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The surface of the almost 20-mile trail is comprised mostly of crushed limestone, with about a mile of asphalt south of the Monroe trailhead and the Buffalo Township Municipal Authority. Mile and 0.5-mile markers line the trail, and restroom facilities along the trail are open seasonally, May–October. Cross-country skiing is permitted—as is horseback riding in designated areas during dry weather.

Keen observers will spot old stone foundations and the remainders of brick kilns, and small dams and waterfalls

also appear along the route.

About the Route

The north end of the trail begins on the east side of the town of Butler on Kaufman Drive, where a large sign greets trail users. Just a mile northeast on Main Street, there are restaurants, shops, hotels, and gas stations. Heading south from Butler, the trail immediately crosses over a small bridge as it heads out of town, with the route on a slight incline for 7 miles to Cabot.

The trail travels southeast along Herman Road for the first couple miles, and then veers left through wooded farmland on the outskirts of Herman. There are multiple road crossings and then the route crosses over Herman Road via a small overpass. About 5.4 miles along the trail at Dittmer Road, just past Herman Road, there is a trailhead, restrooms, and parking to the right, and a small bike shop and café to the left. From here the route begins to head directly south, passing a golf course with a café and clubhouse in about 0.7 more mile, and then several more road crossings, before reaching Marwood, where it passes Freehling Lumber Company at the site where a post office and railroad station from earlier days once stood.

From Cabot, the trail heads 13 miles on a downhill trajectory, passing through rural landscapes in Sarver. At miles 14 and 14.5 along the trail, there are the remains of two dams along Buffalo Creek that served sand plants in the area. At the Bear Creek Road trailhead, at around 14.9 miles, fishing is permitted.

At around mile 16.8 is the Monroe trailhead and just a few hundred feet south along Monroe Road is Buffalo Creek Nature Park, which has a nature center, a playground, picnic tables, restrooms, and parking. The park is managed by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Armstrong, Butler

Length: 19.9 miles

Trail end points: Kaufman Dr (Butler) to Just south of Main St, near Old Pike Rd (Freeport)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone, Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Wheelchair

Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Butler-Freeport Community Trail runs between Kaufman Dr (Butler) and just south of Main St, near Old Pike Rd (Freeport), both of which offer parking.

Parking is also available at:

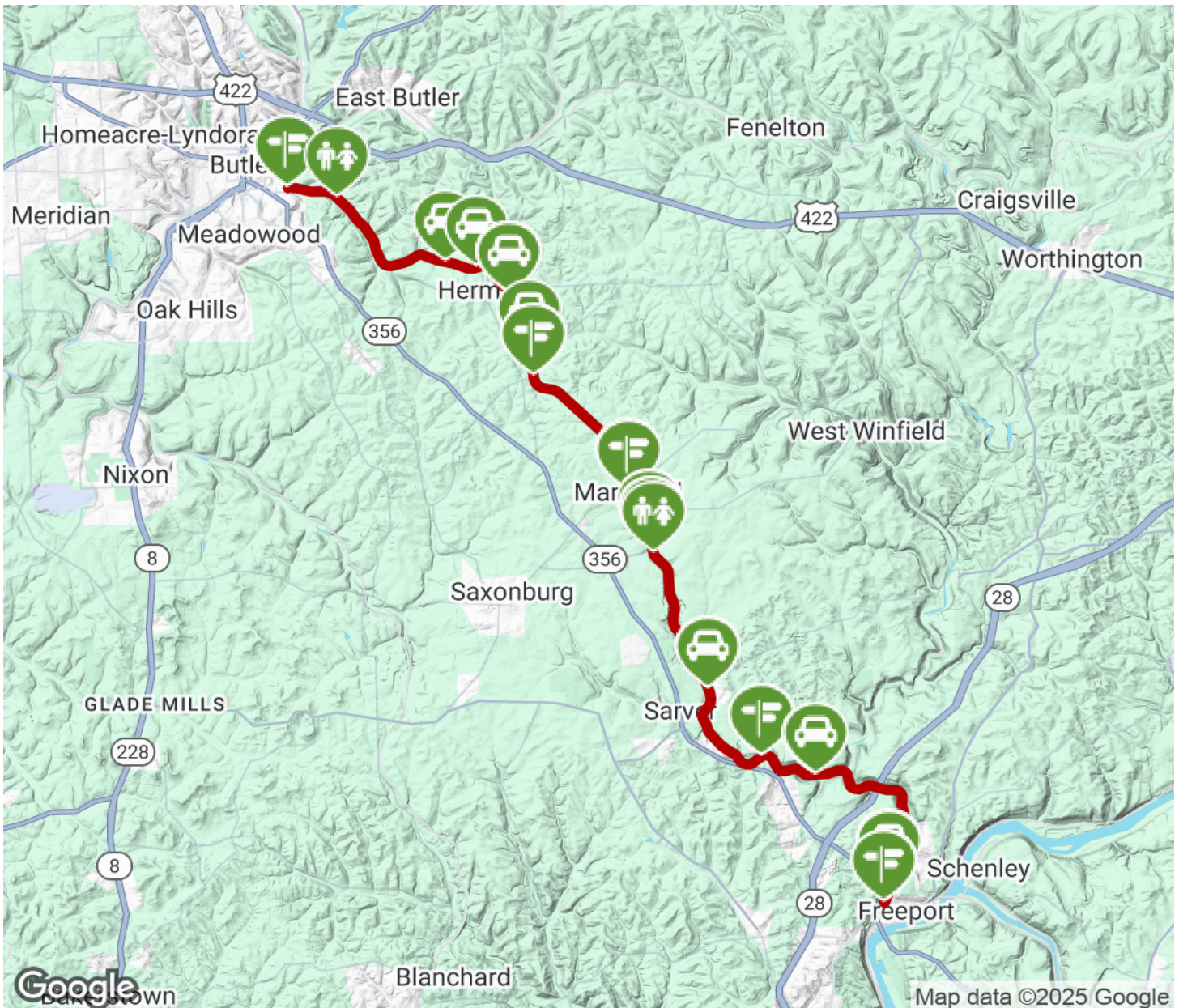
- Cabot Trailhead, 247 Marwood Rd (Cabot)
- Sarver Trailhead 569 Sarver Rd (Sarver)

There are numerous parking options along the route, visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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