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swimming pool, tennis and volleyball courts, hiking trails and picnic shelters, all nestled within more than a thousand acres of woodlands.

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On the trail's eastern side, Charleston's Yeager Airport is hidden from view by a substantial elevation change typical of the scenic region's topography. Case in point: there is a steep grade where the trail leaves a former rail corridor. While the majority of the Elk River Trail is not a rail-trail, a short section runs parallel to an out-of-service rail line, making it a very short rail-with-trail.

At the trail's northern end, Coonskin Park offers a playground, golf course, amphitheater, soccer stadium,



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States: West Virginia

Counties: Kanawha

Length: 1.5miles

Trail end points: Coonskin Park to Barlow Drive

Trail surfaces: Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Elk River Trail is available in Coonskin Park at the Riverside Pavilion. A sign along Coonskin Drive will direct you to turn left to access the trail and parking just south of J.W. Herscher Lake.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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