & Mountain View Farm Dr (North Caldwell), with parking available at both endpoints.

Parking is also available:

- 1481 Rorer Road (Rorer)
- Buckeye Station Road and Greenbrier River Trail (Buckeye)
- 9th St between 3rd and 4th Ave (Marlinton)

These are not official addresses, and there are numerous parking options along this route. See TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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