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Guides



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About the Route

The trail corridor itself varies from 40 to 200 feet wide. All non-motorized uses are permitted on the eastern five miles of trail, while horseback riding is prohibited on the western mile of trail.

The western segment of the trail doubles as a gas/oil access road and disabled hunter access route and has a hard pack gravel surface between 322 and Kline Road. The

trail has been diverted off of the abandoned railroad right of way due to private property issues between Kline Road and Camp Coffman Road. Please note that to bridge this gap, it is necessary to bike along roads that don't have dedicated bike lanes or sidewalks.

There are two detour options that bridge the gap, a northern and a southern detour.

To use the southern on-road detour: The southern route may be easiest when heading west along the trail. Follow Camp Hoffman Road south to US-322. Take then US-322 west for about 0.6 miles to Kline Road. Head north on Kline Road to get back to the trail. Please note that this on-road detour has steep climbs and descents.

To use the northern on-road detour: Alternately, east-bound travelers may wish to head north on Kline Road and then east on Camp Hoffman Road. Follow Camp Hoffman Road as it curves south to rejoin the off-road trail. This route is longer but has less challenging hills.

The off-road trail between Camp Coffman Road and Station Road has a gravel, dirt, and rough crushed stone surface. The railroad sub-based of sand and/or limestone is exposed in some places. After rain, the section between Fern Road and Station Road may have lots of puddles. Between Fern Road and Walt Kahle Road, the old railbed is located in a partially flooded cut, and the access from Fern Road is a rutted, muddy track. A short detour on adjacent 322 is possible. At the road crossings where railroad bridges once existed (Kaber Rd, Pine City Rd, Knight Town Rd, and Station Rd), the trail has a rough rocky surface and descends steeply down to the road level. At these crossings, the railbed has been graded back to a dangerous 2:1 slope, so care must be taken going up and down. At Phipps Cemetery, the railbed has been filled in where an overhead bridge was removed. Mountain or gravel bikes may more easily navigate the eastern sections.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Clarion

Length: 12.6miles

Trail end points: US-322 (Cranberry) to Station Rd (Shippenville)

Trail surfaces: Dirt,Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Mountain

Biking,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at several locations along the trail, including:

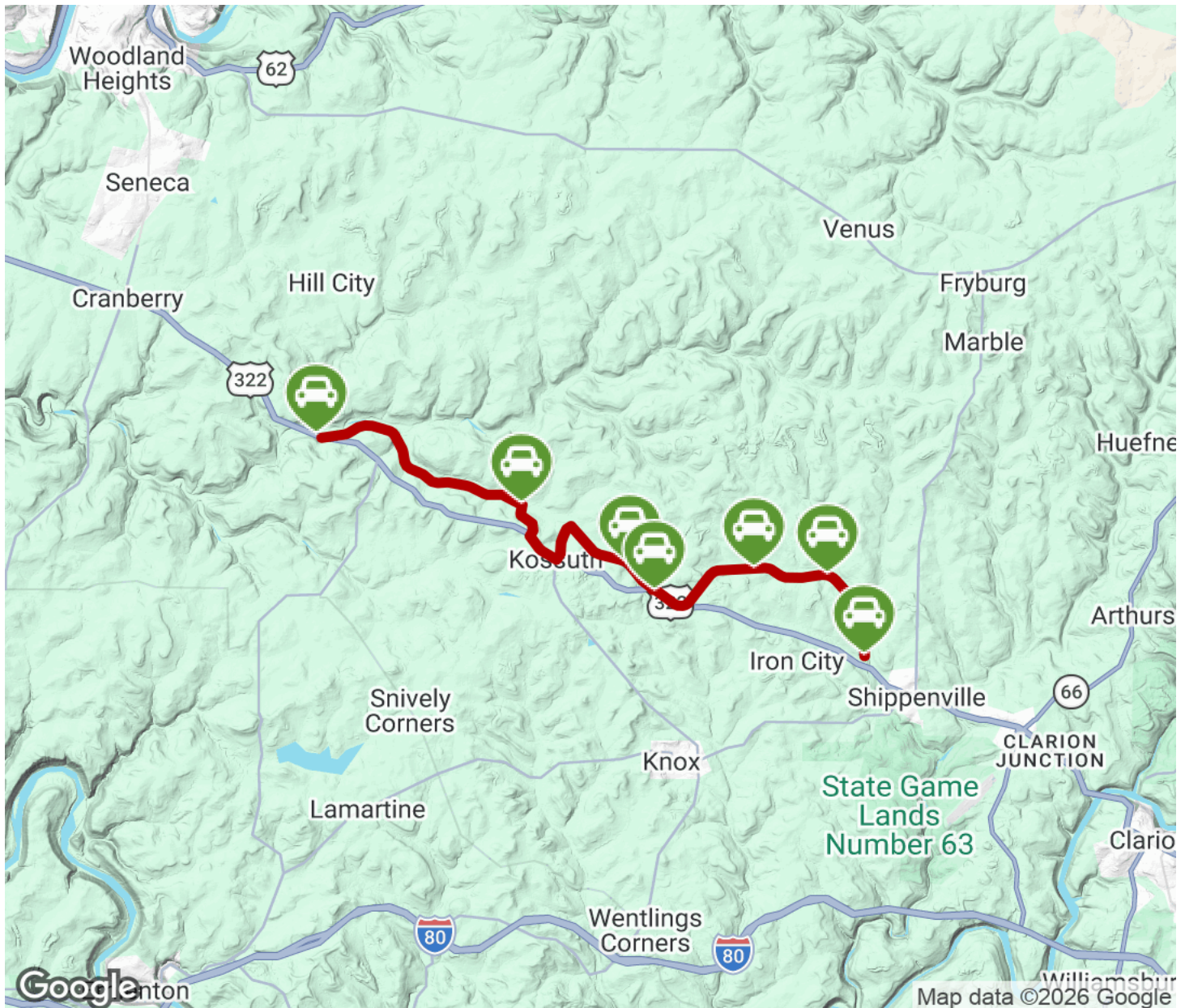
- northwest end of the trail off of US-322 (Cranberry)
- Fern Road (Cranberry)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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