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on the left side. Continue another 0.3 of a mile to see Buttermilk Falls on the right. The trail ends at a cul-de-sac on the banks of the creek.

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The trail follows the Cowanshannock Creek on an abandoned Pennsylvania Railroad Company corridor. In the early part of the 20th century, the trail corridor was used to haul coal mined by the Kittanning Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company as well as brick made by the Cowanshannock Brick and Manufacturing Company and the Willard Brick Company. At the northern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Armstrong Trails](#).

Leaving the Bernard Snyder Picnic Area, the trail navigates a beautifully landscaped area with views of the Allegheny River. 0.8 miles along, the trail comes to a steel and wooden bridge with a spring runoff from the hillside



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Armstrong

Length: 1.1miles

Trail end points: 282 State Rte 1033

(Kittanning) to 503 McMillen Rd. (Kittanning)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Mountain

Biking, Walking

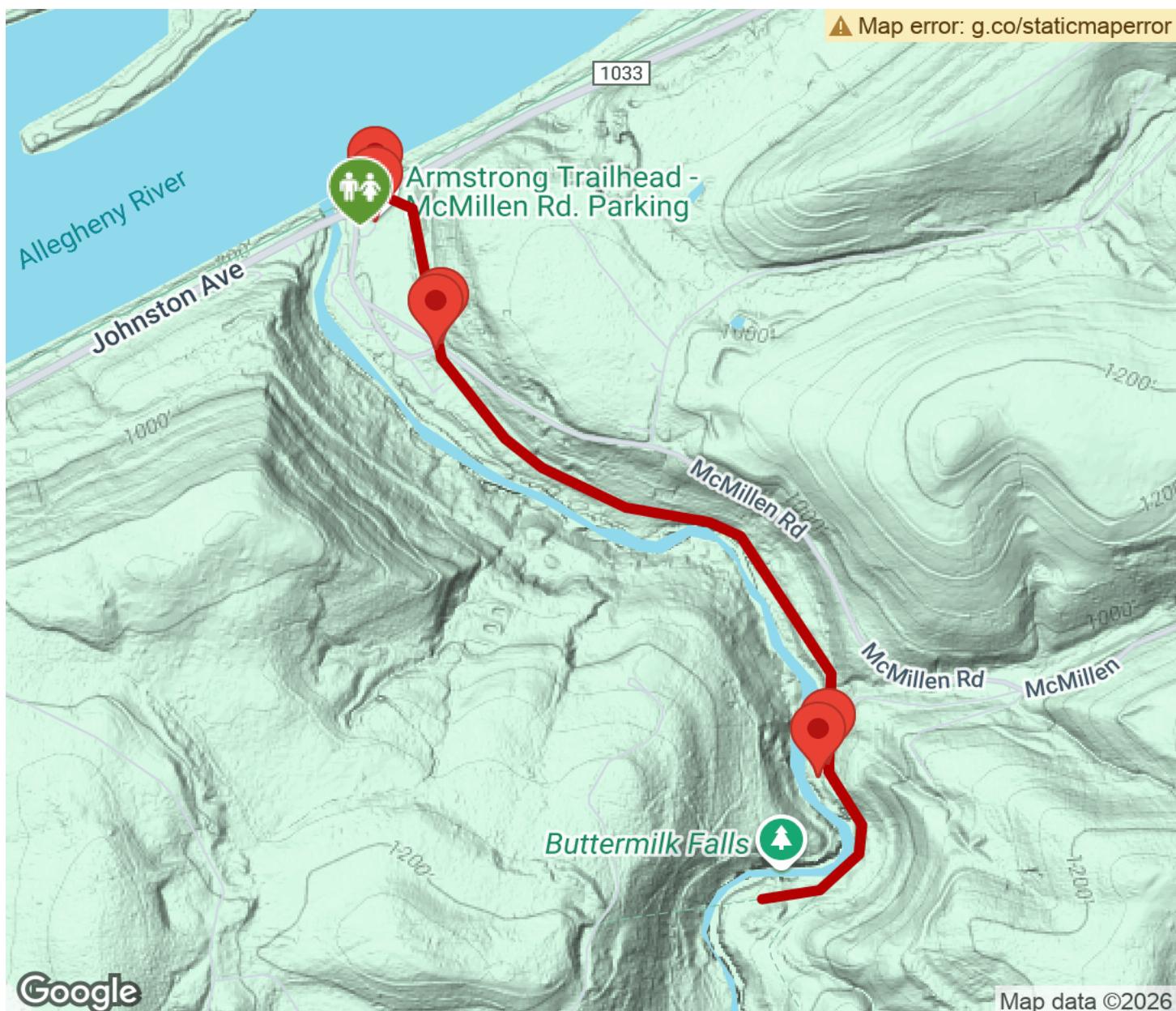
Parking & Trail Access

Parking can be found along the trail at 282 State Rte 1033.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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