

WELCOME!

Heritage Rail Trail County Park extends more than twenty-one miles, this park winds through scenic areas of southern York County.

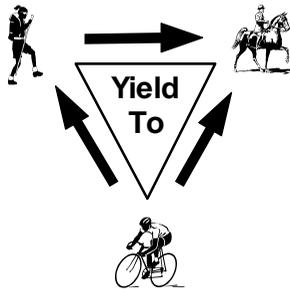
The ADA trail is a 10-foot wide compacted stone surface designed for hiking, bicycling, running, horseback riding, as well as winter sports such as cross-country skiing and snow shoeing.

This linear park connects the historic district of downtown York, Pennsylvania with Maryland's Northern Central Rail Trail, while traveling through 11 different municipalities. Adjacent to the trail is an active rail line.

The park is open year round, 8:00 AM until dusk, and is patrolled by York County Park Rangers.

PARK REGULATIONS

- The railway is operational. Stay clear of the tracks at all times and cross only at established crossings.
- Do not walk on tracks!
- Users must stay on the trail, as property adjacent to the trail is privately owned.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail except for the use of emergency and maintenance vehicles.
- Pets are permitted on the trail, but must be kept on a leash. Owners must clean up after their pets.
- All riders are encouraged to wear approved helmets.
- Horseback riders should clean up after your horses.



Bikers Yield to Horseback Riders/Hikers & Horseback Riders have the right-of-way Hikers Yield to Horseback Riders

FEATURES OF THE TRAIL

Although the grade throughout the trail is reasonably level, New Freedom is the high point of elevation (818 ft) and the low point of elevation is (400 ft) in York City. Facilities along the trail include benches, picnic tables and restrooms. Communities along the trail offer more extensive services and facilities. Trail and restrooms are ADA accessible.

Other historic features of the trail include Howard Tunnel, four Railroad Bridges, New Freedom Train Station, & Hanover Junction Train Station, as listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hanover Junction is restored to the 1863 era

New Freedom is restored to its 1940 railroad history.

Both historical museums stations are open to on selected dates throughout the summer and fall each year and supported by the Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail Corridor. For museum hours, contact the Adm. Hqtrs.

 ☆ **Dog Owners Remember...** ☆
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 ☆ **Bring a plastic bag to pick up after your dog and dispose in the trash!** ☆
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HISTORY OF THE RAIL

The 19th century saw the growth of the Northern Central Railroad, a vital link between Washington, D.C., Harrisburg, PA, upstate New York and Lake Ontario. Its passage through York County brought prosperity to the area's farmers, merchants and manufacturers, and spurred the growth of communities like New Freedom, Glen Rock, Seven Valleys, Hanover Junction and the aptly-named town of Railroad.

The railroad was also a prime target for the Confederate Army prior to the Battle of Gettysburg. Rebel troops cut telegraph wires and destroyed bridges in their efforts to isolate Washington D.C. from the rest of the Union. After the destructive Battle, President Lincoln traveled via these rails to Gettysburg at deliver the Gettysburg Address and stopped at Hanover Junction.

Volunteers are an integral part of our operation. Volunteer applications are available at Nixon and Rudy County Parks. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities within the York County Parks, please call (717) 840-7440.

Membership Form & Fees

Benefits include:

- One-year newsletter subscription
- Program information and calendar
- "Special Members First" programs
- Special event coupons
- Pavilion rental discount

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Date: _____

__ Student/Senior \$10.00 __ Family \$30.00
 __ Individual \$25.00 __ Patron \$100.00
 __ Contributor \$75.00 __ Corporate \$250.00

Make checks payable to YCPFCT & mail this form with payment to: York County Parks 400 Mundis Race Road, York, PA 17406-9721

I would like to receive my newsletter via email.

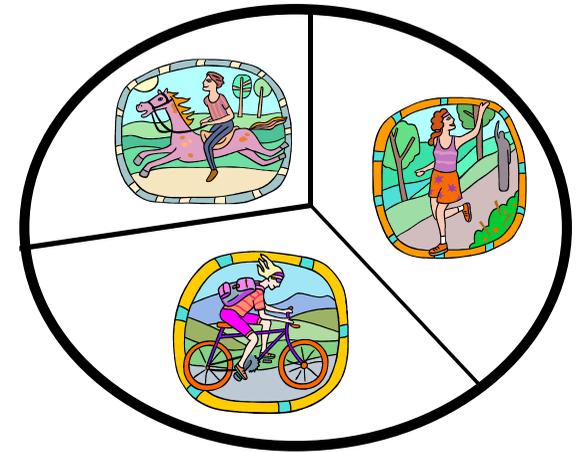
Email: _____
 I'd like to make an additional tax deductible contribution to:

- York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust
- Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill
- Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail Corridor
- Friends of Canine Meadows
- I'm interested in volunteering.



"In accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act, those individuals needing accommodations for access within the York County Parks, please call the County of York at (717) 771-4773."

HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL COUNTY PARK



YORK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS:
 (Adjacent to John Rudy County Park)
 400 MUNDIS RACE ROAD
 YORK, PA 17406-9721
 PHONE: (717) 840-7440
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www.yorkcountyparks.org

Heritage Rail Trail County Park

176 acres
Completed 1999



Total Distance Between Maryland Line and these Parking Lots

York City	21.1	Miles
Brillhart Station	17	Miles
Glatfelters Station	13.5	Miles
Seven Valleys	11	Miles
Hanover Junction Station	10.5	Miles
Glen Rock	6.25	Miles
Railroad	3	Miles
New Freedom Station	1.5	Miles

NATIONAL AWARDS
 The Rail Trail Hall of Fame - 2008
 National Recreation Trail - 2008
 Millennium Trail - 2000
 Coalition For Recreation Trails Award - 2000

Legend

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Scale - Miles

Total Trail Length - 21.10 miles

P Parking
RR Restrooms
V Drink

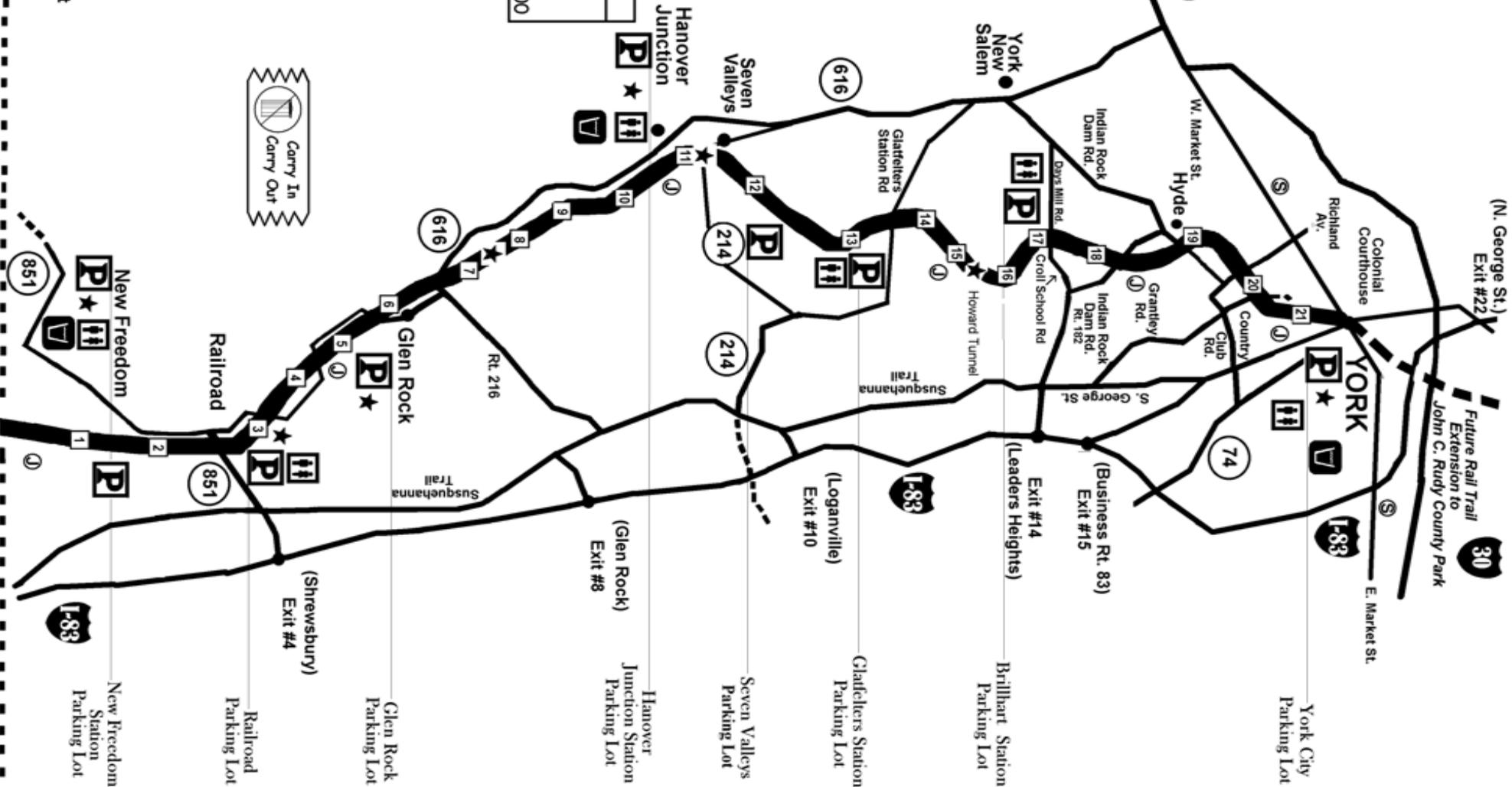
★ Historic Sites
 # Mile Markers
 PA State Bike Routes
 Ⓢ Bike Route
 Ⓣ Bike Route

(mile markers are accurate from the MD line)
 The S & J Routes are state wide bike paths that travel through York County.

Directions to Rail Trail Parking Lots

Maryland State Line

Northern Central Railroad Trail continues 20 miles



York City: (From North) From I-83 use exit # 22 (North George St.) Follow N. George St. south for approx. 3 miles to W. Philadelphia St. Turn right on W. Philadelphia St. Follow 2 blocks and turn right on Pershing Av. Follow to Parking area.

(From South) From I-83 use exit #15. (South George St.) Follow north approx. 3 miles to West Princess St. Turn left on W. Princess St. Follow 2 blocks to Pershing Av. Turn right on Pershing Av. Follow 3 blocks to parking area. *(for more info on city parking go to www.yorkonline.org) Parking available within city is subject to parking fees.*

Brillhart Station: I-83 to exit #14. (Leader Heights Rd) Follow Leader Heights Rd. west approx 1/2 mile to Indian Rock Dam Rd. Follow Indian Rock Dam Rd. approx. 2 miles. Turn left onto Croil School Rd. Follow 1/2 mile to Daves Mill Rd. Turn right on Daves Mill Rd. Parking lot is on the left beyond the Railroad Tracks. **FROM RT. 30:** Follow Rt. 616 south approx. 3 miles to George St. (E). Turn left on George St.(E). Follow George St. (E) approx. 1/2 mile. Turn right on Daves Mill Rd. The parking lot is approx. 1 mile on right.

Glatfelters Station: Glatfelters Station: I-83 to exit #10. (Loganville) Follow North St. west to Susquehanna Trail. Turn right on Susquehanna Trail. Follow Susquehanna Trail to Valley Rd. Turn left on Valley Rd. Follow Valley Rd to Rt 214. Follow Rt 214 west to Glatfelters Station Rd. Turn right on Glatfelters Station Rd. Parking lot is approx. 1/2 mile on left.

Seven Valleys: I-83 exit #10. (Loganville) Follow signs to Rt. 214. Take Rt. 214 west to the borough of Seven Valleys. Parking lot is on right at Eysters Machine shop

Hanover Junction Station: I-83 to exit #10. (Loganville) Follow signs to Rt. 214. Take Rt. 214 west for approx. 5 miles to Rt. 616 south. (left turn) Follow Rt. 616 south Rail Trail Parking lot is on the left. **FROM RT. 30:** Take Rt. 616 south. Parking lot is approx. 6 1/2 miles on the left.

Glen Rock: I-83 to exit #8. (Glen Rock) Follow Rt. 216 west for approx 4 1/2 miles to Glen Rock. Turn right onto Water St. Cross railroad tracks and turn right into parking lot.

Railroad: I-83 to exit #4. (Shrewsbury) West on Rt. 851. Parking lot is approx 3 miles on the right.

New Freedom Station: I-83 to exit #4. (Shrewsbury) West on Rt. 851 to Railroad Borough. Turn left, continue on Rt. 851 to New Freedom. Turn left on Franklin St. The parking lot is 1 block on the left at the corner of Front and Franklin St. **2nd Parking Lot** --Continue along Franklin St. cross the RR tracks, borough parking lot is on left.