TRAIL RULES AND ETIQUETTE

General
- These are general trail rules and etiquette; please obey all rules for trails you may be using.
- Trails in this guide are for non-motorized use only. In areas with adjacent access pathways, authorized motor vehicles are permitted to use those pathways. Questions regarding a trail's mobility device use policy should be directed to the trail's management entity.
- Trail users stay to the right side of the trail and pass to the left side of the trail. When passing slow down, ring a bell or call out to alert the other person you are passing.
- Do not block the trail. Groups should be in single file when other trail users are present and should never use more than one-half of the trail to allow for the flow of traffic.
- Respect public and private property. Multipurpose trails are generally 8-10 feet wide and clearly visible. Dirt biking trails are generally blazed.
- Cell phone service is available throughout the region; however, please note service varies per carrier, and the area a person is in. Access to bathroom facilities and drinking water is limited along the trails in the region.
- Park in designated areas only.
- Maintenance issues should be reported to the specific trail owner/manager.

Lodging
- There are several types of lodging in close proximity to most trails in the region. Each of the larger communities has at least one hotel/motel. There are a variety of Bed and Breakfasts, private camping grounds, as well as primitive camping in some areas along trails.
- Please note camping at designated public areas may require reservations. Sites along the Allegheny River Trail are first come first serve basis for overnight only. Fires are permitted only in designated areas such as fire rings. Be sure to extinguish fires when leaving.
- If you are planning a trip to the Region, visit www.oirregion.org to access the OIR Region Visitor Guide for information on lodging, and other businesses, activities, and points of interest.

Leave No Trace
- Littering along trails is prohibited. If you pack it in, pack it out.
- Do not break off tree limbs, pick, or damage plants growing along the trail.
- Do not damage or take any piece or part of historic artifacts.
- Take only pictures; leave only tracks. Please stay on the trail.

Horse Back Riding
- If on a shared corridor with a gravel/dirt surface adjacent to a paved multipurpose trail, horses should not use the paved trail.

Emergency
- For all emergencies, call 911.
ERIE TO PITTSBURGH TRAIL

The Erie to Pittsburgh Trail (EPT) traverses through seven counties and two states as it invites travelers to western Pennsyl- vania and New York, using many of the trails in the Oil Region. When complete, the EPT will be approximately 270 miles long connecting the Bayfront in Erie with the “Point” in Pittsburgh with the Oil Region serving as the central hub.

More information on this regional trail is available by visiting www.eriepittsburghtrail.org.

MULTI-PURPOSE TRAILS

QUEEN CITY TRAIL

The 1.4 miles of paved trail connects the business district of Titusville to Oil Creek State Park. A very short section of the trail is share-the-road along South Brown St. and Bank St.

www.cityoftitusvillepa.gov

Access via:
- S. Martin St. - Parking is available along the street (41623751, -79.661952).
- Jersey Bridge Trailhead on E. Blass St., directions are below. (41615873, -79.658241)

OIL CREEK STATE PARK BICYCLE TRAIL

This scenic 9.7 mile asphalt trail runs parallel to Oil Creek through wooded parkland. The Oil Creek State Park Trail is the oldest section of trail along the main spine of the entire Erie to Pittsburgh Trail.

This trail offers a special combination of natural beauty and historical significance. The trail follows the path of development of the oil industry in the 1860’s. The story of oil is told at Drake Well Museum, and with relics of the early industry and interpretive signs along the trail.

- Jersey Bridge Trailhead is located adjacent to Drake Well Museum near Titusville via S. 8. R. turn on E. Blass St. travel 1 mile. (41615873, -79.658241)
- Petroleum Centre Trailhead is located adjacent to the park office; from S. R. 8 north of Rouseville, turn east onto State Park Rd proceed for 3 miles. (416516138, -79.682296)

MCCLINTOCK TRAIL

The northern 1.8-mile section of McClintock Trail is a share-

the-road section on Waiz Rd., a township dirt road. The southern section of McClintock Trail is 1.7 miles of paved surface paralleling active railroad tracks. The train may whistler if you wave as you ride along on the other side of the separation fence. www.grabrails.com

- Rynd Farm Trailhead is accessed via S. R. 8 three miles north of Oil City. Turn onto Old Bankson Rd at the southern end of the bridge; travel a short distance to the trail head. This is also the site of the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad southern boarding station and the historic Coal Oil Johnny House. (416483080, -79.692306)
- The historic McClintock Well #1 Trailhead on the south end of Waiz Rd just south of Rouseville is accessed via S. R. 8 a mile north of Oil City (416459926, -79.691623)
- Oil Creek Memorial Landing is located at 583 N. Seneca St., Oil City. (416444737, -79.70153)

OIL CITY TRAIL

In Oil City, the 3 miles of trail utilize a combination of city streets and designated paved trail. Navigate through town by following the signed route.

The trail is marked through Oil City and can be accessed from a number of city parking lots on the trail or the Oil City Marina. Access to the Marina is via W 1st St. to Wyliss St. (416426006, -79.723115)

SANDY CREEK TRAIL

The Sandy Creek Trail has 12 miles of asphalt surface, seven bicycle pedestrian-safe bridges and a tunnel. The trail runs east and west, crossing over the Allegheny River and the Allegheny River Trail 5 miles south of Franklin via the Belmar Bridge. This bridge is 1,385 feet long with a wooden deck and railings and provides a magnificent view of the river valley. The trail winds along East Sandy Creek and the Allegheny River through some of Pennsylvania’s most scenic, valleys, and forest. http://www.avta-trails.org

THE ALLEGHENY RIVER TRAIL

Bordering on the west by the Allegheny River and on the east mostly by woodland hills, this 32-mile trail has a paved surface. Rich with scenic views and historic remnants of the past, the Allegheny River Trail connects Franklin to Ementon.

The Allegheny River Trail is home to two railroad tunnels; the Kennerdell Tunnel, 3350’ long, is 15 miles south of Franklin, and the Rockland Tunnel, 2868’ long is 21 miles south of Franklin. The trail is paved through the tunnels and three rows of reflectors mark the trail edges and center. The tunnels are not lit, so it is highly recommended that trail users bring very good lights, as both tunnels are quite dark.

Three miles downstream from Ementlon is the lovely old railroad town of Foxburg, a tourist destination itself. On the southern end of Foxburg, the Allegheny River Trail continues downstream about 3 miles to Parker’s Landing. http://www.avta-trails.org

The Allegheny River Trail offers seven trailheads:
- Franklin - located at the east end of the 8th St. Bridge on S. R. 322. There is easy bike access to downtown Franklin (416385584, -79.871387). A second lot is located 1.5 miles east on S. R. 322 (416373066, -79.800266).
- Brandon - relatively remote, access from the intersection of S. R. 322 and 257, turn onto the Rockland Rd., travel 4.5 miles turn onto Coal City Rd.; and travel for 6.5 miles (416315707, -79.852663).
- Rockland Station - Via the intersection of S. R. 322 and 257 turn onto the Rockland Rd travel 7.4 miles to Rockland Station Road continue for 1.8 miles. (41.231884, -79.752213)
- Dotter - This remote trailhead is 3 miles north of Ementon on the trail. Access via T. 522. (41620894, -79.723270)
- Ementon - Travel west on Main St. to its end, continue on the narrow paved drive for 0.2 mile (41.178312, -79.715208). Weekend and holiday parking is available at the Farmers National Bank Building. 718 Main St. (4161773117, -79.712315)
- Foxburg - Take Main Street through business district and proceed to the end (416139096, -79.67995)
- Parker - S. R. 268 to S. R. 368, at the end of the bridge the drive to the trailhead is on the left. (416101955, -79.677560)

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“State Forest Land.” The maintenance roadway is not open to motor vehicles, but you may park here. (41.263160, -79.842256)

Additional information can be found at http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/clearcreek/index.htm.

Kenedrell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest
Photo by Mike Henderson

Kenedrell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest offers a network of 35 miles of trails for hikers to explore. Dennison Run Trail is open to only hikers to protect the Exceptional Value (EV) watershed. Find access information located under the “Mountain Biking” heading in this publication.

Two Mile Run County Park has over 30 miles of hiking trails through woods and fields. In winter, cross-country ski trails are groomed and marked for various levels of expertise. Ski rentals are available at the park office. Information and a map are available at the Park office. (41.475296, -79.768343) www.twomilerun.net

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

The Samuel Justus Trail, the Allegheny River Trail and the Sandy Creek Trail permit horseback riding only on access roads paralleling these trails, equestrians should avoid trail on the paved trail. For access refer to the specific trail under the “Multi-Purpose Trails.”

Two Mile Run County Park - a 2.695-acre park is well known for its equestrian trails. The park offers overnight camping for both horses and riders. Information and map are available at the Park office. (41.475296, -79.768343) www.twomilerun.net

Kenedrell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest - Most state forest roads permit horseback riding, with a few exceptions. Access information is located under “Mountain Biking” in this publication. A map can be found at www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/clearcreek/index.htm.

WATER TRAILS

Each water trail is unique, a reflection of Pennsylvania’s diverse geology, ecology and communities. For more information on the designed water trails in the Oil Region, websites have been listed here.

Kenedrell Overlook - Sits 302 feet above the Allegheny River. Access the overlook from the intersection of S. R. 257 and 322, turn onto the Rockland Rd, travel 6 miles turn west onto Kenedrell Rd. for 4.2 miles. (41.280115, -79.825579)

Dennison Point Overlook - Located in the Kenedrell Tract of the Clear Creek State Forest at an elevation of 980 feet, the overlook is accessible via a hiking-five-mile loop. (41.2744, -79.85378). Access information is located under “Mountain Biking” in this publication, you will want to access from the west.

Freedom Falls - On Shull Run in Rockland Township, is a beautiful waterfall that is 50 ft. wide and 25 ft. tall. Just 100 yards downstream from the falls is the well-preserved Rockland Furnace, built in 1832. To visit the falls, from the intersection of S. R. 257 and 322 turn onto Rockland Rd. and travel 7.4 miles to Rockland Station Rd. Follow Rockland Station Rd. for 1.25 miles (41.236282, -79.748273). Park along the road and walk a short distance to the falls.