

Frequently Asked Questions Updated 2023-01-12

Q: What is the Westmoreland Yough Trail Chapter?

A: The WYTC is a group of volunteers dedicated to maintaining and improving the 10.5-mile Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, section of the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP).

Q: How do I become a member of the WYTC?

A: To join the WYTC, simply contact membership at www.bikewytc.org. Remember, 100 percent of your dues go toward Youghiogheny River Trail maintenance and improvement projects.

Q: What is the Great Allegheny Passage?

A: The [Great Allegheny Passage](#) is a 150-mile system of biking and hiking trails that connects Cumberland, MD and Pittsburgh, PA.

Q: Where is West Newton Station?

A: West Newton Station is located at 111 Collinsburg Road, West Newton, PA, 15089.

Q: What's that beautiful river next to the trail? A: The river which parallels the trail in our segment is the Youghiogheny (say "Yock-a-GAIN-ee") River, one of the few rivers in the world flowing from south to north. Youghiogheny is a Native American term meaning "water which flows in a contrary direction."

Q: Are horses permitted on the trail?

A: Yes. Because the trail was built on a double track railroad bed, a bridle path was built next to the limestone surface of the trail. Please keep horses on the grassy surface except when crossing bridges and roads, and going through gates. **Also, horse riders are asked to clean up after their horses. Trail walkers and riders appreciate no droppings on the trail.**

Q: Is camping allowed on the WYTC segment of trail?

A: Camping is permitted only in the primitive campsite available at the south end of [Cedar Creek Park](#) between the trail and the river. Camp sites are free, first come first served, with no reservations.

Q: Why are there two different sets of mile markers along the GAP?

A: When the Regional Trail Corporation acquired the 43-mile right-of-way from the P&LE Railroad, most of the original mile markers were in place. Mile Marker (MM) 0 (zero) is in front of Pittsburgh's [Station Square](#), and each mile marker counts the number of miles from Station Square.

The WYTC's section of the GAP trail covers MM 31 – MM 42.

The other set of mile markers counts miles of the Great Allegheny Passage. MM "0" is in Cumberland, MD. You will see MM 105-116 on WYTC's section.

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