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The trail inhabits a segment of the Turtle Creek Branch of the former Pennsylvania Railroad corridor, which was originally chartered in 1886 by George Westinghouse Jr. to connect Saltsburg and Export. The line transported both passengers and freight between the many towns along its route before it fell into disuse in 2009 (passenger service had ceased in 1936).

Saltsburg to Salem: 8.6 miles

Even on the hottest summer day, you will find yourself enveloped in a lush deciduous canopy on this scenic trail, a portion of which runs along a small tributary, where natural seeps can be seen in the limestone railroad cuts at various points. At its eastern end in Saltsburg, the Westmoreland Heritage Trail intersects with the 15-mile West Penn Trail.

Heading west, you'll cross over the Conemaugh River and Loyalhanna Creek in quick succession, after which you'll enter a tree-canopied route that loosely follows Getty Run. The path has a distinct uphill grade along most of the nearly 5-mile length from Saltsburg to Slickville, offering an opportunity for a quick downhill ride back to Saltsburg. From Slickville to Salem, a 3.7-mile segment that opened in 2013 features a steep climb west of Slickville, leading to a rapid descent to Beaver Run Reservoir. The trail skirts the edge of the reservoir before reentering a peaceful, densely wooded landscape.

Export to Trafford: 5.9 miles

This segment of the trail begins along US 22, just north of Duff Park at the Roberts Parcel trailhead in Murrysville, and runs 5.9 miles to B-Y Park in Trafford.

Heading west, the trail follows Turtle Creek and then veers away from the waterway to pass underneath the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It then picks up Turtle Creek again for most of its remaining alignment to B-Y Park.

Connections

At the eastern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [West Penn Trail](#)



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Westmoreland

Length: 21miles

Trail end points: West Penn Trail (Saltsburg)
to 7th St. (Trafford)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain

Biking, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible, Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The West Penn Trail runs between West Penn Trail (Saltsburg), where parking is available, and 7th St. (Trafford).

Parking is also available at:

- 4301 William Penn Hwy (Murrysville)

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



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