

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 4: Pottstown to Valley Forge

This 22-mile section of trail is paved, except for the 2-mile towpath along historic Oakes Reach Canal (see map). For an all-paved trip, road riders use lightly-travelled Walnut Street, across the canal, to Longford Park from Mont Clare. Historic sites, vibrant small towns, and one challenging hill define this otherwise free-flowing ride into Valley Forge National Historical Park.

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!**



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

WAYPOINTS: TRAILHEADS & POINTS-OF-INTEREST

51.0 Keystone Boulevard

150 Keystone Blvd, Pottstown
40.245071, -75.659907



Pottstown

Founded in 1752, this former steel town is now home to local restaurants, a community theater, 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.)

50.3 Riverfront Park

140 College Drive, Pottstown
40.243820, -75.653185



River of Revolutions Interpretive Center

Exhibits, displays, and videos highlighting the major role the Schuylkill River area played in the American, Industrial, and Environmental Revolutions.

46.4 Towpath Park

1675 New Schuylkill Rd, Pottstown
40.224642, -75.618871

45.2 Frick's Lock

503 Fricks Lock Rd, Pottstown
40.223206, -75.596990



Frick's Lock Village

In the early 1800s, a family farm here was transformed into this flourishing canal port. Long a “ghost town”, it is now being restored to its 19th-century look.

43.5 Parkerford

320 Linfield Rd, Pottstown
40.200377, -75.583654



Parker Ford Tavern

After defeat at the Battle of Brandywine in 1777, Washington's Continental Army retreated across the Schuylkill here to recover. This historically- and architecturally-significant landmark remains remarkably intact.



Re-Routing the River

The curving marsh on the west side of the SRT, just north of Spring City, was once the Schuylkill River ... until 1884, when the Pennsylvania Railroad changed the course of the river to avoid the cost of building bridges!



Spring City-Royersford

These two bustling towns, known locally as “Spring-Ford”, have straddled the Schuylkill for centuries. They offer a variety of trailside shops, restaurants, and other rider services.

39.7 Gay Street

42 Gay St, Spring City
40.172210, -75.538648

37.7 Cromby

821 Township Line Rd, Phoenixville
40.147736, -75.528739

36.9 Mowere Road

198 Mowere Rd, Phoenixville
40.138498, -75.528629

Phoenixville

Rooted in iron, steel, apparel, and pottery, Phoenixville's rich heritage lives on in exhibits and collections in both the **Historical Society** and **Schuylkill River Heritage Center**, located in the beautifully-restored **Phoenix Iron Foundry** venue.

But today's Phoenixville is reborn!

Its vibrant downtown features a plethora of trendy restaurants, pubs, boutiques, shops, attractions, arts, and events.

Historic **Colonial Theater**, where horror classic *The Blob* was filmed,

still screens art & specialty movies year-round, but its spotlight shines brightest during **BlobFest**, when fans re-enact the movie's famous “running-out-screaming” scene!



First Friday street fairs with live music, and the historic “**Phoenix (Ferris) Wheel**” add to PXV's ever-festive, cool vibe.

35.5 Ashland Street

99 Ashland St, Phoenixville, PA
40.134767, -75.510601

35.3 Bridge Street

118 Bridge St, Mont Clare
40.135768, -75.507635

+0.7 Lock 60

400 Towpath Rd, Mont Clare
40.144539, -75.5508547
(Trailhead is 0.7-mile north of Bridge Street Trailhead via Towpath Rd.)



Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park

This popular park features a restored and fully-operational canal lock, handsome locktender's house, and the tranquil Oakes Reach Canal.



Upper Schuylkill Valley Park & Wildlife Center

Picnicking, fishing, a butterfly garden, a turtle pond, and a menagerie of creatures native to the “Schuylkill Wilds” and other PA habitats.

33.6 Longford Park

976 Port Providence Rd, Phoenixville
40.129206, -75.483700

31.5 Greater Philadelphia Expo Center

100 Station Ave, Oaks
40.121283, -75.455972
(Trail access is 0.2-mile south of Expo Center at the intersection of Station Ave, West Dr, and Mill St.)

+0.9 Lower Perkiomen Park

101 New Mill Rd, Oaks
40.124337, -75.448739
(Trailhead is 0.9-mile northeast of the SRT via Perkiomen Trail, and 0.8-mile south of Egypt Rd via New Mill Rd.)



Perkiomen Trail to Green Lane

Connected to the SRT at Oaks, this multi-use trail winds 20 miles northward along the Perkiomen Creek through parks, towns, historic sites, bridges, and countryside to Green Lane (village, park, campground).



John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove

Homestead of the iconic bird artist & naturalist. Exhibits, first-edition prints, taxidermy, live raptors, and acres of bikeable and hikeable bird habitat.

31.1 Pawlings Road

Station Ave and Pawlings Rd
Lower Providence Twp
40.114370, -75.455683

29.2 Betzwood

Sullivan Lane
Valley Forge National Historical Park
40.109456, -75.421293



Valley Forge Visitors Center

100 N. Outer Line Dr, King of Prussia
40.101703, -75.424626
(Lower Parking Lot is 0.7-mile from Betzwood Trailhead via Sullivan's Bridge and County Line Rd.)



Valley Forge National Historical Park

Exhibits, collections, (guided and bike) tours, programs, and 28 miles of trails tell the stories of this pivotal time in American history, on this hallowed ground.

Trail-Friendly Businesses

The Collective
Local Art & Hand-Crafted Gifts
10 S. Hanover Street, Pottstown

J.J. Ratigan Brewing Co.
Craft Beer, Scratch Cooking
227 E High St, Pottstown

Keystone Land & Sea
Outdoor Clothing & Gear
155 Railroad Plaza, Royersford

Main Stay Inn
Boutique Hotel
184 Bridge St, Phoenixville

Shy Guys Coffee-R-Cade
Coffee, Food, and Games
147 Main St, Royersford

Sly Fox Brewing Company
Craft Beers & Bites
331 Circle of Progress, Pottstown

Soltane Café
Coffee Shop with a Cause
138 Bridge St, Phoenixville

Sweet Aloha Bowls
Health-Focused Exotic Treats
324 Main St, Royersford

Take it Outdoors
Biking & Kayaking Outfitter
140 College Drive, Pottstown

Three Daughters Inn
Bed & Breakfast
1016 E. High Street, Pottstown

Twelve78 Brewing
Craft Brews & More
35 Bridge St (rear), Phoenixville

Twisted Cog
Bike Shop
167 Bridge St, Phoenixville

Bikeable Lodging

Overnight accommodations along or near SRT Section 4:

Three Daughters Inn
1016 E. High St
Pottstown

Comfort Inn & Suites
Pottstown Eastern Gateway
1600 Industrial Hwy
Pottstown

Green Lane Park
2144 Snyder Rd
Green Lane

Spring City Hotel
88 N. Main St
Spring City

Main Stay Inn
184 Bridge St
Phoenixville

Hampton Inn & Suites
Valley Forge/Oaks
100 Cresson Blvd
Oaks

Hilton Garden Inn
Valley Forge/Oaks
500 Cresson Blvd
Oaks

- 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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<<< PHOENIXVILLE

True to its name, this post-industrial steel town has "risen from the ashes" into a model of urban rebirth! (See more on back)

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