

Rail-Trails of North Central WV (and a little of PA)

Former railroad lines converted to trails offer tremendous opportunities for recreation and alternative transportation. These trails are generally flat in nature and vary from paved surfaces to compacted limestone.

Mon River Rail-Trail - limestone

The Mon River Rail-Trail meanders along the Monongahela River from the WV /PA state line through Monongalia County into Marion County. Although it is one continuous trail system, the north and south sections are linked by the Caperton Trail. It connects to the Sheepskin Rail-Trail at the state line. Trail contact: Mon River Trails Conservancy (www.montrails.org).

Caperton Rail-Trail - paved

The Caperton Trail offers 5 miles of paved surface perfect for rollerblading, walking, and biking. Located within Morgantown and Star City, it runs through city parks, playgrounds, a dog park, and an arboretum. Trail contact: BOPARC (www.boparc.org) and Star City.

Deckers Creek Rail-Trail - paved & limestone

Beginning at Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park, the trail parallels Deckers Creek east to Reedsville. It has an elevation change of 1,000 feet over 19 miles at a 2% grade. Within Morgantown, the surface is paved, and then turns to compacted limestone outside city limits. Trail contact: BOPARC (www.boparc.org) and the Mon River Trails Conservancy (www.montrails.org).

Sheepskin Rail-Trail - limestone

A 1.4 mile trail that begins at the WV/PA state line and runs through downtown Point Marion, PA. At the state line it connects to the Mon River Rail-Trail. Trail contact: National Road Heritage Corridor (www.sheepskintrail.org) / info@nationalroadpa.org.

Cheat Lake Trail - limestone

This wooded 4.5 mile trail follows the east bank of Cheat Lake, and offers a playground, restrooms, fishing piers and boat docks. Trail contact: Lake Lynn Generation, 304-594-2817.

MCTrail - paved

This 2.5 mile trail runs along Pricketts Creek through rural Marion County and features a 1,200 foot lighted tunnel. It begins near Prickett's Fort State Park, a living history reconstructed fort of one built on the frontier of Virginia in 1774. Trail contact: MCPARC (www.mcparc.com).

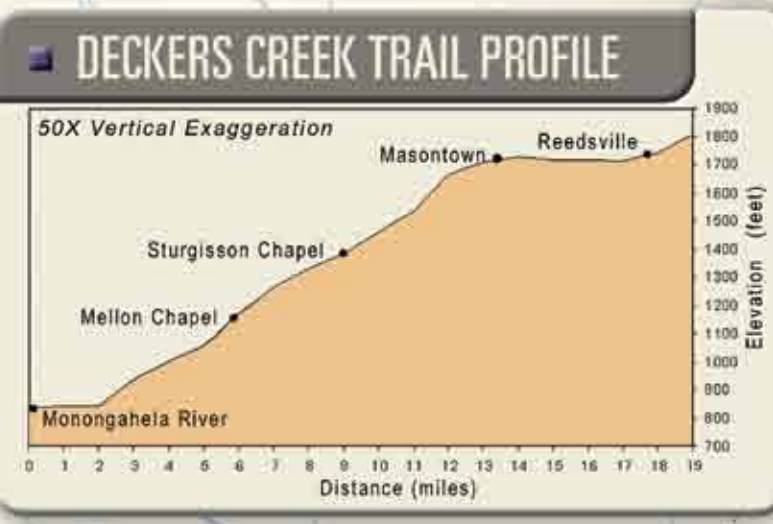
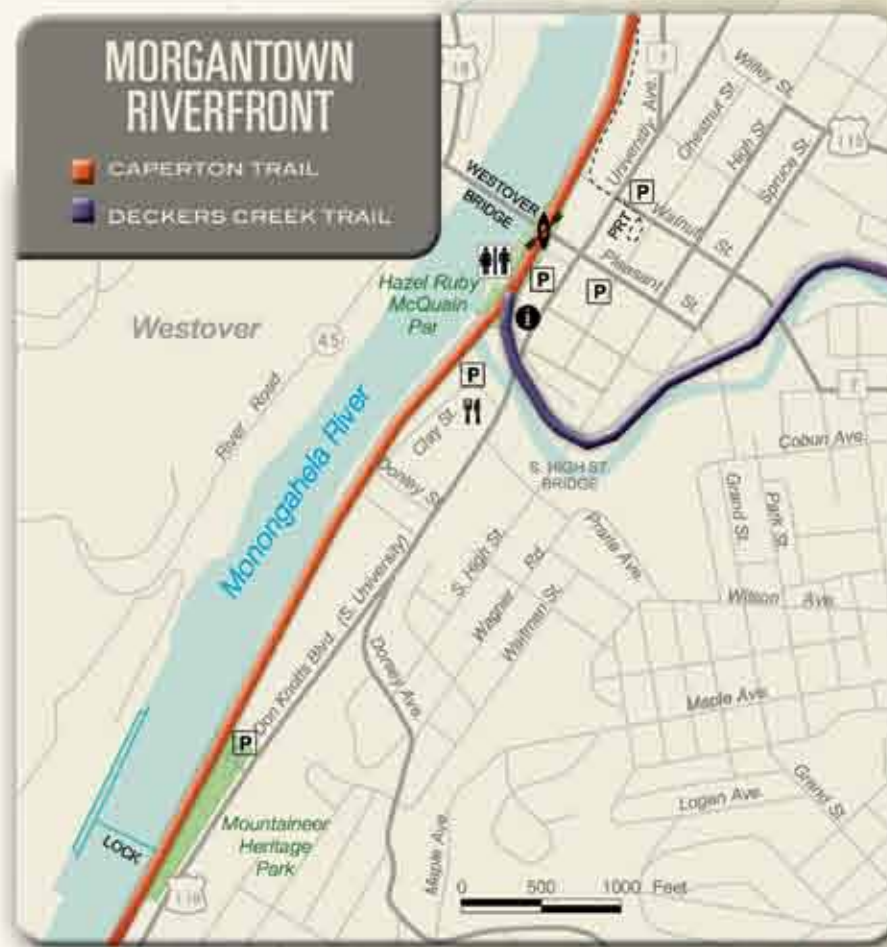
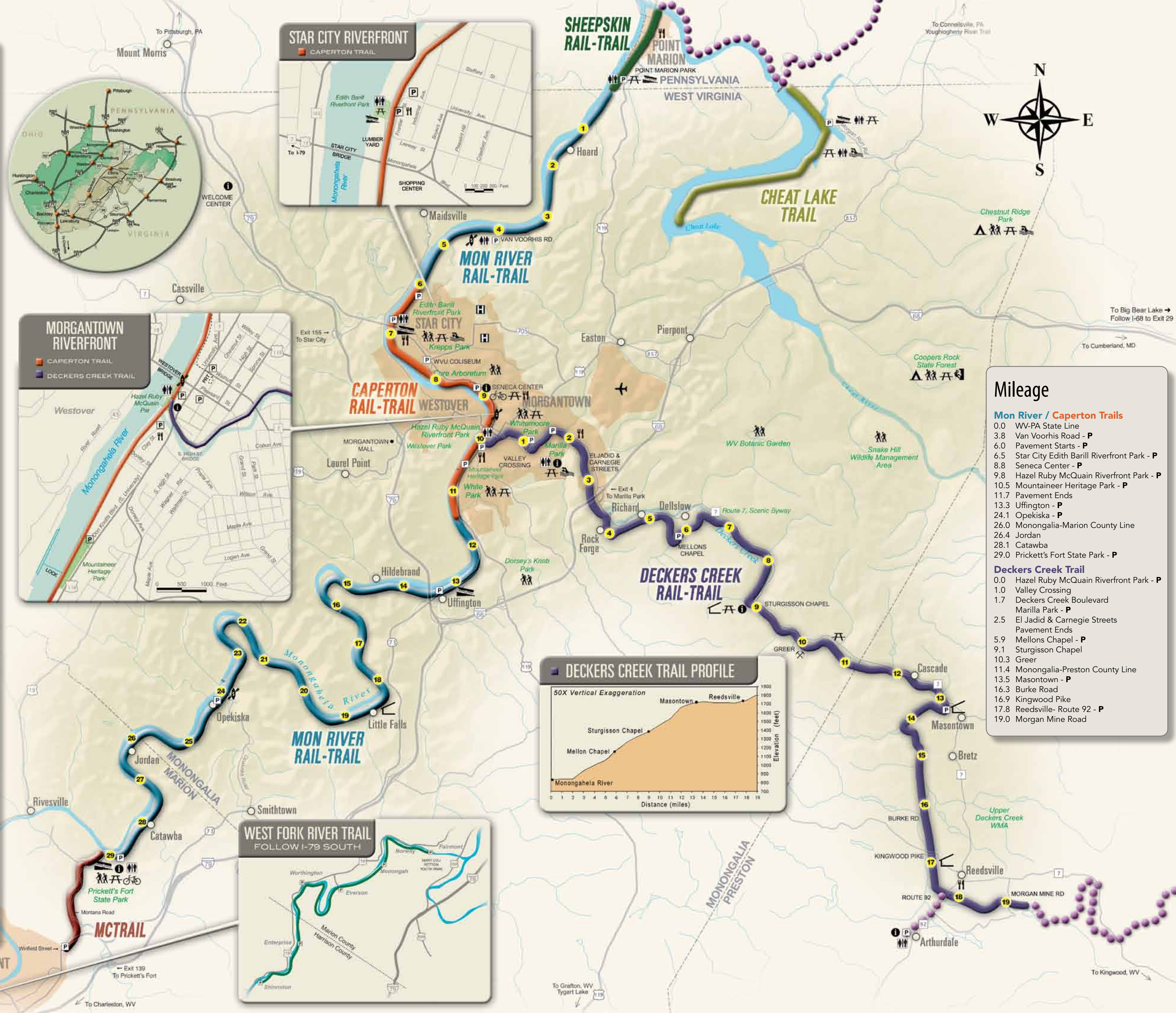
West Fork River Trail - paved & limestone

This 14.5 mile trail follows along the West Fork River between Fairmont and Shinnston. It passes through farmland, residential and commercial areas. Trail contact: MCPARC (www.mcparc.com).

- Proposed Trail
- Bike Rental
- Trailhead & Parking
- Hiking
- Mile Marker
- Information
- Picnic Area
- Swimming Area
- Rock Climbing
- Boat Access
- Hospital
- Restrooms
- Restaurants
- Weather Shelter
- Kayak Launch
- Camping

Upper Mon Water Trail

Looking for a whole different point of view? Float and boat the Upper Monongahela River, the first water trail for recreational boaters in West Virginia. This upper section of the Monongahela River is about 65 miles long. It starts in Fairmont, West Virginia and flows north to the Ten Mile Creek, just downstream of Rice's Landing, Pennsylvania. To obtain a UMWTT brochure, contact the Greater Morgantown CVB at 1-800-458-7373.



Mileage

Mon River / Caperton Trails	
0.0	WV-PA State Line
3.8	Van Voorhis Road - P
6.0	Pavement Starts - P
6.5	Star City Edith Barill Riverfront Park - P
8.8	Seneca Center - P
9.8	Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park - P
10.5	Mountaineer Heritage Park - P
11.7	Pavement Ends
13.3	Uffington - P
24.1	Opekiska - P
26.0	Monongalia-Marion County Line
26.4	Jordan
28.1	Catawba
29.0	Prickett's Fort State Park - P

Deckers Creek Trail	
0.0	Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park - P
1.0	Valley Crossing
1.7	Deckers Creek Boulevard Marilla Park - P
2.5	El Jadid & Carnegie Streets Pavement Ends
5.9	Mellons Chapel - P
9.1	Sturgisson Chapel
10.3	Greer
11.4	Monongalia-Preston County Line
13.5	Masontown - P
16.3	Burke Road
16.9	Kingwood Pike
17.8	Reedsville-Route 92 - P
19.0	Morgan Mine Road

