

WELCOME TO THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL!

The SRT follows the historically-significant Schuylkill River from “Coal Country” in Schuylkill County to the “City of Brotherly Love”, Philadelphia. Over 100 miles of trail connects the five counties that make up the Schuylkill River Greenways National and State Heritage Area.

Along its path, trail users can see evidence of several centuries of canal navigation, railroad transportation, industrial development, limestone and iron ore quarrying, and iron and steel production, as well as the resulting environmental remediation.

The communities along the trail are as diverse as the landscape, with steel towns, agricultural spaces, vibrant urban centers, and more.

SRT Section 3: Reading to Pottstown

This 19-mile section features both paved and hard-packed-gravel trail surfaces that follow the river, with several scenic bridge crossings. Originally industrial towns, both Reading and Pottstown are in the midst of revitalizing their downtown communities. Riders will find the ride between the anchors of this trip make for a great day on the trail.

SRT Ride Guides

These are your guides to the Schuylkill River Trail and its trail-side communities. Whether you are brand new to the SRT or a seasoned trail rider, this information will help you make the most of your trip! We’ve gathered everything you need to plan a short ride, a full day, or a multi-day destination trip:

- Trailhead locations and amenities
- Mileage and trail surfaces
- Food, lodging and other services
- Trailside and bikeable points-of-interest
- Interpretive signage
- “Trail-Friendly Business” guide

A Quick Note:

Be sure to check out the map legend at the bottom of the other side of this guide and the QR codes throughout. You’ll find the key to all the sites and information along the trail. **ENJOY YOUR RIDE!**



**TRAIL RULES,
REGULATIONS**

NOTE: The information in this Ride Guide is current as of time of publication. For the latest updates, contact SRG:



140 College Drive, Pottstown, PA 19464
484-945-0200, schuylkillriver.org

WAYPOINTS: Trailheads and Points-of-Interest

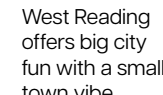
70.7 Baer Park

825 River Rd, Reading
(0.1-mile SW of Schuylkill Ave Bridge)
40.349162, -75.945023
Ample street parking on River Rd

Reese’s Mill Lock #46

This Schuylkill Navigation canal lock and adjacent Reese’s Mill were severely damaged by the “Tremendous Flood of 1850”, when the river rose 23 feet!
40.340608, -75.944923

West Reading



West Reading offers big city fun with a small town vibe. Penn Avenue offers restaurants, brew pubs, gift shops, and more. With great public art, a Sunday farmers market, and frequent festivals, it’s a worthwhile side-trip. (TIP: the most bike-friendly route from the SRT to the center of West Reading’s business district is via the Buttonwood Street Bridge.)



GoggleWorks Center for the Arts

This former safety-goggle factory is now home for visual and performing artists’ studios, workshops, galleries, an art-movie theater, and an indoor/outdoor café.
201 Washington St, Reading



68.5 Old Wyomissing Road

557 Old Wyomissing Rd, Reading
40.327988, -75.940365

Reading Public Museum, Planetarium & Arboretum



Permanent galleries for art, sculpture, natural history, and ancient artifacts; a full schedule of traveling exhibits; the Neag Planetarium; and beautiful 25-acre Arboretum & Gardens.
500 Museum Rd, Reading

68.8 Bertolet Fishing Pier

2 S. 1st Ave, West Reading
(at the end of S. 1st Ave)
40.331441, -75.939895

68.2 Schlegel Park

100 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading
40.324816, -75.934964

67.0 Brentwood

Morgantown Rd & Brentwood Dr, Reading (40.314425, -75.924583)

The Nature Place Environmental Education Center



Visit Berks Nature! Tour the active restoration of the Angelica Creek floodplain, from cattail wetlands to blooming pollinator meadows, and enjoy the distinctive natural setting and indoor displays.
575 St. Bernardine St, Reading

65.2 Charles N. Marshall

105 Angstadt Ln, Birdsboro
40.300111, -75.899530

Allegheny Aqueduct Historical Park

This “bridge for boats” over the Allegheny Creek was built by the Schuylkill Navigation Company in 1824. The Beidler gristmill ruins (1766) and miller’s house (1783) are also here.
1130 Old River Rd, Gibraltar
40.288242, -75.876090



63.0 Gibraltar

Proudfoot Dr, Birdsboro
40.283223, -75.868488

59.4 Birdsboro

305 E. Main St, Birdsboro
40.266583, -75.805964

58.0 Union Meadows

Campbell Ford Rd, Douglassville
40.259970, -75.782308

“Schuylkill River Project” Impounding Basin

The “Union Meadows Loop Trail” (see map) runs atop the earthen rim of one of several “impounding basins” built along the coal-silt-clogged Schuylkill River, beginning in 1949. Massive amounts of silt and river water (slurry) were dredged from the river and piped into these basins (see photo below), where the coal silt was captured and the de-silted water was allowed to flow back into the river. This federal/state clean-up project launched America’s “Environmental Revolution”. Today, many of these basins have been reclaimed by nature for recreation.



French Creek State Park

Once fueling Hopewell Furnace (below), the forests, lakes, wetlands, and fields of these “Big Woods” now offer hiking, biking, fishing, camping, and glamping.
843 Park Rd, Elverson (6 miles from Union Meadows) 40.19824, -75.79285



Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site



Historic structures on 848 acres exemplify business, technology, and lifestyle of iron plantations from 1771-1883, that transformed the early United States into an industrial giant.
2 Mark Bird Ln, Elverson (5 miles from Union Meadows) 40.206872, -75.773174

54.8 Morlatton Village

31 Old Philadelphia Pk, Douglassville
40.254168, -75.726367

Historic Morlatton

In 1704, with a land grant from William Penn in hand, Mouns Jones and family canoed from Philadelphia to this spot (the frontier in those days).



More Swedish pioneers followed and the first European settlement in Berks County was born. Mouns’ 1716 stone home and other Morlatton-era buildings are still here.

58.2 Grosstown Rd

10 S. Grosstown Rd, Pottstown
40.243995, -75.690248

Pottstown

Founded in the 1700’s, this former steel town is home to local restaurants, a community theater, several brew pubs, and distinctive local shops. With a Saturday farmers market and seasonal festivals, Pottstown is the self-proclaimed “small town with a big heart”. (TIP: Take advantage of designated bike lanes and wider streets to get into and around this bike-friendly town.)



51.0 Keystone Boulevard

150 Keystone Blvd, Pottstown
40.245071, -75.659907

50.3 Riverfront Park

140 College Ave, Pottstown
40.243820, -75.653185

Trail-Friendly Businesses



The Collective art & crafts
10 S. Hanover Street, Pottstown



Douglassville Hotel food & drink
8 Old Swede Rd, Douglassville



Fork and Ale food & drink
1201 E. Main St, Douglassville



Go Grava Bicycles repairs, sales
840 N. Park Rd, Wyomissing



The Peanut Bar food & drink
332 Penn St, Reading



J.J. Ratigan Brewing Co.
227 E High St, Pottstown



Reading Coffee Company
• 316 W. Main St, Birdsboro
• 824 Benjamin Franklin Hwy Douglassville



Sly Fox Brewing Company
331 Circle of Progress, Pottstown



Take it Outdoors outfitter
140 College Drive, Pottstown



Three Daughters Inn b&b
1016 E. High Street, Pottstown



Ugly Oyster Drahtaus Irish pub
21 S 5th St, Reading

Bikeable Lodging

Overnight accommodations along or near SRT Section 3:

DoubleTree by Hilton
701 Penn St, Reading

Candlewood Suites
55 S. 3rd Ave, West Reading

Gibraltar Hill Campsite, William Penn State Forest
Parking: 4 Killian Dr, Birdsboro
Campsite: 40.28647, -75.88692

French Creek State Park
410 Park Rd, Elverson

Doberstein Campsite
Douglassville

Camp Douglass
Douglassville

Three Daughters Inn
1016 E. High St, Pottstown

Comfort Inn & Suites Pottstown Eastern Gateway
1600 Industrial Hwy, Pottstown

- FRACKVILLE
- ST. CLAIR
- POTTSVILLE
- SCHUYLKILL HAVEN
- LANDINGVILLE
- AUBURN
- PORT CLINTON
- HAMBURG
- LEESPORT
- READING**
- GIBRALTAR
- BIRDSBORO
- DOUGLASSVILLE
- POTTSTOWN**
- FRICK’S LOCK
- PARKERFORD
- SPRING CITY
- PHOENIXVILLE
- VALLEY FORGE
- NORRISTOWN
- CONSHOHOCKEN
- ART MUSEUM
- PHILADELPHIA
- BOARDWALK
- BARTRAM’S GARDEN
- FORT MIFFLIN



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