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Building a World-Class Trail System

Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance is a group of non-profit organizations, local municipalities, supporters, and advocates affiliated with the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail corridor.

Our vision since 2005 has been to create a world-class system of non-motorized, multiuse trails, and local connectors linking Erie to Pittsburgh through the experience of small towns, rural landscapes, historic sites, and cultural areas, tied to regional trails

and beyond. The organization was founded in 2007 and incorporated as the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance (EPTA) in 2009, led by founding President Jim Holden.

We will realize our vision by partnering with local, state, and national entities to connect the Erie Bayfront to the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers in Pittsburgh.

Explore the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail!

The Erie to Pittsburgh Trail is an emerging network of trails connecting landscapes and outdoor recreation for more than 270 miles with hiking, biking, and paddling along the way. The trail is still under development, but gaps are filled with new trail each year. You can traverse unique experiences between

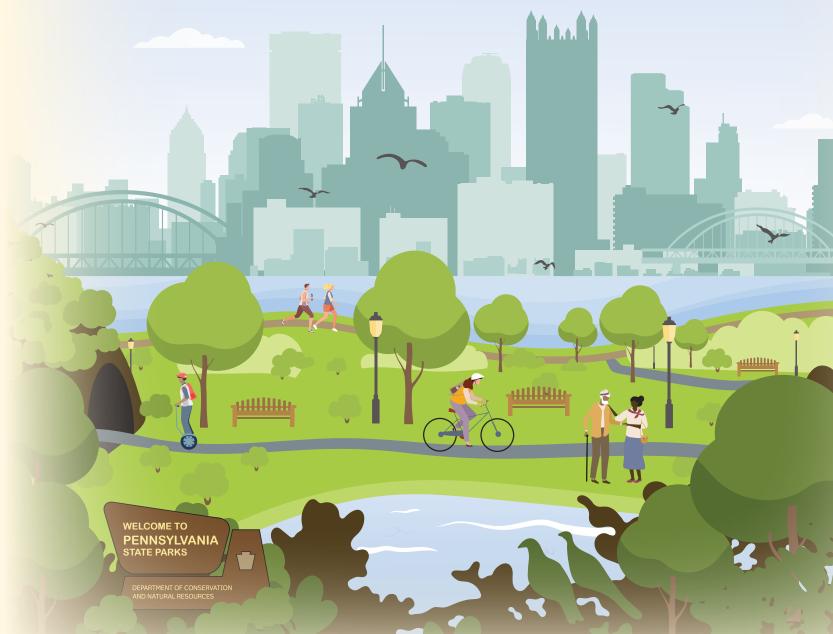
two major western Pennsylvania cities, nine counties, and two states. Whether you're planning an afternoon adventure or a multiday excursion, the trails offer plenty of experiences for residents and visitors alike!

GREAT LAKES REGION

Northern Hub from Erie to Spartansburg Lake Erie is a backdrop you won't forget for its scenic beauty and vast view. Start (or end) your journey at the Mile Zero Medallion located at Dobbin's Landing and



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the nearby Erie Maritime Museum featuring the U.S. Brig Niagara. From here explore the shores of Presque Isle State Park, local shops and eateries. Continue in and out of New York passing through country farms, vineyards, and Amish communities towards Corry and Spartansburg where logging and railroads shaped the industrial landscape the trail runs through today. Cycle through one of the more rural sections of the trail, brimming with wildlife, as you pass by beaver ponds, state game lands, and an array of birds, including eagles, all while surrounded by native trees and vibrant wildflowers.

OIL REGION Central Hub from Titusville to Parker

As you come into Titusville, you enter the Oil Region National Heritage Area—the "valley that changed the world" when oil was first drilled in 1859. You will pass Drake Well and Oil Creek State Park. Throughout this region and trail towns, you will find a mix of Victorian-style architecture that shows the richness of the oil boom. These communities host many annual festivals, arts activities, and museums to extend your visit beyond the trail. The trail meets the Allegheny River in Oil City—where it continues all the way to Pittsburgh; through a lush forest with remnants of the oil and railroad era including the Kennerdell Tunnel (3350' long) and the Rockland Tunnel (2868' long); bring a strong flashlight.

THREE RIVERS REGION

Southern Hub from East Brady to Pittsburgh As you continue south along the Allegheny River, you'll enter a region shaped by coal. Along the way you'll find railroad remnants such as the Coaling Tower and Phillipston Turntable but also natural hidden gems such as Buttermilk Falls. You'll also find connections to the Redbank Valley Trails and the Butler-Freeport Community Trail. The experience in this section of trail slowly transitions from rural to urban crossing through Kittanning, Ford City, and other communities which were once hubs for glass and steelmaking industries. Before reaching the "Point," you will pass by the City of Pittsburgh's iconic bridges, sports stadiums, and skyline-all without leaving the trail. Explore beyond 'the Point' using Pittsburgh's system of interconnected bike lanes.





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PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

- The trails vary by landscape as well as their surface materials. These include paved, crushed limestone, share-the-road, and unimproved areas.
- This is a developing trail and there are currently gaps within the system that would not allow trail users to traverse the entire corridor without using on-road connections. The Alliance does not encourage or recommend using non-designated on-road connections.
- Please note that portions of the trail are very rural, remote areas and cell phone service can be limited - especially in Venango and Crawford Counties.
- Bring a flashlight! Trail tunnels can be long and very dark so make sure to pack a flashlight.

The distances shown here in this mileage

full trail corridor. Please reference the map

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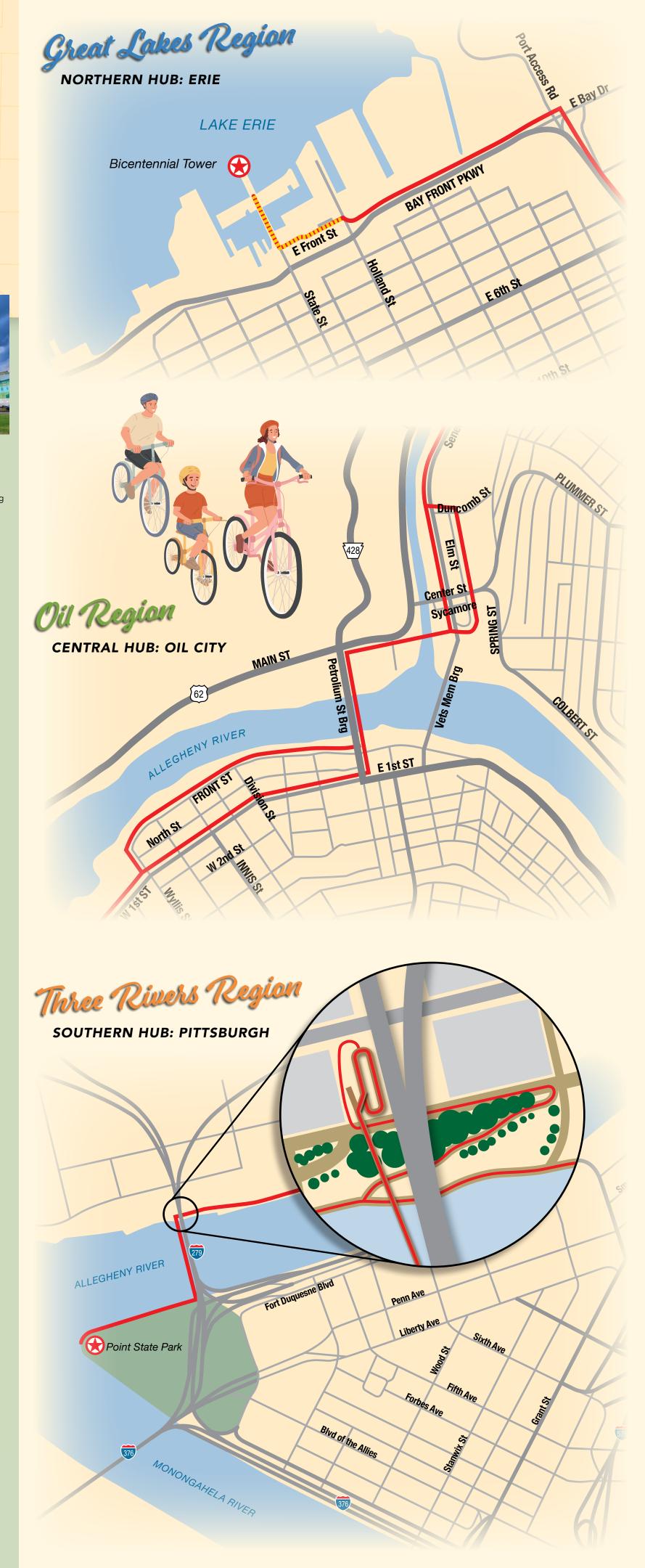
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- Toilet and water access can be limited along the trail. Stay hydrated by packing extra water and filling up in local communities.
- Lodging options vary from town to town and camping is restricted to permitted areas only.
- Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are permitted on the trail and must be pedal assist and not exceed 15 mph.







East Brady Tunnel This 2,468-foot tunnel was built between 1913 and 1916 to shorten the rail line and avoid dangerous curves. Abandoned in the late 1980s, it reopened for trail use in November 2024. From the tunnel, you can visit the nearby town of East Brady.

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Millvale Three Rivers Heritage Trail Pittsburgh Point State Park



Three Sister Bridges There are more than 440 bridges in the City of Pittsburgh but this is a unique set of three identical self-anchored suspension bridges. They've been named after Pittsburgh legends: Roberto Clemente (Sixth Street), Andy Warhol (Seventh Street) and Rachel Carson (Ninth Street).



The map above represents the path of the trail and what open sections you can visit. The Alliance does not encourage or recommend using non-designated, on-road connections. The detail maps provided on the right highlight sections of trail that may need additional guidance and directions to better follow and access the trail in these communities.