

Butler-Freeport Community Trail, PA

Trail Location: Butler to Freeport

Trail Length: 21 miles

Counties: Butler; Armstrong

Nearby Towns: Butler, Freeport, Saxonburg,

Activities:

Walking, Horseback Riding, Biking, Cross Country Skiing, Wheelchair Accessible

Trail Surface(s):

Crushed Stone, Ballast

Trail Description:

The Butler-Freeport Community Trail is located in southeastern Butler County north of Pittsburgh. The trail has a crushed limestone surface for 10.6 miles from 1 mile south of Monroe Road north to Great Belt Road. The southern section from 1 mile south of Monroe Road to Freeport is not surfaced but is usable with a mountain bike or for walking. The trail follows Buffalo and Little Buffalo Creeks for the majority of the improved sections. This trail is one of the more scenic trails in western Pennsylvania. The trail is nestled in a valley with steep hardwood covered hills in the southern sections and rolling hills and a few small villages in the middle sections. The northern sections near Butler are not yet improved. As far as rail-trails go, this one has a noticeable grade - an average 2-3% incline from the Allegheny River end (Freeport) as you go north towards Butler.

Parking & Trail Access:

There are three main parking areas. The southern location is along Sarver Road, 1 mile east of Route 356 in Buffalo Township. Parking lot is beside the Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Station. The village of Cabot has a parking lot along Cabot-Winfield Road 1 mile east of Route 356 in Winfield Township. There is also parking available in Marwood which is 1 mile north of Cabot. Take Marwood Road east from Route 356 to Freehling Lumber Company. Parking is available beside the old brick building across the trail from the lumber company.

Seasonal Restrictions:

Since most of the area surrounding the trail is wooded or farmland, caution should be used in fall during hunting season. Wear bright colored clothing during this time.

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