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The Mon River Trail is the highlight of its impressive trail complex. It exists in two segments linked by the Caperton Trail in the middle.

About the Route

The northern section of the trail is arguably the most scenic. Leaving off from the PA State Line, where the trail connects with the Sheepskin Rail Trail, the trail heads south through a scenic environment on a former CSX rail

corridor for 6 miles. The trail continues through dense woodlands until emerging at the river's edge and then heading south until its junction with the Caperton Rail Trail.

The longer southern segment (also called Mon River Trail South) continues south where the paved Caperton Trail becomes crushed stone at the southern edge of Morgantown. From there, it meanders for nearly 18 miles along a former CSX rail line to Prickett's Fort State Park. The trail lazily winds through a wooded river valley with many scenic river views, occasional waterfalls, and a variety of wildflowers in the spring and autumn.

Connections

At the Mon River Trail South's southern end at Prickett's Fort State Park, trail users can pick up the [Marion County Trail \(MCTrail\)](#) to reach Fairmont.

The Caperton Rail-Trail connects the Mon River Rail-Trail, and additionally connects to the [Deckers Creek Rail-Trail](#).

At the northern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Sheepskin Rail-Trail](#).



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States: West Virginia

Counties: Marion, Monongalia

Length: 23.7 miles

Trail end points: WV/PA State Line to MCTrail
at Prickett's Fort State Park

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Mon River Rail Trail runs between WV/PA State Line and MCTrail at Prickett's Fort State Park, where parking is available.

Parking is also available at:

- 48 Round Bottom Rd (Morgantown)

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



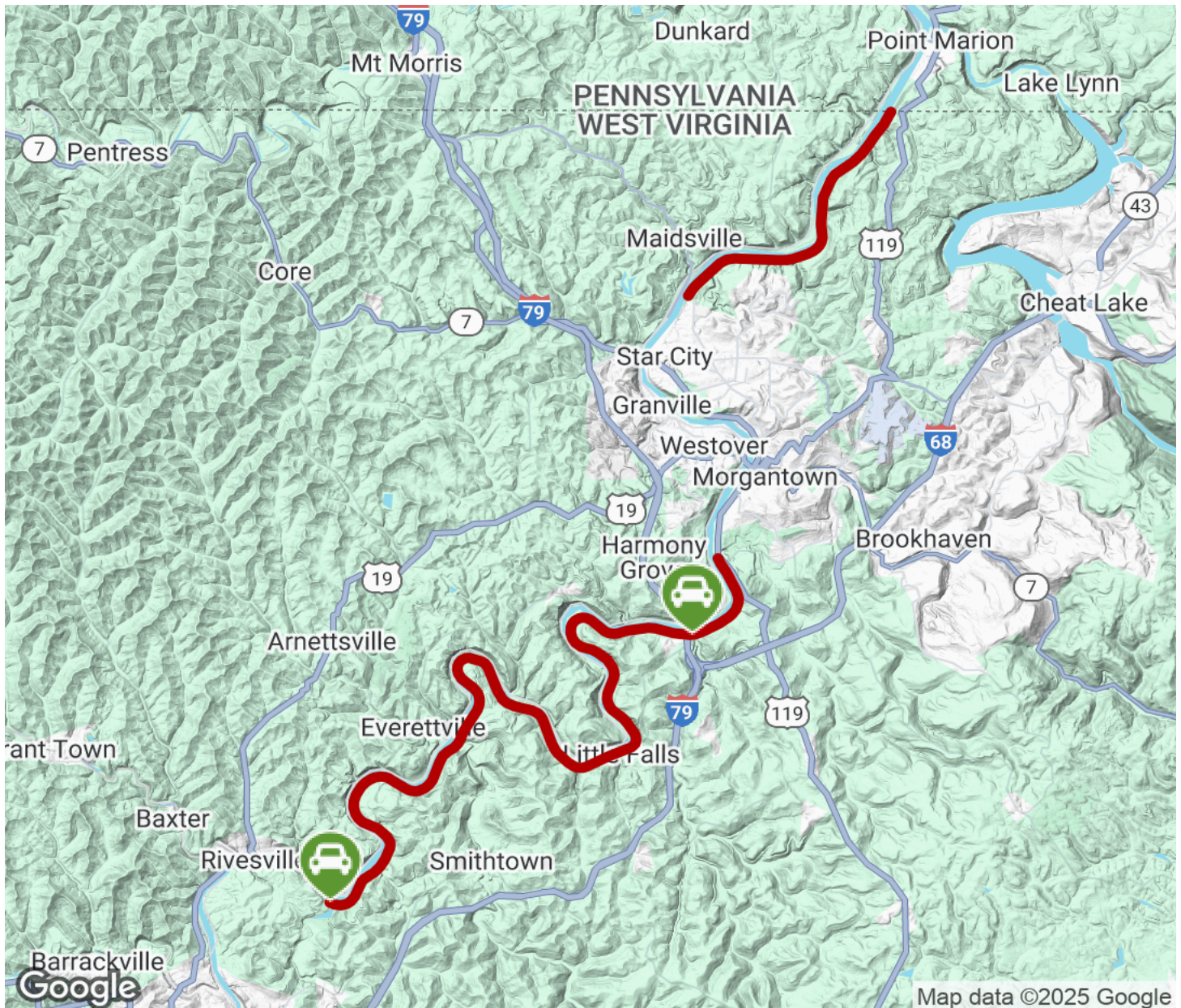
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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