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Manayunk Bridge Trail Pennsylvania



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About the Route

Open for non-motorized use, the Manayunk Bridge Trail offers sweeping views of the Schuylkill River, Schuylkill Canal, and downtown Manayunk. On the Montgomery County side, smile and wave at passing cars on I-76 below. At the trail's southern end in Bala Cynwyd trail users can seamlessly pick up the Cynwyd Heritage Trail.

In Manayunk, the trail ends at the intersection of Dupont Street and High Street, where the Schuylkill River Trail is located just nearby.

Connections

The northern end of the Manayunk Bridge Trail is located just off the impressive <u>Schuylkill River Trail</u>.

At the southern end of the trail, the trail connects to the <u>Cynwyd Heritage Trail</u>.

The Manayunk Bridge Trail is part of the Circuit Trails, a developing 800-mile urban network of trails in Greater Philadelphia.

Trail History

Opened in 1918, the Manayunk Bridge was built by the Pennsylvania Railroad as part of their Schuylkill Branch, which carried passengers and freight from Philadelphia to a point near Delano (northeast of Pottsville). The line north of Manayunk was closed by Conrail—the successor to the Pennsylvania Railroad—in 1976. Subsequently, the regional transportation agency SEPTA took over the remaining line between Philadelphia and Manayunk, including the bridge, using it for service on its Cynwyd Line. Passenger rail was truncated from Manayunk's Ivy Ridge Station to Cynwyd in 1986, after which point the Manayunk Bridge ceased to be used.



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States: Pennsylvania Counties: Montgomery,Philadelphia Length: 0.4miles Trail end points: Dupont St. (Philadelphia) to Cynwyd Heritage Trail (Bala Cynwyd) Trail surfaces: Concrete Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Manayunk Bridge Trail runs between Dupont St. (Philadelphia) and Cynwyd Heritage Trail (Bala Cynwyd).

Parking is available at:

• 106 Green Ln. (Philadelphia)

Parking and Trail access is also available from the Cynwyd Heritage Trail in Bala Cynwyd. Access is also available via. public transit from the SEPTA station in Manayunk and Bala Cynwyd.

Please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options.









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