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Guides



**Armstrong
Trails**
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Closure notice: The 0.5-mile Brady Tunnel remains closed while under construction, disconnecting the northern 4.5 miles from the lower 39.2 miles. No bypass is available.

The trail section from Schenley to Leechburg is currently under construction with completion expected summer 2024. While under construction, this section is closed. When finished, the trail will be 48 miles long. Visit the [Armstrong Trails website](#) for the latest update.

Overview

Armstrong Trails connects riverfront towns along the eastern bank of the Allegheny River as it winds through the lush Allegheny Plateau. The flat trail, currently 44.2 miles, runs along a former railroad corridor as it follows

the river through the counties of Armstrong, Clarion, and Westmoreland in Western Pennsylvania. The trail runs between East Brady and the Kiskiminetas River in Schenley, passing relics from the area's railroading and industrial past.

The trail surface is primarily compressed limestone with a few paved asphalt sections in the borough of Ford City and Kittanning. The trail is typically 9ft wide; the narrowest sections are 6ft wide.

About the Route

Access the currently disconnected 4.5-mile section of the trail at the Sarah Furnace Trailhead (1867 Sarah Furnace Rd, Rimersburg), where there is parking. From, this trailhead, head north or south. With the tunnel closed, both directions are out-and-back. Heading north, the trail follows the river for about three miles before coming to a dead end. Heading south, the trail follows the river for about 1.5 miles before reaching the Brady Tunnel, which is currently closed.

Access the northern end of 41-mile section in East Brady. The East Brady Trailhead (300 Verner St, East Brady) has parking, restrooms, and a picnic area. The trail meanders south as it follows the river.

At the Phillipston Trailhead (94 N Apple St, Rimersburg), there is an old railroad turntable (restored in 2020) left over from the days when the railroad serviced locomotives here. There trailhead also has parking and restrooms.

The southern entrance to the 0.5-mile 1915 Brady Tunnel is about 1.2 miles from the Phillipston Trailhead. Currently under construction, it will reopen to connect the northern segment to the rest of the trail. In a little less than 1.5 miles later, the trail passes the coaling tower used to replenish locomotives from 1930 until 1957, when diesel power replaced steam.



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Armstrong, Clarion

Length: 44.2 miles

Trail end points: East Brady to Schenley

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Armstrong Trails runs between East Brady and Schenley. Parking is available at numerous locations along the route, including:

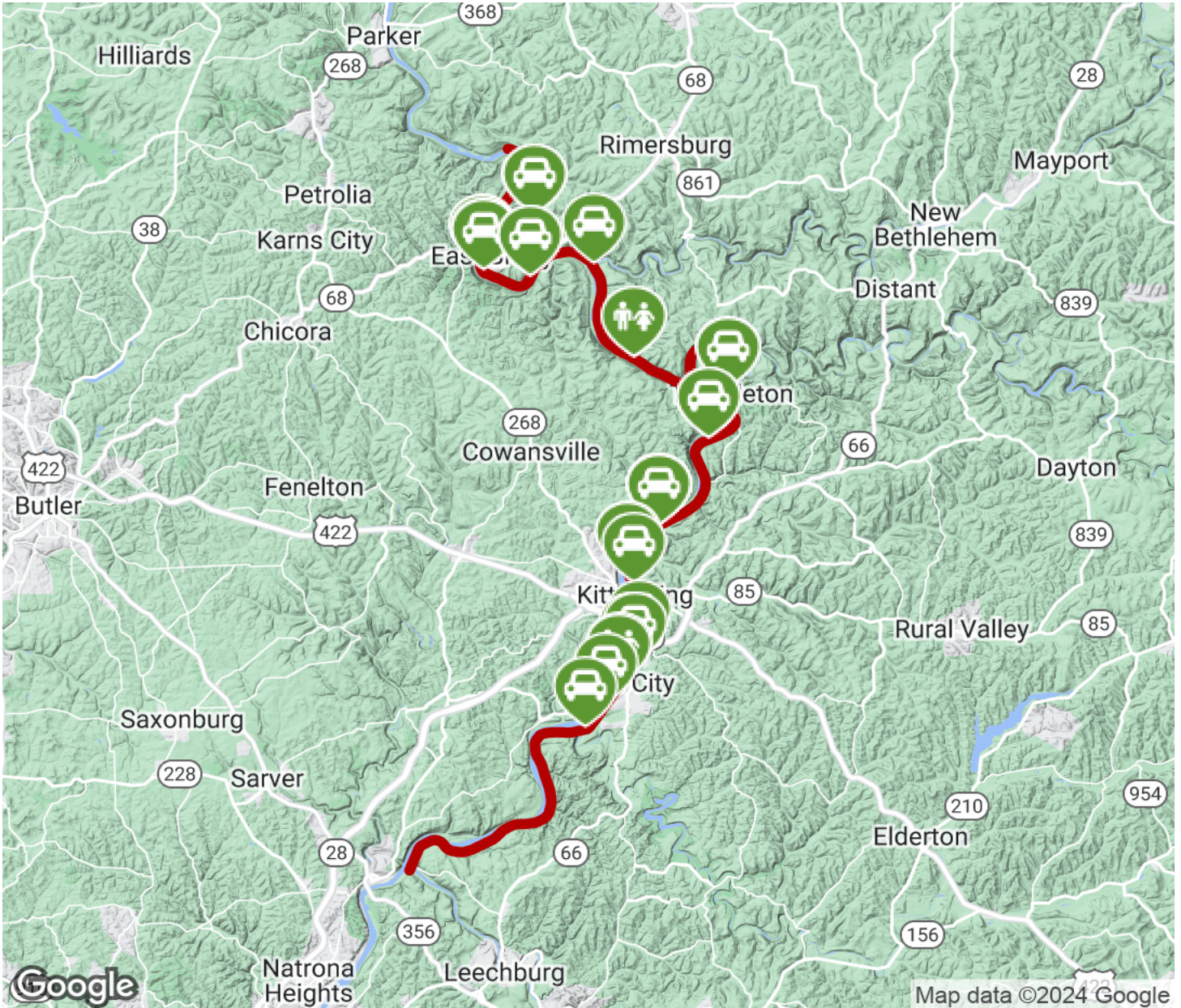
- East Brady Trailhead (300 Verner St, East Brady)
- Phillipston Trailhead (94 N Apple St, Rimersburg)
- Redbank Junction Trailhead (780 Redbank Rd, Templeton)
- Templeton Trailhead (112 Allegheny Ave, Templeton)
- Bernie Snyder Picnic Area (503 McMillen Rd, Kittanning)
- Ford City Trailhead (100 3rd Ave, Ford City)
- Schenley Trailhead (128 Railroad St, Schenley)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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