

## TRAIL UPDATE, SURFACE & PARKING INFORMATION

The Redbank Valley Trail is still a work in progress, nearly complete, but on July 19, 2019, suffered a devastating loss from a flash flood at mile 19! Please see the mile 19 detour on the website and at kiosks.

In only 9 years, our volunteers made tremendous progress BUT we still want to do more as funding permits! Maintenance takes a constant effort. The trail travels through many remote areas, with a variety of wildlife, where services and cell service are very limited. Ticks and wildlife are prevalent. **From September through March**, during hunting seasons, it is recommended that you and your pets **WEAR ORANGE** for visibility. Please report any maintenance problems. Here is the current status report and helpful hints to help make your visit more enjoyable:

**General Information** - At Mile 0, at the Allegheny River, the Redbank Valley Trail connects with Armstrong Trail (part of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance) and continues at a **nearly level grade** to Brookville at mile 41.5. The Brookville Tunnel and 2 bridges to the east of the tunnel are closed. Use the Brookville Depot St. Spur for access to the northeastern-most part of the trail. All bridges between mile 0 and the west side of the Brookville Tunnel are decked, railed and open. **Stop at all road crossings and use caution.** Do not expect cars to stop for you. Some gates may require you to dismount and may be difficult for trikes to get through without assistance. Some sections have steep drop-offs. Please stay on the trail, do not park on the trail and pack out what you pack in. More detailed parking information can be found on the website. Thank you for your patience as we make improvements. **Please check Facebook for up to date information such as downed trees, updates on the Mile 19 washout or other Trail Alerts.**

### SPECIFIC INFORMATION BY SECTION FOLLOWS:

**MILE 0-6 Allegheny River to Lawsonham** - Improved with a crushed limestone surface. There is **undesigned parking** for about 10-15 cars on a first come first served basis **at both Redbank mile 0 and Lawsonham mile 6.** For Redbank, park at the dead end and go to your right across bridge. Redbank Valley Trail goes off to the right after the bridge following Redbank Creek. Armstrong Trail follows the Allegheny River. At Lawsonham, **use caution crossing the road.** A **PORTOJOHN** is available at Lawsonham. Please do not put any trash in the portojohns.

**MILE 6 - 19 Lawsonham past Climax to the Long Run washout** is improved with a crushed limestone surface.

**Long Point Tunnel** at mile 8.42. The tunnel is **OPEN.** **Walking your bike and using a light is recommended.** A picnic shelter, Adirondack shelter and outhouse were added at the west end of the tunnel in late 2016. Use is first come first served. Use caution and watch for critters.

The **Climax Tunnel at mile 17 is OPEN.** **We recommend using a light.** There is **limited parking at Climax.** Asphalt surfacing in the tunnel may be slippery when wet or cold. The tunnel is 3 miles west/downstream of New Bethlehem. Hunters Moon Lodge B&B is at mile 17 on the Armstrong Co. side of the Climax Bridge with a kayak launch.

**Mile 17-19 Open but IMPASSABLE AT MILE 19** due to a disastrous washout. A detour from Climax when coming from the Allegheny or just W of New Bethlehem using local roads is recommended. See detailed detour on website or at kiosks. **You can still ride 21 miles between Brookville and New Bethlehem or the 17 miles between the Allegheny River and Climax.**

**MILES 19-21.39 Long Run to Fairmount City** - improved with a crushed limestone surface. **New Bethlehem Trail Head**, at **Mile 20.28** and Rts. 28/66, has restaurants (not all take credit cards), gas stations, grocery stores, Dona's B&B, **lots of parking** and nearby **kayak launch** at Liberty Street near the A+ Sunoco Station.

**MILE 21.39-21.75 Fairmount City to Middle Run** - This ¼ mile section is **now open and being improved** from Fairmount Ave to Middle Run Road due to mine drainage work completed in Nov. 2018. **Middle Run ramp is steep (9-11% grade).** You may need to walk your bike up/down for a short distance (these were temporary ramps that were made to allow access where a railroad bridge was removed.) We have applied crushed limestone and will level, grade and compact it soon on this remaining quarter mile).

**MILE 21.75-22.27 Middle Run to Town Run Bridge** - **USE EXTREME CAUTION** crossing **State Route 28** at Fishbasket curve. Camping is available at Redbank Valley Municipal Park (814-365-5924) at mile 22.6.

**MILE 22.27-Mile 41 Town Run Bridge to Brookville** - finished with a crushed limestone surface. Brick House Bed & Breakfast is off Oak Ridge Rd. at mile 22.85. Breakfast & lunch restaurant is on Rt. 28 in **Hawthorn** near the Walker Flat Rd./Pottery soccer field parking area at mile 24. **Lots of parking** and a **kayak launch** is available next to the trail at mile 24 off of Walker Flat Rd. Please **do not park inside the soccer field fence** as you may be locked in. There is a **PORTOJOHN** next to the soccer field accessible directly from the trail east of the parking area via a path.

At the **Summerville Trail Head at mile 34** there is a **PORTOJOHN** and **parking for at least 10 cars.** At Moore Road at **mile 36**, there is **parking for several cars** and a **kayak launch.**

In Brookville, Depot St. Spur gives you direct access to downtown at Rt. 36/S. White St., across from Giant Eagle. Restaurants, G.B. Carrier House Inn, motels, groceries and gas stations are available in **Brookville** with a **PORTOJOHN** and parking for 22 cars at the trailhead on a first come basis.

**Sligo Spur** - The spur between Lawsonham at mile 6 of the main trail, across SR 861 (Spur mile 4) to mile 9 (Walker Farm Road) at the end of the Spur is **IMPROVED!** The trail has up to a 3% grade with the highpoint at SR 861.

Hopefully this status update will assist you in planning your trip to the Redbank Valley Trails. As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or to report any problems you see a 814-275-1718 or [info@redbankvalleytrails.org](mailto:info@redbankvalleytrails.org). We will be glad to help! Please check back frequently and visit Facebook for current updates as improvement continues and for emergency trail alerts. The trail is privately owned and maintained. Donations are greatly appreciated. 8-10-19