

## TRAIL UPDATE, SURFACE & PARKING INFORMATION

**Redbank Valley Trail is all volunteer maintained. Please see Facebook or the website for current info and updates.** In only 9 years, since June 25, 2010, our volunteers developed this trail, 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. This status report and helpful hints are intended to help make your visit more enjoyable:

**General Information** – All 51 miles of the trail have a crushed limestone surface except in the paved Climax Tunnel. 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 eastward at a **nearly level grade** to Brookville at mile 41.5. 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. Bridges may be slippery when wet. **Stop at all road crossings and use caution.** Do not expect cars to stop for you. Most gates will now accommodate trikes. Some sections have steep drop-offs. Please stay on the trail. Do not park on the trail or in front of gates. Please do not litter. 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 or other Trail Alerts.**

### SPECIFIC INFORMATION BY SECTION FOLLOWS:

**MILE 0-6 Allegheny River to Lawsonham** - 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 Red Bank Creek. Armstrong Trail follows the Allegheny River N and S. At Lawsonham, **use caution crossing the road.** A **PORTOJOHN** is available at Lawsonham. Please do not put any trash in the portojohns. **Avalon Guest House** is nearby.

**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. At mile 17 on the Armstrong Co. side of the Climax Bridge there is a private kayak launch that the public is allowed to use. Please don't block the driveway at the house or the launch. Park in the open grass area above the bridge on Armstrong side.

**Mile 17-19. AT MILE 19** there was a gap in the trail due to a disastrous washout on July 19, 2019 of a stone arch over Long Run. A bridge was installed on November 3, 2020 and the trail is open. **A wooden bridge near stream level was constructed by volunteers in late April 2020** that allows you to see what remains of the arch. **Access is via a rather steep dirt trail. Walking your bike is recommended.**

**MILES 19-21.39 Long Run to Fairmount City - New Bethlehem Trail Head**, at **Mile 20.28** and Rts. 28/66, has many restaurants (not all take credit cards), gas stations, grocery stores, **lots of parking** and nearby **kayak launch** at Liberty Street near the A+ Sunoco Station. See the brochure and map for info. The trail office, with restrooms, is at the Gallery at New Bethlehem Town Center at 419 Arch Street in front of the Mama Bear and Cubs sculpture in what was the old freight yard. Zack's Restaurant at 301 Wood Street also welcomes trail users.

**MILE 21.39-21.75 Fairmount City to Middle Run** – Mine drainage work was completed in Nov. 2018. **Middle Run ramp is steep (8-9% grade).** You may need to walk your bike up/down for a short distance (these ramps were made to allow access where a railroad bridge was removed.) This was the last section completed on the entire main trail.

**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** - **Brick House Bed & Breakfast** is off Oak Ridge Rd. at mile 22.85. Near Walker Flat Rd. is the Pottery soccer field parking area at mile 24. **Lots of parking** and a **kayak launch** is available next to the trail. Please **do not park in front of the gate or 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 memory of members of the Siebach family.

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. A **kayak launch** is on the other side of S. White Street.

**Sligo Spur** – The spur between Lawsonham at mile 5.8 of the main trail, across SR 861 (Spur mile 4) to mile 9 (Walker Farm Road) at the end of the Spur has up to a 3% grade with the highpoint at SR 861. A small parking lot is at mile 9.

Hopefully this update will assist you in planning your trip to the Redbank Valley Trails. 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 by volunteers. Donations are greatly appreciated. 11-22-2022