

RULES OF THE TRAIL

- * Open from dawn to dusk daily.
 - * Uses include; walking, jogging, bicycling, cross-country skiing, skating, nature study and wheelchairs.
 - * Keep dogs leashed and remove all feces .
 - * Share the trail with all users. Keep to right.
 - * Bikers 12 mph speed limit.
- NO** trespassing on adjacent private property.
- NO** horses or motorized vehicles with the exception of battery powered wheelchairs.
- NO** illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- NO** fires or camping, hunting or trapping.
- NO** dumping or littering. Use trash receptacles provided along the trail.

EMERGENCY – DIAL 911

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Friends of the IRT contribution:

_____ \$250 corporate
 _____ \$100 patron
 _____ \$ 50 contributor
 _____ \$ 25 family
 _____ \$ 15 individual or senior
 _____ other

Available to volunteer for trail event
 Yes _____ No _____

Make checks payable to:
 IRT c/o Whitehall Township
 3219 Mac Arthur Rd
 Whitehall, PA 18052



IRONTON RAIL-TRAIL ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

Spring

Narrated Historical Walk (7 miles)
 Charity Run/Walks and prizes
 Monthly clean-up days, trail maintenance and improvement projects.

Summer

National Rail-Trails Day Event
 10K Run/Walk with prizes & food
 Scouting activities & projects
 Monthly clean-up days, trail maintenance and improvement projects

Fall

Community Fall / Festival Parades
 Narrated Historical Walk (7 miles)
 Monthly clean-up days, trail maintenance and improvement projects

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WELCOME

to the Ironton Rail-Trail

The former **Ironton Railroad** has been transformed into a multi-use, safe, historic, year-round recreational resource for local residents and visitors. The **Ironton Rail-Trail (IRT)** provides a link between the local communities of **Whitehall Township, Borough of Coplay, and North Whitehall Township** and some of their recreational areas in addition to serving as a spur to the **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor**.

The **Ironton Rail-Trail right-of-way** was purchased in 1996 from Conrail for the purpose of maintaining its historical significance as well as to provide an open space greenway for local area citizenry & visitors to use and enjoy.

The **9.2 mile IRT** follows the **Coplay Creek** in a south eastward direction from North Whitehall through the 110 acre natural **Whitehall Parkway** to where the creek flows under SR 145. Here the IRT turns east toward the historic **Saylor Cement Kilns** and then south paralleling the **Lehigh River** and the **D & L National Trail**. The IRT then turns in a northwesterly direction where it again follows the Coplay Creek under SR 145 to form a unique **5.2 mile loop**.

The 10' wide, flat **ADA compliant grade** of the IRT, with many easy access points, has a paved surface on 7.8 of the 9.2 mile trail from North Whitehall, through the Parkway, to the loop of the IRT. This easily accommodates trail users of all ages and physical abilities.

The **IRT Oversight Commission**, comprised of representatives of the 3 municipalities, is responsible for establishing guidelines for the development and maintenance of the trail. From day one (1996) maintenance projects & trail improvements have been primarily funded by local, state, and federal grants. Also actively involved in maintenance & improvement projects on the trail are

the governing bodies and public works departments from all three municipalities.

Please enjoy the IRT and all of its activities and amenities and take note that much of the maintenance work along the trail is accomplished by individual volunteers, organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, local church groups and the IRT Commissioners.

To learn more about the IRT and its 23 historical sights please join us on one of the two walks we offer each year in the Spring and the Fall.

All organized events on the IRT require an application and applicable permits 3 months prior to the event.

Want to help keep this recreational resource going? Please consider volunteering some of your time and talent to the trail. Visit our website or call the recreation office at Whitehall Township 610-437-5524 ext. 160.

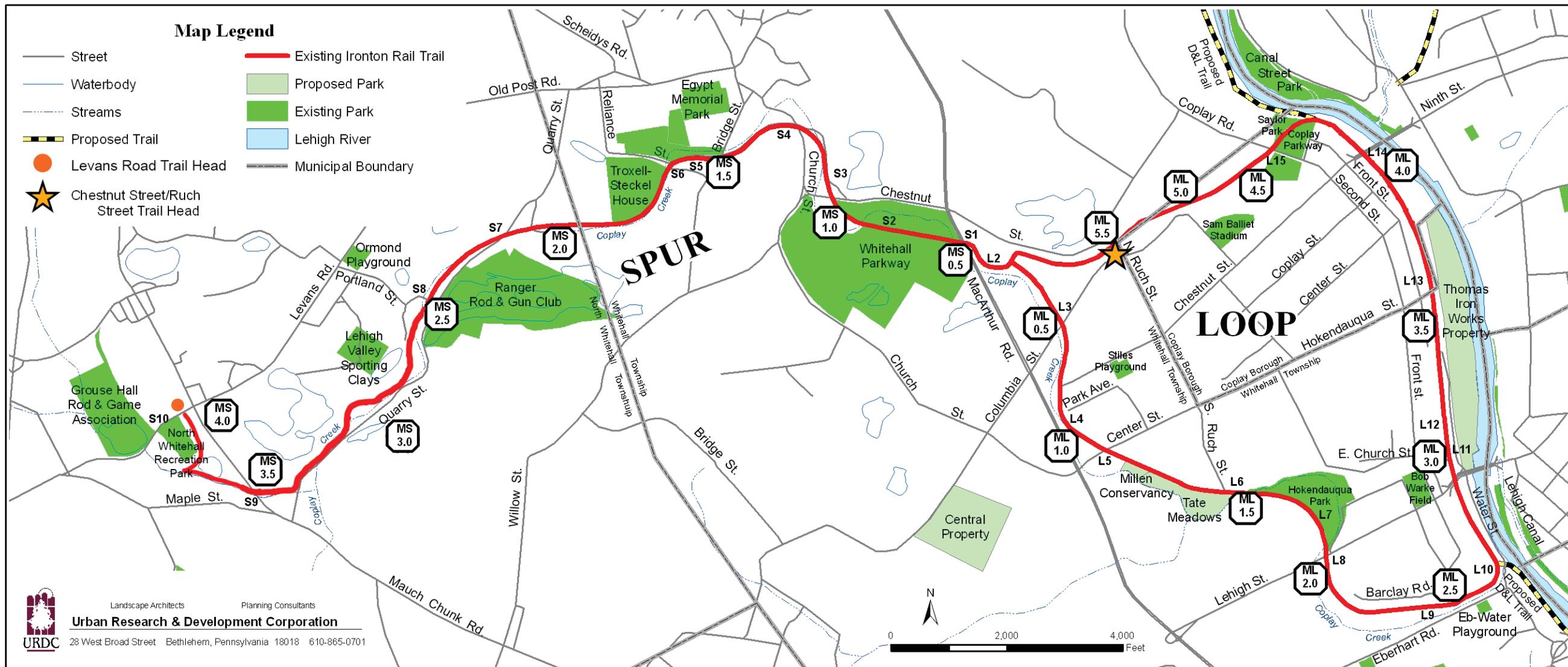
DISTANCES

Loop Mile Markers

L 0.0-Trailhead-Whitehall
 L 0.5-Junction/Columbia St.-Whthll
 L 1.0-Park St/Center St-Whthll
 L 1.5-South Ruch St-Whthll
 L 2.0-Lehigh St. Bridge-Whthll
 L 2.5-Biery Yard-Whthll
 L 3.0-East Church St-Whthll
 L 3.5-Legion/Hokendauqua-Whthll
 L 4.0-under Chestnut St.Br-Coplay
 L 4.5-2nd St.-Trailhead-Coplay
 L 5.0-Am.Club/N.Ruch St.-Coplay

Spur Mile Markers

S 0.0- Junction
 S 0.5-SR145 & Parkway East-Whthll
 S 1.0-S. Church St-Whthll
 S 1.5-Reliance/Bridge St-Whthll
 S 2.0-Quarry/Portland St-N.Whthll
 S 2.5-Portland St-N. Whthll
 S 3.5-Mauch Chunk Rd.
 S 4.0-Trailhead-North Whitehall



Trail Facilities and Access Points

Spur Index

- S1. Under MacArthur Road
- S2. Charles Nehf Trail & Red Barn (P, T, A)
- S3. Chestnut Street
- S4. South Church Street (P, A)
- S5. Bridge Street
- S6. Reliance Street (P, A)
- S7. Quarry Street
- S8. Portland Street (P, A)
- S9. Mauch Chunk Road
- S10. Levans Road (P, T, A, H)

Loop Index

- L1. Chestnut & North Ruch Street (H, P, T, A)
- L2. Loop & Spur Junction (T)
- L3. Columbia Street (P, A)
- L4. Park Avenue (P, A)
- L5. Center Street (P, A)
- L6. South Ruch Street (P, A)
- L7. Hokendauqua Park (P, T, A)
- L8. Lehigh Street Bridge (P, F, C)
- L9. Eberhart Road & Biery Yard (P, T, H)*
- L10. D&L Trail* & Water Street (P, A)

Loop Index (con't)

- L11. East Church Street (P, A)
- L12. Hokendauqua American Legion (P, A)
- L13. Hokendauqua Street (P)
- L14. Under Coplay/Northampton Bridge
- L15. Second Street & Coplay Parkway (P, C, T, A, F)

Trail Etiquette

- Bikers yield to walkers/joggers
- Use bell, horn, or verbal commands
- Keep to the right
- Obey 12 mph speed limit
- Respect the land

Amenities Code

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| L - Loop | P - Parking | H - Trail Head | (*) - Proposed Amenity |
| S - Spur | T - Picnic Table | C - Phone Available | F - Food Service |
| | A - ADA Accessible | M - Mileage Marker | |