

Maps of Parks and Trails
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Bike Racks on Buses



Now Open – First Avenue Bike and Blade Station located on the Eliza Furnace Trail next to the First Avenue Garage and T Station! See details inside.

Biking in Community Parks

Allegheny Commons

Surface: Asphalt and dirt
Length: Multiple
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: A mid-size urban park with majestic shade trees. The park also has a pond and is the site for the National Aviary in Pittsburgh. The park was laid out in the original town plan for Allegheny City as the public commons. The park includes a number of memorials, including one to Civil War Veterans that moved to the site from the nearby Monument Hill.
Links: The park is an easy ride to North Shore Park and the North Shore Trail.
Characteristics: Many of the trees were planted over one hundred years ago and provide the park with comforting shade. A friends group exists to care for the trees and promote the park.

Frick Park

Surface: Dirt and crushed limestone
Length: Multiple
Difficulty: Intermediate to difficult
Experience: These off-road trails wind through some of the largest wooded acres in the city. The trails are mostly shared multi-track with some single-track trails. Cyclists may encounter some pedestrians and dog-walkers.
Links: Park development plans include a connection to the Monogahela River and Duck Hollow via the Nine Mile Run Greenway.
Characteristics: The park is the best area in the city for birdwatching because of its immense habitat. Entrances to the park exist along Beechwood Boulevard, and at Forbes and Braddock avenues.

Highland Park

Surface: Asphalt
Length: 1.2 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: Bicycling is best on a loop around the reservoir at the top of the hill. The 1.2 mile circuit road with mild hills includes a comfortable bicycle lane.
Links: None
Characteristics: Off-road rides are fairly limited and generally restricted to the trail around Reservoir Drive.

Millvale Riverfront Park

Surface: Crushed limestone
Length: 1 mile
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: Millvale has been transforming its riverfront into a Community Park over the past few years. The trail extends along the riverfront on the top of the bank passing the Three Rivers Rowing Association, two river access ramps, a skate park, and a marina. The trail continues upriver into Shaler for a quarter mile until it dead ends at active railroad tracks.
Links: On the downstream end, a bicyclist can continue on an unofficial dirt path connecting to the North Shore Trail in the city. There are plans to complete the connection as soon as rail abandonment negotiations can be completed with CSX Transportation. An abandoned railroad bridge across the back channel may someday provide a beautiful connection to the trails on the island.
Characteristics: The Skate Park also operates a kayak rental concession during the season. The park provides ideal river access for paddling around Washington's Landing and the lower Allegheny River.

Point State Park

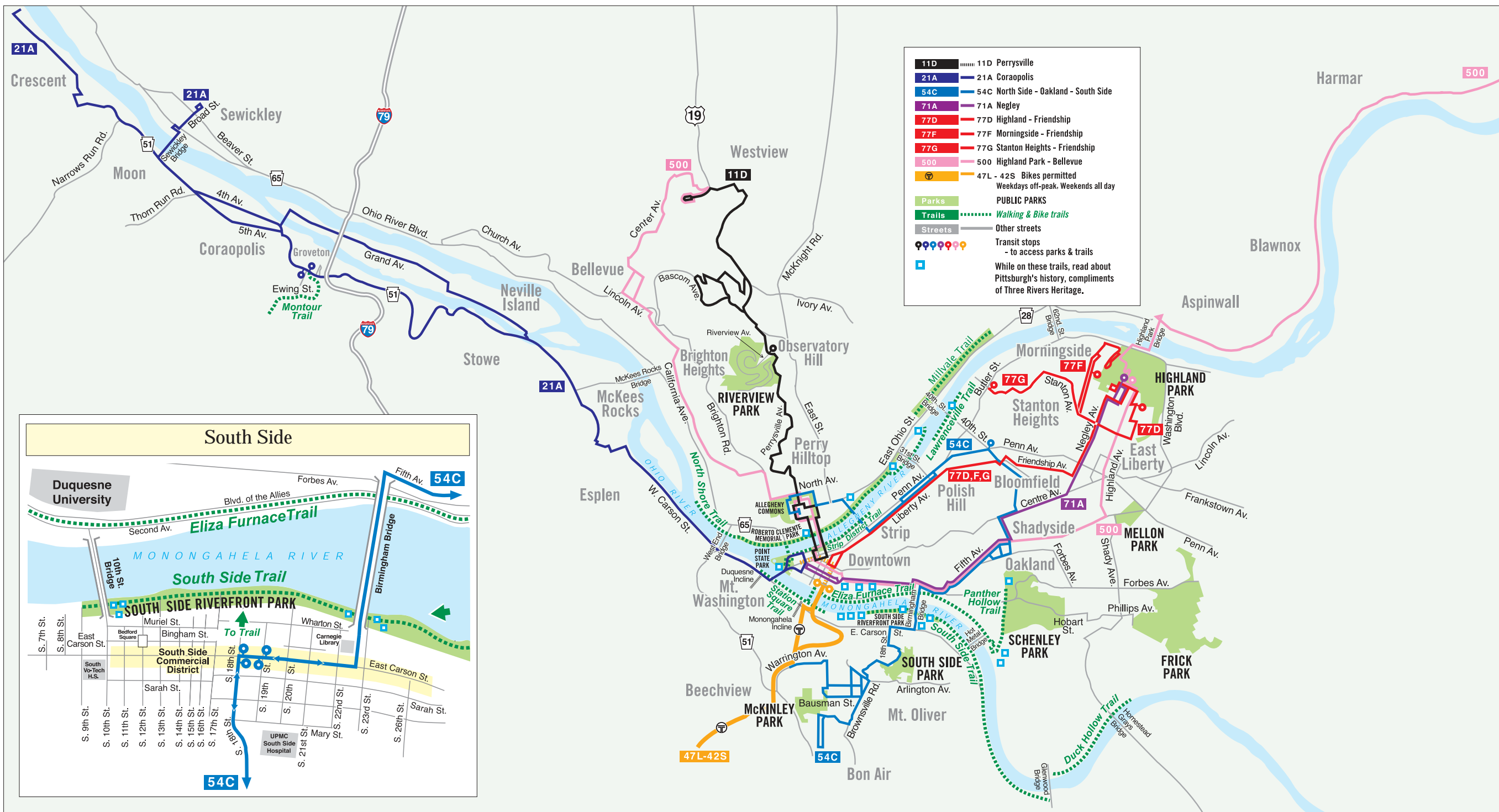
Surface: Asphalt, brick
Length: Limited
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: Cyclists will view the historic sites of Fort Duquesne and Fort Pitt. The park is used for public festivals during the summer.
Links: Point State Park will be a major intersection of the Allegheny River trails and the Great Allegheny Passage.
Characteristics: The park is the subject of a community planning effort, which will improve bicycle access to and through the park. At this time, bicycling is restricted in most areas of the park.

Riverview Park

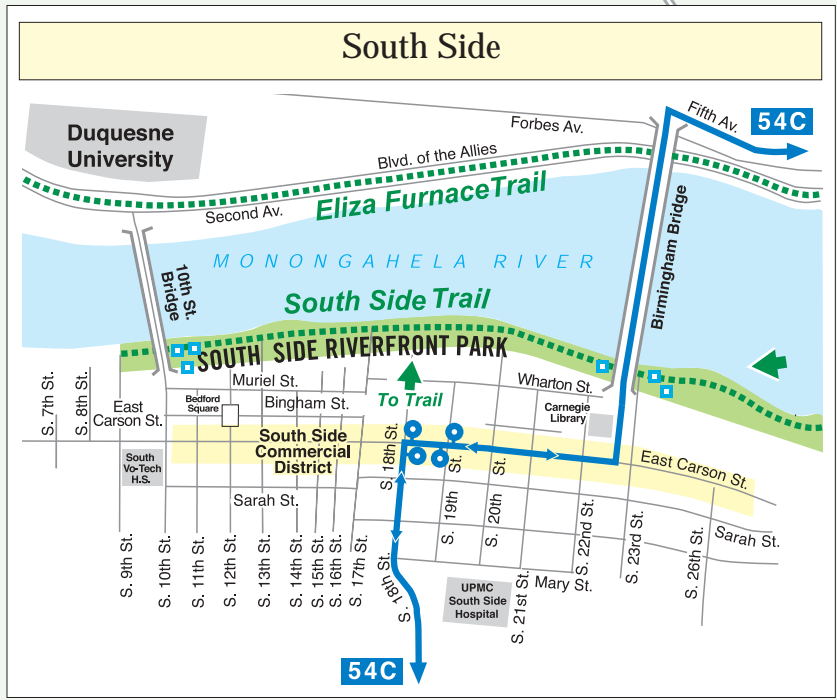
Surface: Asphalt
Length: 2 miles
Difficulty: Intermediate to difficult
Experience: Mostly narrow trails that are ideal for runners and walkers. The park road, Riverview Drive, includes a bicycle lane. The road descends towards Woods Run and contains little or no flat terrain. The park is known for its wooded trails and hillsides and the experience is reminiscent of country roads in the mountains around Pittsburgh.
Links: The gradual slopes of Woods Run Street provide links to the North Shore Trail.
Characteristics: The park contains the landmark Allegheny Observatory, located at the top of the hill that offers panoramic views in the winter. The park was formerly the Watson Farm, pastoral meadowland with open vistas, hence its name.

Schenley Park

Surface: Crushed limestone
Length: Multiple, up to 5 miles
Difficulty: Intermediate
Experience: The road system provides a fairly challenging and diverse bicycle ride with grades and curves through the woods and around the open fields of the park. The Circuit Road provides a wide and comfortable loop through the golf course, hills and woods. The crushed limestone trails through the park have recently been upgraded and allow for a pleasant ride through the urban woods. The rider will encounter many joggers and dog-walkers on the trails.
Links: Schenley Park will connect to the Panther Hollow Trail via Junction Hollow and will be a highlight of an urban East End bike route system. On the Western End, the trail will connect to a Class III bicycle route at Panther Hollow and Bartlett roads.
Characteristics: The Steve Faloon Trail, a cross country hiking and running trail beneath the golf course, was voted one of the top 20 urban trails by *Runner's World* magazine.



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Duck Hollow Trail

Surface: Asphalt
Length: 1.5 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: The Duck Hollow Trail traverses an isolated section of the riverfront between the Monongahela River and acres of wooded hillside. This is the quietest section of trail in the city.
Links: The long term plan is to extend the trail upriver to the Carrie Furnace and Rankin to connect to Frick Park via the Nine Mile Run Greenway, and towards the Eliza Furnace Trail across the former LTV coke works site in Hazelwood.
Characteristics: Parking is available at the end of Old Browns Hill Road adjacent to the mouth of Nine Mile Run, a popular fishing and birdwatching spot. Observant users will see the remnant bridge piers of the original Homestead Bridge and abandoned coal tipples.

Eliza Furnace Trail

Surface: Asphalt and crushed limestone
Length: 2.5 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: The trail runs on an abandoned rail line between the inbound and outbound lanes of the Parkway East (I-376).
Links: The trail connects to the Panther Hollow Trail and Oakland; to downtown at Grant Street and First Avenue. Plans are to connect to Point State Park via the Mon Wharf, and to the South Side Trail via the Hot Metal Bridge.
Characteristics: Concrete walls are decorated with colorful graffiti. Parking is available in a public lot accessible from Second Avenue between Hot Metal Road and Greenfield Avenue. Parking and transit connections at the First Avenue Parking Garage and T Station. **New in 2004!** Visit the First Avenue Bike and Blade Station located adjacent to the Eliza Furnace Trail at the First Avenue Garage and T Station! The Bike and Blade Station offers bike and inline skate rentals and sales, bike repairs, accessories, tours, snacks and refreshments, outdoor seating, and bike parking. Call 412.600.0675 for more information.

Lawrenceville Trail

Surface: Crushed limestone
Length: Half mile
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: The trail is on the top of a wooded bank to the river and is flanked by industrial warehouses.
Links: The long term plan is to continue the trail downriver and connect to the Strip District Trail and Allegheny Riverfront Park.
Characteristics: The community completed a riverfront plan that includes more native planting, overlook sites, and canoe/kayak access.

Montour Trail

Surface: Crushed limestone
Length: The trail will ultimately be 47 miles; there are currently 30 completed miles but they are not yet continuous. The longest stretch of completed trail is 18 miles that extends from Coraopolis to McDonald.
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: A wonderful off-road experience that can be enjoyed by all.
Links: The trail is a part of the Allegheny Trail Alliance and will connect to the Steel Valley Trail at Clairton.
Characteristics: The trail winds through the forests of the South Hills and parallels the Montour Run stream and Peters Creek. The Montour Railroad serviced the coal mines of the South Hills. The trail passes the reclaimed abandoned strip mines. The streams are often contaminated with mine drainage.

North Shore Trail

Surface: Crushed limestone and asphalt
Length: 4.3 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: Longest continuous stretch of riverfront trail. It connects to public amenities on Washington's Landing via the renovated historic Washington's Landing Bridge. The area near the stadiums is part of the new North Shore Riverfront Park and includes manicured landscaping, the water steps, and war memorials. The trail between the Veterans and Sixteenth Street bridges includes native planting and peace memorials, including the Unkillable Human sculpture.

Links: The trail connects easily to the Golden Triangle via the Fort Duquesne Bridge and the Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Street bridges. The trail will soon connect to the Millvale Riverfront Trail via a new trail beneath the 31st Street Bridge.
Characteristics: Free parking is available off River Road near the Washington's Landing Bridge, near Allegheny Commons and during non-work hours along River Road below the Veterans Bridge. Be sure to watch for the Heritage Trail signs.

Panther Hollow Trail

Surface: Asphalt
Length: 1.5 miles
Difficulty: Easy, although there is a slight incline near Greenfield.
Experience: The Hollow is a former slag dump site, converted to soccer fields and open space.
Links: Connects to the Eliza Furnace Trail via a narrow trail along Greenfield and Second avenues. The trail links to Oakland via Boundary and Neville streets.
Characteristics: The climb from Panther Hollow to Oakland is fairly steep.

South Side Trail

Surface: Asphalt with exception of the stretch from Hot Metal Street to South Side Riverfront Park. When space allows, the trail includes a separate crushed limestone surface for runners and walkers and hard surface for skaters and bicycles.
Length: 4.5 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: The section from Ninth to Eighteenth streets is through a quiet wooded area unique for an urban environment.
Links: The trail will become the western section of the Great Allegheny Passage, connecting to the Steel Valley Trail at the Glenwood Bridge. The trail will also connect to the Eliza Furnace Trail via the Hot Metal Bridge.
Characteristics: The trail splits through South Side Riverfront Park. Upriver from the Birmingham Bridge, the trail goes on the plateau away from the river to continue across the SouthSide Works site. For an enjoyable detour stay closer to the river where a trail continues for a quarter mile on a floodplain

close to the river. This is one of the few areas along the riverfront trail where one can easily touch the water. It is also the site of one of the city's canoe/kayak access ramps.

Station Square Trail

Surface: Asphalt
Length: 1.2 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: The trail is shared with the shoppers and visitors to Station Square and the restaurants of Bessemer Court.
Links: Planning is underway to link the trail to the South Side Trail at Ninth Street.
Characteristics: Industrial relics are located along the trail.

Allegheny Riverfront/Strip District Trail

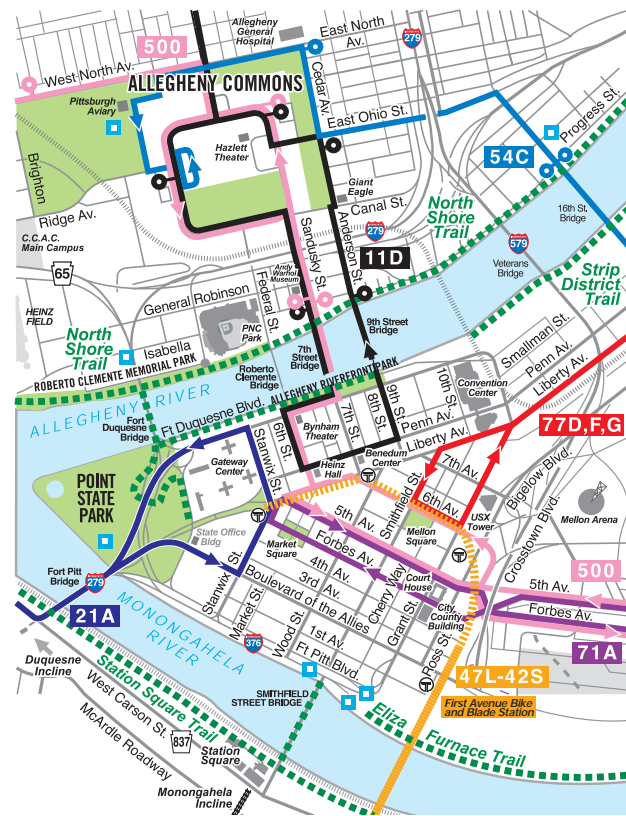
Surface: Concrete and asphalt
Length: 1.4 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Experience: The trail starts at Point State Park and passes beneath Fort Duquesne Boulevard along the river. It opens up from Stanwix Street to Ninth Street with a section of the Allegheny Riverfront Park planted with River Birch, Redbud Trees and vines. The park was designed by noted landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburg and artist Ann Hamilton. The trail continues upriver past the riverside restaurant complex.
Links: Will link via Point State Park to the Fort Duquesne Bridge and the North Shore section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail and, in time, to the Mon Wharf and the start of the Great Allegheny Passage.
Characteristics: The concrete surface of the Riverfront Park Trail includes imprints of reeds and watergrasses.

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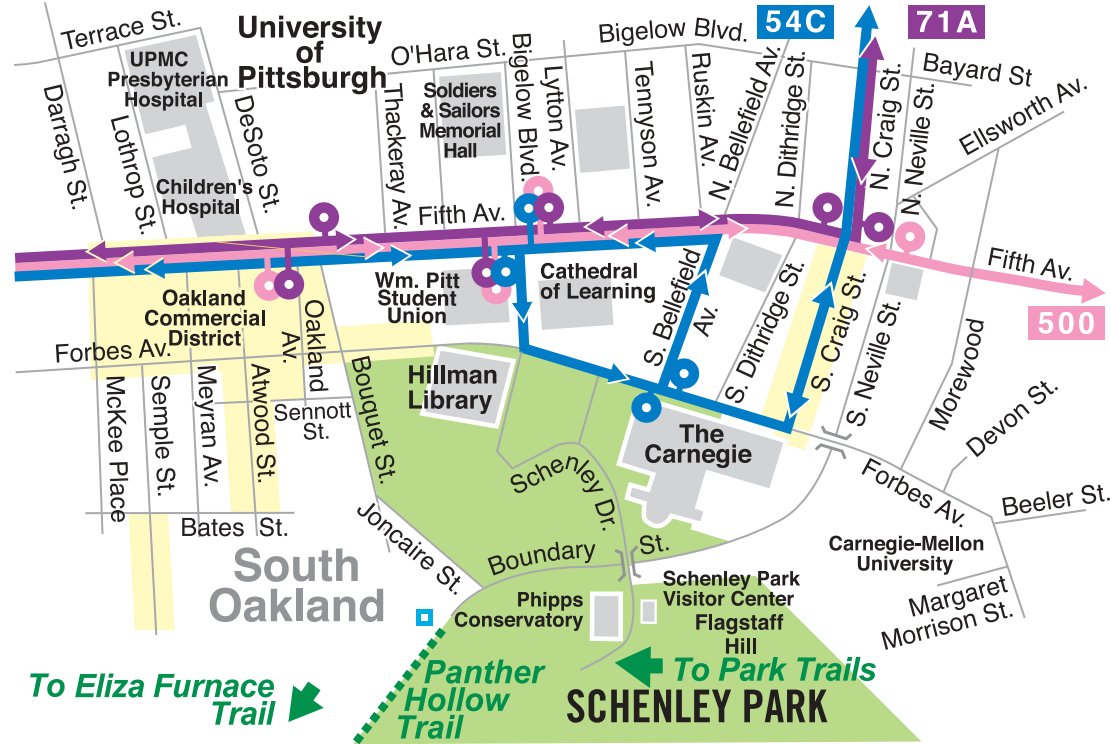
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Oakland



Rack 'n Roll Bus Routes

11D Perrysville

West View Park Shopping Center, Perry High School, Riverview Park, Central North Side parks, Allegheny General Hospital, PNC Park, Allegheny River trails and Eliza Furnace Trail

21A Coraopolis

McKees Rocks Shopping Center, Montour Trail at Groveton, North Shore Trail, Allegheny River trails and Eliza Furnace Trail

54C North-Oakland-South Side

North Shore Riverfront parks, Central North Side parks, Allegheny General Hospital, PNC Park, North Shore Trail, Allegheny River trails, Schenley Park, Panther Hollow Trail, Oakland hospitals, University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Carlow College, South Side Riverfront Park and South Side Trail

Coming in Spring 2005 -

An expanded Rack 'n Roll program! Check the Port Authority website www.ridegold.com for details on new Rack 'n Roll routes!

71A Negley

Eliza Furnace Trail, North Shore Trail, Allegheny River trails, Schenley Park, Panther Hollow Trail, Oakland hospitals, University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Carlow College and Highland Park

77D Highland-Friendship

77F Morningside-Friendship

77G Stanton Heights-Friendship

Allegheny River trails, North Shore Trail and Eliza Furnace Trail. 77D provides service to Highland Park. 77G provides service to Lawrenceville Trail.

500 Highland Park-Bellevue

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*With more park acreage per capita than any other U.S. city, Pittsburgh has miles of trails that are linked to a growing Rails-To-Trails network that includes the Great Allegheny Passage from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. According to **Bicycling** magazine, Pittsburgh was rated the fifth best city for mountain biking in the country.*

While Pittsburgh's terrain of dramatic hills and rivers provides an ideal stage for a wide variety of outdoor activities, the tunnels, bridges and steep hills within the city pose challenges for bicyclists.

The Rack 'n Roll, Bikes on Buses Program helps provide access to state parklands, community parks and extensive biking trails.

Pittsburgh Parks and Trails Map

This map highlights major biking destinations in the area. This side of the map features community parks, the other side, regional trails. The corresponding descriptions detail characteristics, level of difficulty and overall riding experience.

The Port Authority routes show you the stops closest to park and trail access points.

Simply put your bike on the bus, relax and arrive energized to ride.

Note: Bikes permitted on Port Authority's light rail system, the T, seven days a week except during weekday peak hours (6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.).

The routes illustrated on the map have buses with bike racks. For information on using the bike racks: www.ridegold.com.

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