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The northernmost section of the Sheepskin Rail-Trail spans 2 miles from the town of Dunbar to the western bank of the Youghiogheny River near Connellsville, where it meets the popular <u>Great Allegheny Passage</u>. The trail is well surfaced with crushed stone and meanders through mixed deciduous woods and shrubs. Remnants of the original "Sheepskin Line" and other railroad crossings are apparent along the trail.

Fifteen miles south, near Uniontown, a 2.4-mile section of the trail opened in 2017 in South Union Township. This section of the trail is paved and extends from the Hutchinson Recreation Area north to Pennsylvania Avenue. A charming covered bridge greets trail users at the southern end of the trail at Stadium Drive.

Further south, a 3.1-mile section of the Sheepskin Rail-Trail opened in 2018, which runs alongside Nilan Road before crossing the Cheat River into Port Marion. From there, the pathway runs southward through town, passing a community park off South Main Street, which offers trailhead parking. As it continues, the pathway crosses into Springhill Township and becomes wooded as it travels along the Monongahela River down to the West Virginia border. At the state line, the trail makes a connection to the <u>Mon River Trail</u>, part of an <u>interconnected system of trails</u> spanning 48 miles in and around Morgantown, West Virginia.



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States: Pennsylvania Counties: Fayette Length: 7.5miles Trail end points: Pennsylvania/West Virginia border (Springhill Township) to Great Allegheny Passage at Youghiogheny River (South Connellsville) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Crushed Stone Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

To reach the Dunbar section: From US 119 in Connellsville, travel 2.7 miles south to Dunbar Road, and turn left. Parking is available in Dunbar along Railroad Street and at Dunbar Park. Restrooms are available at the park. The trail entrance is adjacent to the Dunbar Historical Society.

For the South Union Township section, parking is available within the Hutchinson Recreation Area (65 Reservoir Rd.).

For the Point Marion section, parking is available at the Point Marion Ballfield, off S. Main Street.



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