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Guides



# Athens-Belpre Rail Trail

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the 1.2-mile point and you could technically connect to the Ireland Road Trailhead, but there is no accessible pathway to get up from the trail to the road so it's easier to just go out-and-back, ending where you began.

The longest segment is 5.8 miles long between the Ireland Road trailhead, just north of US 50, and a point north of the Rome Township. It's nicknamed the Frost segment, since it parallels Frost Road as it heads north along the Hocking River. 4.2 miles from the start point, the Frost trailhead can be found in the town of Frost. However, the trail does not end there; rather, it continues north along Frost Road.

The ABRT Steering Committee & Athens Conservancy are working to raise money to acquire more of the corridor, as well as improve and maintain the existing segments. It is hoped that when the trail is complete, it will link together Athens County trails including the [Moonville Rail Trail](#) and the [Hockhocking Adena Bikeway](#).

Nestled in southeast Ohio, the Athens-Belpre Line will one day stretch for 34 miles across Athens and Washington Counties up to Parkersburg, West Virginia. To date, however, 8.6 miles of the former B&O corridor have been acquired and developed into a multi-use path serving hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. The open segments can be found in Athens County.

The Ellis Road segment is 1.2 miles long from Ellis Road in the unincorporated community of Torch, stretching from Ellis Road east to the Athens/ Washington county boundary. The trail surface is unpaved but graded.

The Torch West segment extends for 1.6 miles, beginning from the trailhead on North Torch Road to up to a dead end just west of Brandeberry Road. Brandeberry Road is at



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**States:** Ohio

**Counties:** Athens

Length: 8.6 miles

**Trail end points:** Athens/ Washington County  
Line to Frost Road

**Trail surfaces:** Ballast, Dirt, Grass

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Horseback Riding, Mountain  
Biking, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

There are 3 trailheads for the trail, all with parking.

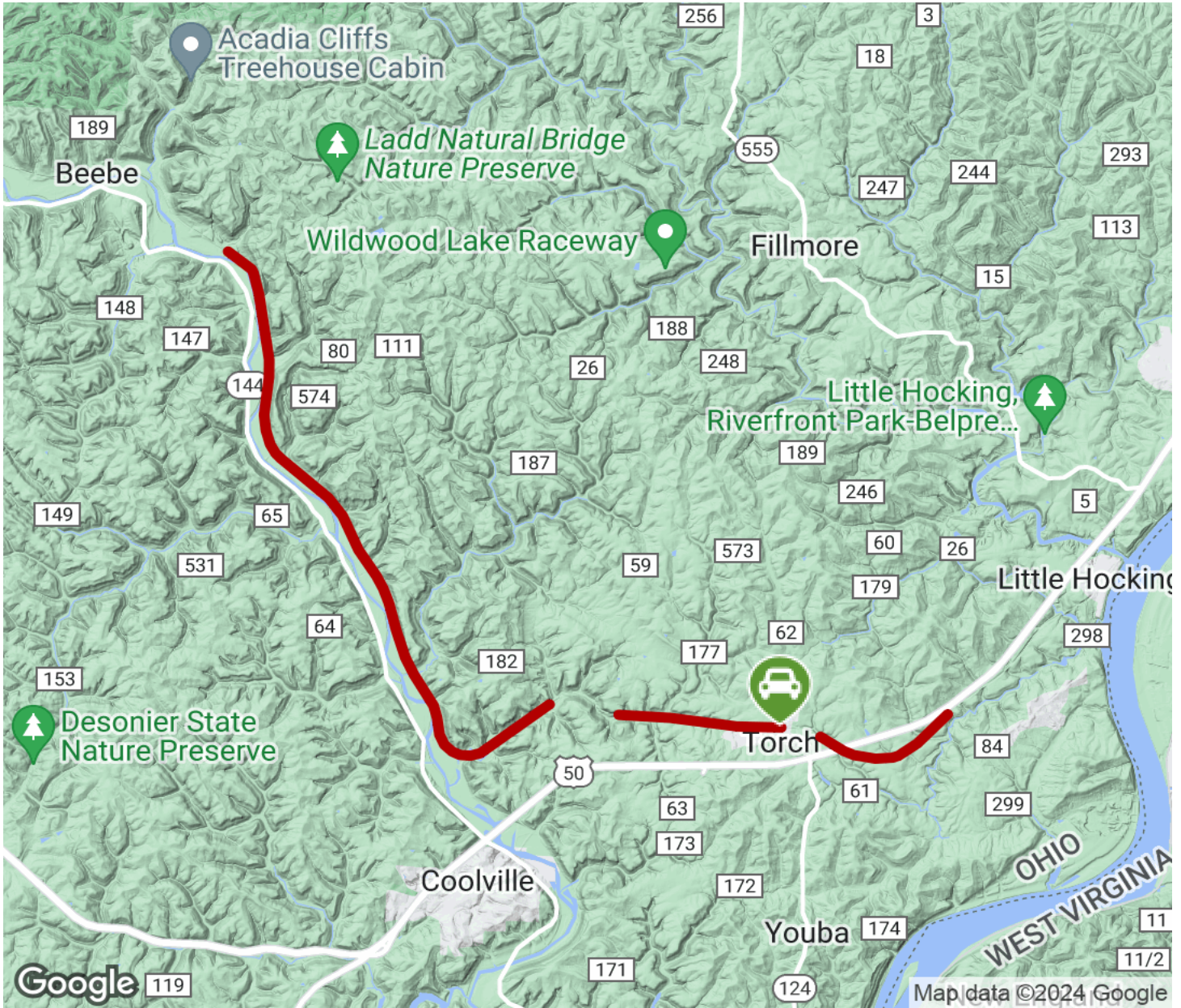
- North Torch Road trailhead is located on North Torch Road, about 0.1 mile north of Torch Road (Torch).
- The Ireland Road trailhead is located 0.75 miles north of US 50, east of Coolville, OH.
- The Frost Road Trailhead is in Frost, across the Hocking River from State Route 144.

Although the trail is horse-friendly, the trailheads can't presently accommodate a truck-trailer combination.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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