

Panhandle Trail Mileage Chart



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MILE:

0 - Walkers Mill Station Bulletin Board, Port-A-John, Benches, Picnic Shelter, Parking Available.

0.10 – Bridge over stream

0.16 - Trail to cave (and Collier Twp. Public Works).

0.26 - Picnic Shelter, Quarry Pond, numerous benches

0.28 – Windmill (Provides aeration into quarry pond)

0.60 – Pedestrian bridge to cross stream (Robinson Run) leads to "Fossil's Cliff" and "Neville's Woods"

0.63 - Rennerdale Station Bulletin Board, Picnic Shelter, Parking **Amenities: Rennerdale Corner Store up road**

0.75 - Bench

0.86 – Bridge over stream

1.0 - Marker (1 Mile) and Bench

1.05 - Bridge (First view of Radar Facility on left hillside)

1.26 - Bench

1.52 - Marker (1.5 Miles) and Bench

1.56 - Nike Site Road (Overhead)

1.60 - Bridge

1.79 - Bench

1.86 - Trail starts to curve to the left and interesting cut through rocks on both sides.

1.92 - Train Marker left over from Conrail - "13" (13 miles to Pittsburgh)

2.03 - Marker (2 Miles) and inside rock cuts

2.08 - Bench slightly off of trail and end of right side rock cut - This bench is facing the Walker-Ewing

Cabin (which is hard to see when the leaves are on the trees).

2.12 - End of left side rock cut and trail starts to straighten

2.30 - Bench

2.37 - Gregg Station Bulletin Board, Pavilion, Port-A-John; Parking Available, 2 Paved Handicapped Spots

2.4 - Road Crossing - Gregg Station Road (Road Closed – Bridge Out); Rinker Hydro Conduit Concrete Pipe Plant on right side; Western Pennsylvania Botanical Gardens past plant on other side of road.

2.49 – Double Arched Stone Bridge over stream

2.56 - Marker (2.5 Miles) and Bench

2.75 - Bench

2.87 - Bench

3.01 - Old Trestle Foundation (No clue to its former use?)

3.20 – Bench

??3.23 – Flock of sheep live here next to trail

3.26 - Trail Curves left again and more rock cuts are visible

3.55 - Metal Buildings and Quonset Huts

3.69 - Marker on Guard Rail (3.5 Miles)

3.73 - Oakdale Station Bulletin Board, deck w/tables, bike rack, water fountain; Parking Available in big gravel lot, **Access Oakdale Amenities, Huckleberry's Store and Pepperoncini's Pizza & Wings**

3.74 - Road Crossing, "Union Avenue."; On left, former Joy Dog Food Mill/Elevator plant (Under deconstruction).

3.82 - Port-A-John (picnic tables are now gone)

4.33 - Across Creek, look through clearing, Goose Creek Garden and Greenhouses

4.42 - Bridge

4.60 - Bridge (Hardly Visible – Fences on each side)

4.64 - Parking Area 5 paved parking spots and 3 handicapped spots plus room for 9-10 more in gravel areas

4.65 - Road Crossing, "Mill Street." Go right on road to access Village of Noblestown and small War Memorial

4.67 - Enter South Fayette. Bench, water fountain, flowers and Doug Nation memorial stone

4.68 - Bridge

4.86 - Driveway Crossing, "Massaro Place"

5.54 - Private Foot Bridge on left. Sturgeon Fire Department of right. Former Sturgeon Mine located nearby. [Sturgeon Mine was listed as a new mine ca.1917- ?], E. B. McKee Coal Company, Sturgeon, PA

5.75 – Sturgeon Permanent Rest Room, Soda and Water vending machines, Bulletin Board, Shelter, Parking available (5 Paved spots and 3 handicapped). **Amenities: Hunners Deli (Closed on Sundays) & Lemon Tree.**

5.77 - Road Crossing, "Station Street"

5.99 – 6.19– Friendly goats frequent the trail in this area.

6.65 - Road Crossing, "Laurel Hill Road" Oliverio Chevy/Buick Dealer; Parking Available, a few gravel spots on both sides of road. Bench, Picnic Table.

6.78 - Probable location of Laurel Hill No. 1 Mine. Look for coal piles on left side of hill; (Laurel Hill Mine) (ca.1878- ?), located near McDonald, Laurel Hill, South Fayette Twp., Allegheny Co., PA.

6.95 Remains of a former signal bridge (concrete base)

7.24 - McDonald Trail Station, Bulletin Board with nice map of trail and town; Port-A-John, Benches, Picnic Tables, Trail Station open on weekends, info center and restrooms, vending machines & free trail maps available.

7.25 - Road Crossing, "State Rt. 908" AKA McDonald Street; Right to town of McDonald - Trail is "rough paved" from here to 8.12. County Line - Leave Allegheny County, Enter Washington County

7.34 - Hi-View Hardware (**Numerous amenities in town**)

- 7.74 - Road Crossing, "West End Drive"; Warning, they forgot to pave next to the gate, careful when going around
- 8.11 - Sign "No Motorized Vehicles . . ." and end of pavement (back to gravel).
- 8.18 - Pass under McDonald Trestle (Montour Trail)
- 8.62 – Montour/Panhandle Trail Connector;**
Trail off to right goes to "Rob Run Bridge." Follow this trail over the bridge, through a big coal pile area, past the sewage treatment facility, across Rt. 980, and into the parking lot for the Montour Trail, and up a grade directly onto the Montour Trail. Left on the Montour goes over the trestle towards Cecil (and towards Washington D.C. on the Great Allegheny Passage) and Right towards Quicksilver, Robinson Township and Coraopolis.
- 8.75 - **Village of Primrose** - Bulletin Board with brand-new map and gravel Parking lot. Port-A-John.
- 8.79 – Primrose** Road Crossing, "Noblestown Road" ; Ft. Cherry Ambulance & Green's Taxi.
Amenities - Gianni's Pizza, approx. ½ mile up Noblestown Road on right.
- 8.99 - Hidden Double Arched Bridge, Stream Crossing
- 9.73 - Railroad Signal Bridge used to be here
- 9.95 - Road Crossing "Taylor Road"
- 10.07 - Private Gravel & Dirt Road Crossing - helicopter sometimes sits on right side of trail here.
- 10.60 - Midway** - Fire Station on right.
- 10.62 - Road crossing - Bridge, Arched Tunnel (painted red, white & blue). Notice grate covering steps down into tunnel. Former pedestrian walkway to reach railroad tracks. **Amenities: Unimart**
- 10.7ish - Midway Parking Area and bulletin board
- 11.06 - Big Open Valley, uphill grade.
- 11.42 - Cataney private R.C. Flying Club - This is also a registered private airfield. If you are lucky, you might see a Piper Cub taking off or landing in addition to the model R.C. Airplanes
- 13.5 – Bulger – Veterans Memorial / Cannons / Flags**

- 13.55 - Old Bridge formerly overhead, piers remain
- 14.5 - **Joffre** (AKA Raccoon?) – Interesting tunnel over road (circa 1905), includes former pedestrian tunnel that used to have steps up to inside of railroad tracks.
Former Louise Mine somewhere in this area (ca.1916-?), located at Joffre [Raccoon], Smith Twp. Carnegie Coal Company [Louise Mine was a new mine in ca.1916.]
- End of Surfaced Trail (for now).
Rough trail next 2.5 miles from here to town of Burgettstown – RIDE WITH CAUTION
- 16.8 - Road Crossing - Bridge crosses over Rt. 18
- 17 Burgettstown** - Road Crossing - "Main St."
Last Chance Amenities: Unimart and "The Penny" Diner
- 17.47 - Road Crossing, "Dinsmore Avenue"
- 17.49 Bench (Beer bench – smells like beer)
- 18.5ish - Enter cut in rock
- 18.74 -19.33? - Road Crossing, "Dinsmore Road"
Bulletin Board, parking area
- 20.37 Bench
- 21.39 Bench
- 21.6 - Road Crossing, Bridge Tunnel
- 21.73 Bench
- 22.45 - Dirt Road Crossing - Stream appears on right side
- 22.61 - Stream Crossing - Bridge - Stream now on left side
- 23.09 - Stream Crossing - Bridge - Stream now on right?
- 23.55 - 2 concrete slabs formerly a signal bridge
- 23.86 - Stream Crossing - Bridge - Stream now on left side
- 23.88 - Neat Cliff and rock cuts on right
- 24.09 - Road Crossing "Creek Lane Road"
- ???? – Old Mile Marker – 35 miles to Pittsburgh
- 24.38 - 4 Marker (4 Miles to Weirton Junction) (Stolen?)
- 24.47 - Rock Cliff on left?

- 24.60 - Stream Crossing - Bridge - Stream now on right
- 24.67 - State Line** Leave Pennsylvania and Enter Brooke County West Virginia; Picnic Table, Bench, Bulletin Board, Really neat marker for state line P.C.C.& St.L.R.R.



- 24.73 - Rocky Cliff on left
- 24.89 - Bench
- 24.90 – 3.5 Mile Marker - Bench
- 25.13 - Road Crossing, Bridge, Jersey Barriers to keep you from falling off bridge
- 25.22 - Colliers West Virginia**, Bench, Gravel Parking Lot, Bulletin Board, Cement Picnic Table and cement benches
- 25.41 - 3 Mile Marker
- 25.49 - Bench
- 25.67 - 2 ¾ Mile Marker
- 25.92 - Bench, Actual Town of Colliers on left across stream
- 26.28 - Road Overpass
- 26.33 - Picnic Table next to stream, big weeping willow tree
- 26.43 - 2 Mile Marker
- 26.68 - 1 ¾ Mile Marker
- 26.80 - Bench
- 26.88 - Wetlands area on right, look for beaver lodge
- 26.94 - 1.5 Mile Marker
- 27.09 - Bench
- 27.20 - 1 ¼ Mile Marker
- 27.37 - Picnic Tables and rope swings

- 27.46 - 1 Mile Markers (There are two, one like the rest and one made of concrete)
- 27.48 - Bench
- 27.71 - ¾ Mile Marker
- 27.73 - Bench
- 27.74 - Bench
- 27.94 - Port-A-John, small parking area
- 27.96 - Bench
- 27.97 - ½ Mile Marker
- 28.19 - Bench overlooking stream and little waterfall under bridge
- 28.22 - ¼ Mile Marker
- 28.38 - Road Overpass
- 28.42 - Bench and Signal Bridge with Panhandle Trail Sign hanging
- 28.45 - Bench
- 28.49 - Harmon Creek Parking Area**, gravel lot, bench, bulletin board, picnic table, also mobile home park.
- 28.52 - Overpass - Harmon Creek On/ Off ramp
- 28.55 - Highway Overpass Route 22
- 28.59 - Harmon Creek Off /On ramp
- 28.90 - Bench
- 28.94 - Hidden Bridge (Deer Crossing area)
- 29.06 - Ride along Rt. 22, See sign on highway
- 29.10 - Bench
- 29.41 - Picnic Table
- 29.44 - Trail Ends**, Huge Pile of Gravel with train tracks on other side, stop sign; This is approx. one mile from Weirton, according to sign on highway

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