

National Coal Heritage Area, West Virginia



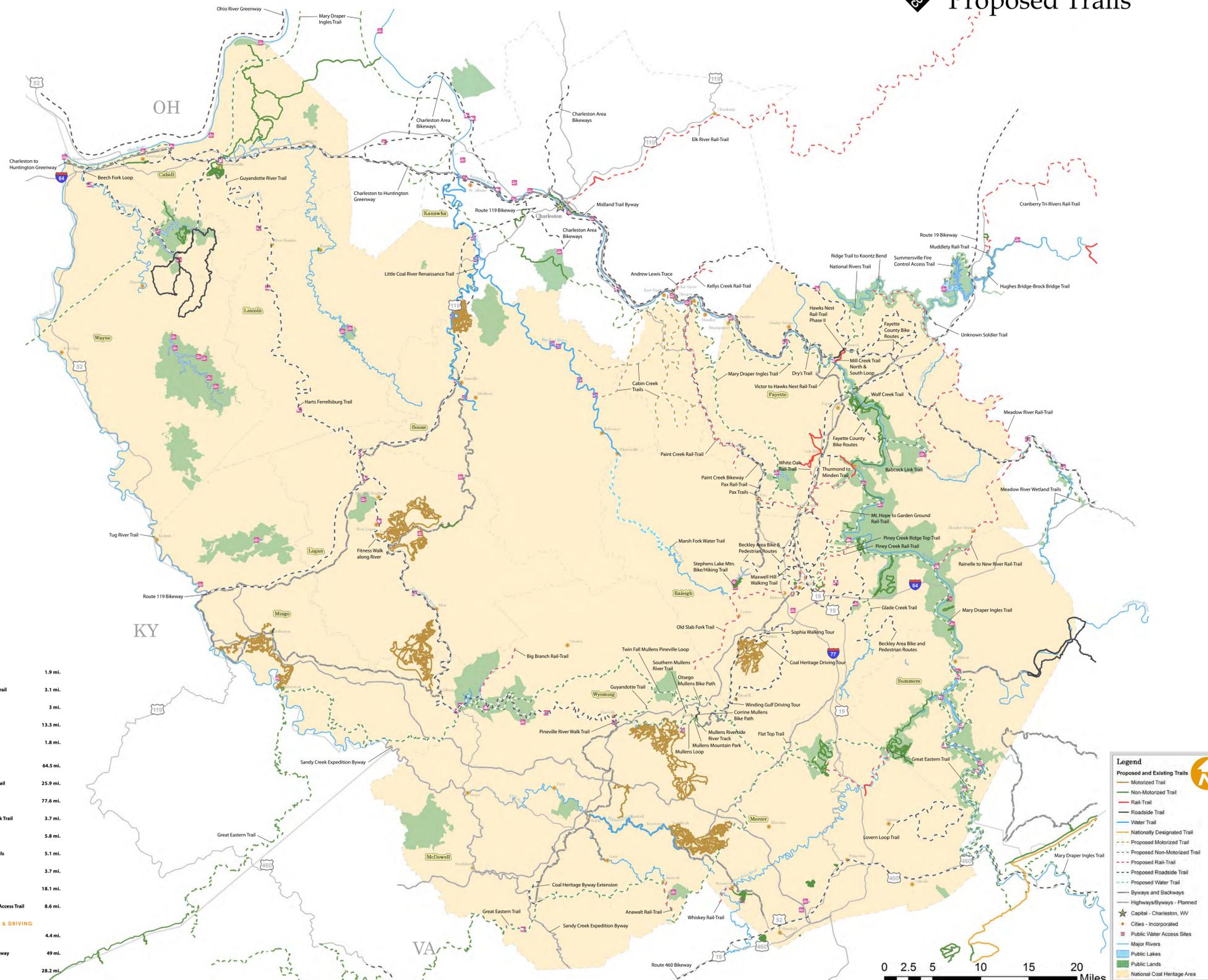
Trail Plan for Greenways and Blueways

Proposed Trails

PROPOSED TRAILS

The name, trail type, and length in miles for each proposed trail on the map is listed below.

Trail Name	Length (mi)	Trail Name	Length (mi)
WITHIN THE NCHA		NEAR THE NCHA	
Anawak Rail-Trail	3.4 mi.	Charleston Area Bikeways	64.5 mi.
Andrew Lewis Trace	29.5 mi.	Charleston Area Bikeways	64.5 mi.
Babcock Link Trail	8.1 mi.	Coal Heritage Byway Extension	4 mi.
Boddy Area Bike and Pedestrian Routes	107.7 mi.	Corrine Mullens Bike Path	1.9 mi.
Beech Fork Loop	30.9 mi.	Dry's Trail	3.8 mi.
Big Branch Rail-Trail	6.8 mi.	Fayette County Bike Routes	25.2 mi.
Bluestone to Camp Creek Rail-Trail	12.2 mi.	Fitness Walk along the River	1.4 mi.
Cabin Creek Trails	63.8 mi.	Flat Top Trail	4 mi.
Charleston to Huntington Greenway	69 mi.	Glade Creek Trail	10.3 mi.
Coal Heritage Byway Extension	4 mi.	Great Eastern Trail	425 mi.
Corrine Mullens Bike Path	1.9 mi.	Guyandotte Trail	14.2 mi.
Dry's Trail	3.8 mi.	Guyandotte River Trail	142.2 mi.
Fayette County Bike Routes	25.2 mi.	Harts Ferrellsburg Trail	1.6 mi.
Fitness Walk along the River	1.4 mi.	Hawks Nest Rail-Trail Phase II	0.9 mi.
Flat Top Trail	4 mi.	Little Coal River Renaissance Trail	19.6 mi.
Glade Creek Trail	10.3 mi.	Lovers Loop Trail	19.7 mi.
Great Eastern Trail	425 mi.	Marsh Fork Water Trail	20.5 mi.
Guyandotte Trail	14.2 mi.	Mary Draper Ingles Trail	357 mi.
Guyandotte River Trail	142.2 mi.	Maxwell Hill Walking Trail	2.9 mi.
Harts Ferrellsburg Trail	1.6 mi.	Meadow River Rail-Trail	39.5 mi.
Hawks Nest Rail-Trail Phase II	0.9 mi.	Midland Trail Byway	87 mi.
Little Coal River Renaissance Trail	19.6 mi.	Mill Creek Trail North and South Loop	0.8 mi.
Lovers Loop Trail	19.7 mi.	Mt. Hope to Garden Ground Rail-Trail	4.8 mi.
Marsh Fork Water Trail	20.5 mi.	Mullens Loop	3 mi.
Mary Draper Ingles Trail	357 mi.	Mullens Mountain Park	1 mi.
Maxwell Hill Walking Trail	2.9 mi.	Mullens Riverside Walking Track	0.4 mi.
Meadow River Rail-Trail	39.5 mi.	National Rivers Trail	4.6 mi.
Midland Trail Byway	87 mi.	Old Slab Fork Trail	78.7 mi.
Mill Creek Trail North and South Loop	0.8 mi.	Otsoo Mullens Bike Path	2.5 mi.
Mt. Hope to Garden Ground Rail-Trail	4.8 mi.	Paint Creek Rail-Trail	43.5 mi.
Mullens Loop	3 mi.	Paint Creek Bikeway	20.1 mi.
Mullens Mountain Park	1 mi.	Pax Trail	3.5 mi.
Mullens Riverside Walking Track	0.4 mi.	Pax Trails	3.5 mi.
National Rivers Trail	4.6 mi.	Pineville River Walk Trail	2 mi.
Old Slab Fork Trail	78.7 mi.	Piney Creek Rail-Trail	11.5 mi.
Otsoo Mullens Bike Path	2.5 mi.	Piney Creek Ridgetop Trail	14.4 mi.
Paint Creek Rail-Trail	43.5 mi.	Rainelle to New River Rail-Trail	18.1 mi.
Paint Creek Bikeway	20.1 mi.	Ridge Trail to Koonitz Bend	8 mi.
Pax Trail	3.5 mi.	Route 119 Bikeway	64.2 mi.
Pax Trails	3.5 mi.	Route 19 Bikeway	56.3 mi.
Pineville River Walk Trail	2 mi.	Route 460 Bikeway	59.3 mi.
Piney Creek Rail-Trail	11.5 mi.	Sophia Walking Tour	1.1 mi.
Piney Creek Ridgetop Trail	14.4 mi.	Southern Mullens River Trail	0.4 mi.
Rainelle to New River Rail-Trail	18.1 mi.	Stevens Lake MT Bike/Hiking Trail	1.6 mi.
Ridge Trail to Koonitz Bend	8 mi.	Thurmond to Minden Trail	2.1 mi.
Route 119 Bikeway	64.2 mi.	Tug River Trail	0.8 mi.
Route 19 Bikeway	56.3 mi.	Twin Falls Mullens Tsmann Pineville Trail	11.3 mi.
Route 460 Bikeway	59.3 mi.		
Sophia Walking Tour	1.1 mi.		
Southern Mullens River Trail	0.4 mi.		
Stevens Lake MT Bike/Hiking Trail	1.6 mi.		
Thurmond to Minden Trail	2.1 mi.		
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HOW TO USE THE MAP

This map is a free-standing companion to the "NCHA Trail Plan for Greenways and Blueways" document. It is part of an ongoing initiative to collect detailed trail data throughout the National Coal Heritage Area (NCHA) of southern West Virginia. The map is to be used for visioning and planning of community-based trails of all kinds. For more information on this initiative, or to provide additional input, please visit <http://www.coalheritage.org>

The NCHA encompasses 13 counties in southern West Virginia: Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Logan, Lincoln, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, Wyoming and the Pann Creek and Cabin Creek Watersheds located in southern Kanawha County.

Why a Trails Plan for the NCHA? Trails are one way we can experience our natural and cultural heritage. Trails provide an outdoor venue for people to recreate and exercise with family and friends, resulting in improved health and wellness. Trails can also connect people and places, providing a safe alternative mode of transportation. Trails make the community a more desirable place to live, help to attract and retain businesses, and improve the quality of life.

Trails offer a host of tourism opportunities - nature-based tourism, sustainable tourism, adventure tourism, ecotourism, and heritage tourism. The National Trust for Historic Preservation lists the following as benefits of heritage and cultural tourism for the local communities involved:

- It builds closer, stronger communities;
- It protects historic, cultural and natural resources in communities, towns and cities;
- It educates residents and visitors about local/regional history and traditions; and
- It promotes economic and civic vitality of a community or region.

This map illustrates existing and proposed trails that are within, or link to, the National Coal Heritage Area of southern West Virginia. To plan trips using existing trails, please contact the trail manager for the latest information on trail status, condition and maps. This map is solely intended for informational purposes. It is not to be used for navigational purposes.

THE MAP:

- Provides a snapshot of existing and proposed trails.
- Details the trail's type or use.
- Provides a visual illustration of possible linkages between trails, communities, public lands and adjacent states.
- Provides trail planners with a powerful tool for fundraising and project development.
- Provides contacts for people interested in volunteering and assisting with projects.

EXISTING TRAILS

are corridors that have been acquired for public use. Some sections may be officially open to the public, while other sections may be under construction.

PROPOSED TRAILS are projects in various stages of planning, from visionary to under construction. They have varying degrees of support. During early phases of visioning and concept planning, the current landowner may not yet have been approached about the potential use of his or her land. It is often a long process to establish a trail and get community and financial support to sustain it. The vision is the starting point.

MAPPING PROCESS

The trail mapping effort started with the use of the 2002 WV Trail Plan as a base map, in which 12 public input and mapping workshops were held in 1998. For this NCHA map, a series of six additional public input/GIS mapping workshops were held throughout southern West Virginia between 2006-2008, sponsored by the National Coal Heritage Area Authority. Federal, state, and local organizations also provided digital data. Numerous trail planners, users and managers reviewed the digitized trails to ensure map-grade accuracy. However, trail status is constantly changing as sections of trails are acquired and built, and other projects are initiated, so information shown may not be completely up-to-date.

The GIS shape files are available on the WV State Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technical Center in the Department of Geology and Geography at West Virginia University at <http://wvgs.wvu.edu/data/data.php>. A PDF map is also freely available for download from the National Coal Heritage Area's web page at <http://www.coalheritage.org>.

National Coal Heritage Area - Resources and Contact Information

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