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game lands and abruptly changes to an unimproved trail that consists of dirt, ballast, and grass. Approximately at mile 5.7, the grassy trail becomes a state game lands access road consisting of ballast and cinders for the remaining 0.6 miles. The trail ends at Route 865 in Lloydsville; there is no trailhead or parking here

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Starting from the trailhead off of Igou Road at the southern terminus of the trail, the trail ascends at a rather steep grade for almost its entire 6.3 miles with a couple of locations where it levels off ever so briefly. Horseback riding is permitted on the grass edge of the trail.

Along the smooth 2.1 mile section of the trail, there are a plethora of benches along the way to rest and enjoy the scenery. A couple of the benches even have a canopy roof over them. After the first 2.1 miles, the trail enters state



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Blair, Cambria

Length: 6.3miles

Trail end points: Bellwood to Lloydsville

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone, Dirt, Grass

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Wheelchair

Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

To Bellwood trailhead: From I-99, take exit 41 onto 865 toward Bellwood. Continue north on 865 for approximately 2.5 miles through Bellwood to Igou Road. Turn right on Igou Road; parking at the trailhead is immediately to the left. There is a small sign on 865 for the Bells Gap Trail at the intersection with Igou.

The southern 2.1 miles of this trail is wheelchair accessible.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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