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Guides



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Highlands**
Pennsylvania



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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 trail has a hard packed gravel surface between the northwest end of the trail 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.

To use the on-road detour: Heading northwest to southeast on the trail, follow Kline Road south to US-322. Take then US-322 southwest for about 0.6 miles to Camp Coffman Road and then head north on Camp Coffman Road to get back on the off-road trail. Please note that this on-road detour has steep descents.

Alternately, head north on Kline Road and then east on Camp Coffman Road. Follow Camp Coffman Road as it curves south to rejoin the off-road trail.

The off-road trail between Camp Coffman Road and Station Road has a gravel, dirt, and rough crushed stone surface. After rain, the section between Fern Road and Station Road may have lots of puddles. 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 bikes may more easily navigate these sections.

The off-road trail between Station Road and David Lane has a mostly grass surface. While the cut grass is maintained, it may be difficult to bike after rain.

Trail History

The rail-trail runs along an abandoned corridor that was used by several different railways, including Lake Erie, Franklin and Clarion (LEF&C), Penn Central, and New York Central.



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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:

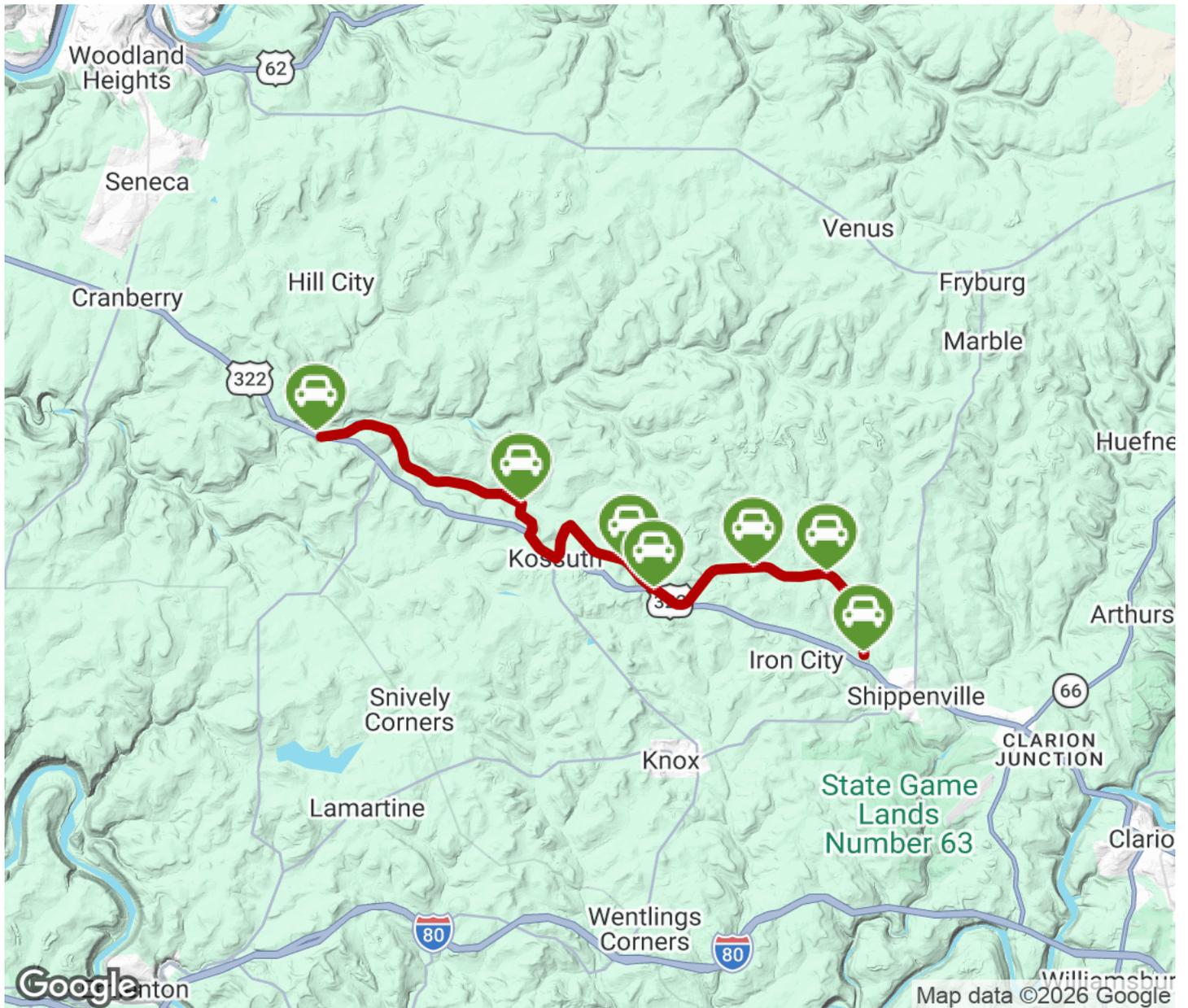
- northwest end of the trail off of US-322 (Cranberry)
- Fern Road (Cranberry)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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