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Guides



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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 of 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 restaurant (accessible via a lane) 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 downhill, 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 Ford Motor Company and a sand plant (these are on private property) 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. The route passes under PA 28/ Alexander H. Lindsay Memorial Highway. Look for the ruins of brick kilns along the trail, a reminder of the area's 19th-century brickmaking days (view from the trail, structures are on private property). The southern end of the trail is in about another 3.1 miles, along Montrose Ave. in Freeport.

Connections



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Armstrong, Butler

Length: 20.4 miles

Trail end points: Kaufman Dr. (Butler) to
Montrose Ave. (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 Montrose Ave. (Freeport), both of which offer parking.

Parking is also available at:

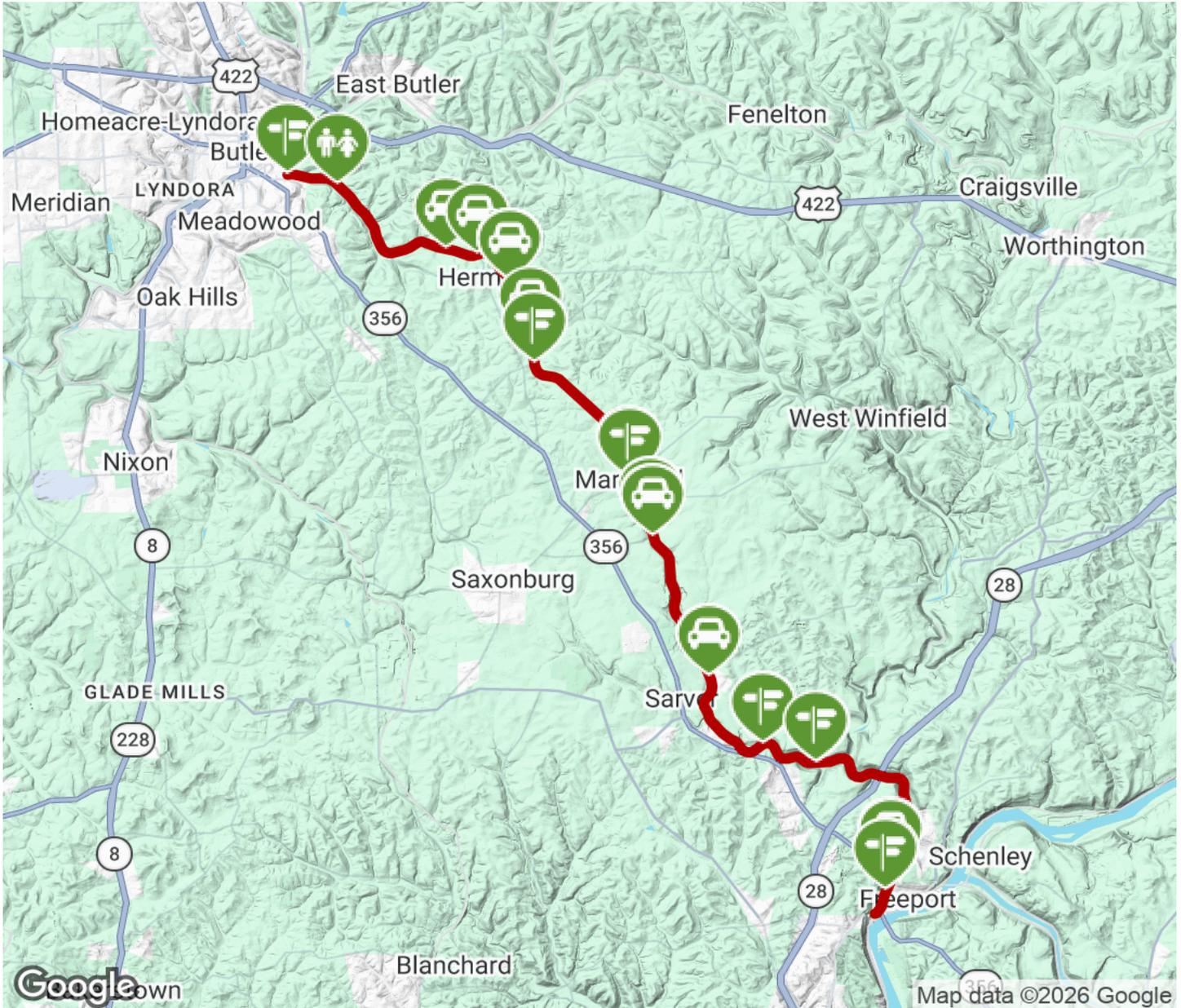
- Cabot Trailhead, 247 Marwood Rd. (Cabot)
- Sarver Trailhead 569 Sarver Rd. (Sarver)

There are numerous parking options along the route, 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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