



The Mon Valley Trailblazers Club of SW Pennsylvania  
Welcomes You to the  
**Confluence-Turkeyfoot Valley in Fayette & Somerset Counties - YRW**

The Confluence 5k and 10K walks are rated 1B and are composed of two 5km walks. Both 5k and 10K incorporates part of the town and portions of the GAP with part of the trail being on grass and crushed limestone. Both walks have the same starting/finishing from the same location.

**Walk Registration:**

Please use the online start box provided by AVA at website (<https://my.ava.org>). Follow the 'Online Start Box', and the instructions provided to sign a waiver and register for this event. Follow directions to make payments for event credit and directions. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user. There are bathrooms at various locations throughout the walk.

**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account and select the "Maps / Finish" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

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## Driving Directions:

**From the NORTH:** Take I-79 S toward **Pittsburgh**. Take the **I-76/PA-228** exit, EXIT 78-77, toward **US-19/PA Turnpike/Cranberry/Pennsylvania Tpke**. Merge onto I-76 E via the ramp on the **left** toward **Harrisburg** (Portions toll). Merge onto State Route 31/PA-31 via EXIT 91 toward **Uniontown/Ligonier/PA-711** (Portions toll). Turn **right** to stay on State Route 31/PA-31. Take PA-281. Continue to follow PA-281. Stay **straight** to go onto Logan Pl. Turn **right** onto Hughart St. that becomes Latrobe Ave.

**From the SOUTH:** Take I-95 N. Merge onto E Beltway N/I-295 N via EXIT 333 toward **Jax Beaches/I-295**. Merge onto I-95 N via EXIT 35B toward **Savannah/Int'l Airport** (Crossing into **Georgia**). Turn **right** onto GA Highway 57/GA-99. Turn **left** onto US Highway 17/US-17 N/GA-25. Continue to follow US-17 N. Merge onto I-95 N (Crossing into **South Carolina**). Merge onto I-26 W via EXIT 86B toward **Columbia**. Merge onto I-77 N via EXIT 116 toward **Charlotte** (Portions toll) (Passing through **North Carolina** and **Virginia**, then crossing into **West Virginia**). Merge onto US-19 Alt N via EXIT 48 toward **North Beckley/Summersville/US-19**. US-19 Alt N becomes US-19 N. Merge onto I-79 N toward **Clarksburg**. Merge onto I-68 E via EXIT 148 toward **Cumberland**. Take the **WV-26** exit, EXIT 23, toward **Bruceton Mills**. Turn **left** onto N Preston Hwy/WV-26. Continue to follow WV-26 (Crossing into **Pennsylvania**). WV-26 becomes Bruceton Rd/PA-281. Turn **left** onto Main St/PA-281. Continue to follow PA-281. Turn **right** onto National Pike/US-40 E/PA-281. Turn **left** onto Mae West Rd/PA-281. Continue to follow PA-281. Turn **left** onto Oden St/PA-281/PA-523. Take the 3rd **left** onto Logan Pl. Turn **right** onto Hughart St. that becomes Latrobe Ave. Mitch's Fuel & Food, 479 LATROBE AVE is on the **right**.

**From the West:** I-470 E toward **Washington PA**. I-470 E becomes I-70 E (Crossing into **Pennsylvania**). Take the **PA-43 S** exit, EXIT 37A, toward **California**. Merge onto PA-43 Tpke (Portions toll). Merge onto US-119 S toward **Morgantown/PA-43**. Merge onto US-40 E via the exit on the **left** toward **Hopwood**. Turn **left** onto Mae West Rd/PA-281. Continue to follow PA-281. Turn **left** onto Oden St/PA-281/PA-523. Stay **straight** to go onto Henry St. Turn **right** onto Latrobe Ave. Mitch's Fuel & Food, 479 LATROBE AVE is on the **right**.

**From the East:** Merge onto I-83 S toward **York**. Keep **left** to take PA-581 W via EXIT 41A toward **Camp Hill/Gettysburg**. Merge onto US-15 S via EXIT 5B toward **Gettysburg**. Merge onto I-76 W toward **Pittsburgh** (Portions toll) (Electronic toll collection only). Take EXIT 110 toward **Somerset/Johnstown/US-219**. Merge onto Turnpike Rd (Portions toll). Turn **right** onto N Center Ave/PA-601. Turn **right** onto W Main St/PA-31/PA-281. Turn **left** onto Harrison Ave/PA-31/PA-281. Take the 1st **right** onto Tayman Ave/PA-281. Continue to follow PA-281. Turn **slight left** onto Kingwood Rd/PA-281. Continue to follow PA-281. Stay **straight** to go onto Logan Pl. Turn **right** onto Hughart St. that becomes Latrobe Ave. Mitch's Fuel & Food, 479 LATROBE AVE is on the **right**.

Below are the directions and maps for a 5 km & 10k walk for Confluence, PA. You will return to Mitch's Food and Fuel, 479 Latrobe Ave, Confluence, PA 15424-1059 39.8129° N, 79.3567° W.

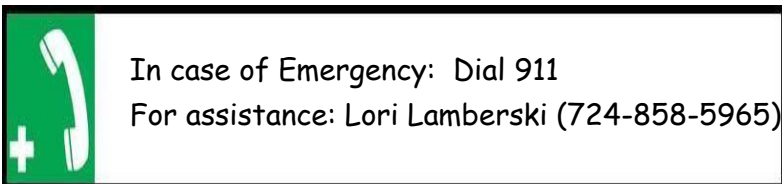
## The Confluence-Turkeyfoot Valley, PA Walking Directions

**Driving Directions to the Start point:** See the above directions.

**Start Point:** 479 Latrobe Ave, Confluence, PA 15424-1059 39.8129° N, 79.3567° W. Walk during daylight hours.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are available at Mitch's and throughout the walk.

**Emergency Numbers:**



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## 5K Walk

## Confluence, Pennsylvania

*The word “confluence” is defined as a coming together. The town is well named as this is where the Youghiogheny River, Casselman River, and Laurel Creek join. It was called “Turkeyfoot” by the native Americans and early settlers because of its shape when seen from the surrounding mountaintops.*

*The Youghiogheny Dam is a short distance from the trailhead parking lot. To get to the spillway at the bottom of the dam, turn left on Rte 281 South, cross the bridge over the Yough River, and immediately turn left into the Outflow Recreation Area. There is a picnic area and a campground managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. To get to the top of the dam, go a little further on Rte 281 South and turn left on the road at Suder’s Soft Freeze.*

1. From Mitch’s, cross the park to old Parkview Grill, 482 Hughart Street. Facing the Grill turn RIGHT on Hughart St.
2. Turn LEFT on Baxter Ave
3. At end of Baxter Ave, cross footbridge over the Casselman River.
4. At end of Bridge, turn LEFT on Reynold St.
5. Take first RIGHT on Heinbaugh St.
6. First LEFT on Sterner St.
7. Turn RIGHT on Dewey St.
8. Turn RIGHT on Jacob St.
9. Turn RIGHT on Yough St.
10. Turn LEFT on Sterner St.
11. Turn LEFT on Abrams St.
12. At end, turn LEFT on Jacob St.
13. Turn RIGHT on Irwin St. Irwin curves around to the left and becomes Café Ave.
14. Continue straight as Café Ave becomes River Rd.
15. Continue on River Rd, with the Youghiogheny River to your right.
16. Turn RIGHT to cross the Youghiogheny River on the footbridge to the Great Allegheny Passage Trail (GAP).

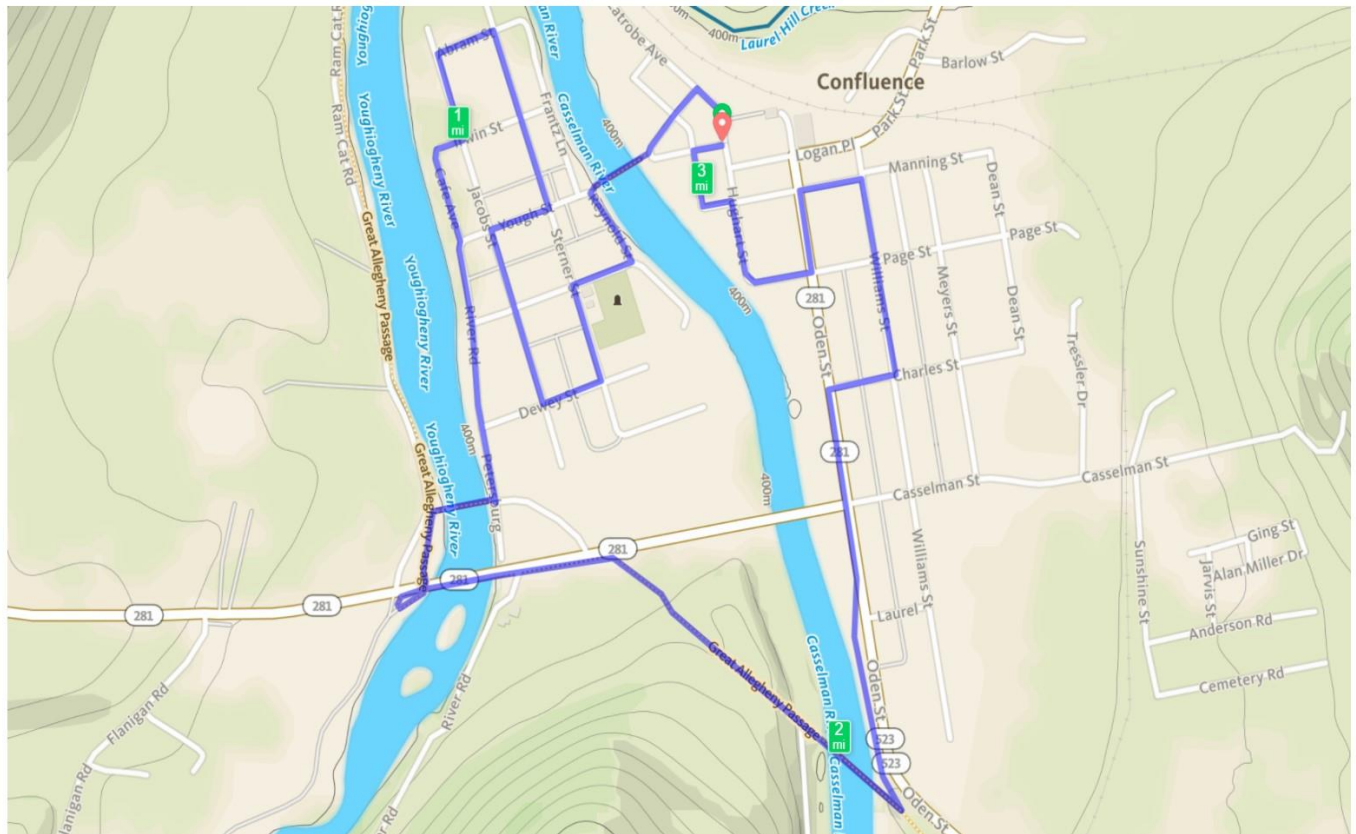
*This was originally a steel truss bridge that carried Route 281 across the Yough River. It had an open grate steel deck and was scheduled to be demolished when the new bridge put into service. PennDOT did a safety analysis and determined it was cheaper to save the bridge than to tear it down. With a \$200,000 grant, the superstructure and steel deck were torn off, the bridge was redecked with treated hardwood, and observation platforms with benches were added.*

17. Turn LEFT on the GAP Trail.
18. Cross under the Vehicle Bridge (rte 281), turning RIGHT at the first trail after the bridge (this keeps you on the GAP).
19. Follow the GAP back across the Youghiogheny River and then across the Casselman River.
20. After the Casselman River, there will be steps down to the grass covered path by the side of the river.
21. Turn LEFT down these steps and slight LEFT to remain on the greenway between the white posts next to the river.
22. After a quarter of a mile, the posts end and the greenway splits. Follow the RIGHT greenway down to Oden st, carefully crossing Oden St at the next intersection (Laurel Ave)

23. Turn LEFT on Oden St.
24. Take the second RIGHT on to Charles St.
25. Take the First LEFT on to Williams St.
26. Take the second LEFT onto Manning St.
27. Take the First LEFT onto Oden St.
28. Take the First RIGHT onto Page St. Page St

29. Take the first LEFT onto Water St.
30. Follow Water St around to take the first RIGHT onto Ross St.
31. Turn LEFT to Finish.
32. Thank you for Walking!

### 5K Map



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## 10K Walk

## Confluence, Pennsylvania

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1. From Mitch’s, cross the park to old Parkview Grill, 482 Hughart Street. Facing the Grill turn RIGHT on Hughart St.
2. Turn LEFT on Baxter Ave
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4. At end of Bridge, turn LEFT on Reynold St.
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9. Turn RIGHT on Yough St.
10. Turn LEFT on Sterner St.
11. Turn LEFT on Abrams St.
12. At end, turn LEFT on Jacob St.
13. Turn RIGHT on Irwin St. Irwin curves around to the left and becomes Café Ave.
14. Continue straight as Café Ave becomes River Rd.
15. Continue on River Rd, with the Youghiogheny River to your right.
16. Turn RIGHT to cross the Youghiogheny River on the footbridge to the Great Allegheny Passage Trail (GAP).

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17. Turn RIGHT on the GAP Trail to continue WEST with the Youghiogheny River to your right. Go under old railroad bridge.

*This was Western Maryland Railway Bridge No. 227.2 and is the only Western Maryland bridge that is not being used by the trail. The section of the trail here is built on the grade of the Confluence & Oakland Railroad, a branch of the Baltimore and Ohio. This line was built in 1890 and ran 20 miles south to Kendall, MD. The line was abandoned in 1941 in anticipation of the building of the Yough Dam. Much of the grade of the Confluence & Oakland is now on the bottom of the Yough Lake.*

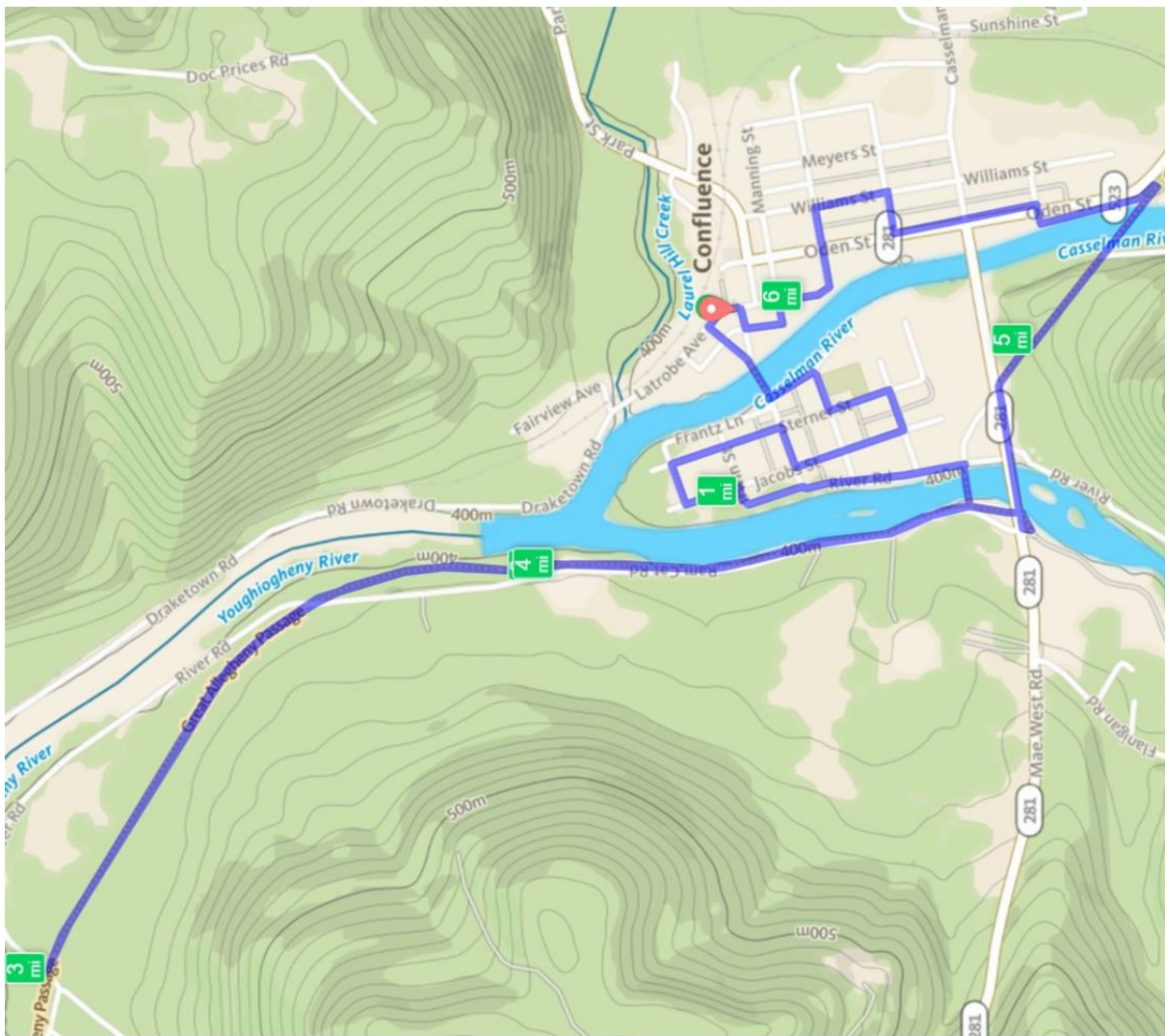
18. Pass GAP Mile Marker 62.
19. Pass wayside exhibit overlooking the

confluence.

*George Washington camped here on May 20, 1754. He was seeking for the British a navigable water route to the Forks of the Ohio (Pittsburgh), where the French were building Fort Duquesne. After canoeing to the formidable falls at Ohiopyle, he turned back and marched his troops westward over the mountain. Indian scouts told him of a nearby French party. Washington's men ambushed and killed Ensign Coulon de Jumonville and nine of his men. This brief skirmish on May 28, 1754, at what is now Jumonville Glen, opened the French and Indian War.*

20. Pass GAP Mile Marker 63.
21. Cross road at sign for "Ramcat Parking Area, Ohiopyle State Park".
22. Continue on the trail. A bus turn around will be on your right.
23. Turn around at the wooden steps on your left. The steps lead up to a brown wooden building which is a restroom.
24. Follow the GAP Trail back to the EAST with the river on your left.
25. Cross under the Vehicle Bridge (rte 281), turning RIGHT at the first trail after the bridge (this keeps you on the GAP).
26. Follow the GAP back across the Youghiogheny River and then across the Casselman River.
27. After the Casselman River, there will be steps down to the grass covered path by the side of the river.
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33. Take the First LEFT onto Page St.
34. Cross Oden St. Page St curves to the right and becomes Hughart St.
35. Take the first LEFT onto Water St.
36. Follow Water St around to take the first RIGHT onto Ross St.
37. Turn LEFT to Finish.
38. Thank you for Walking!

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10K Confluence, PA YRE

**AVA Special Programs for this event:****Rails to Trails****Rockin' Around-the-Clock****Town Hall/City Hall****Vets****Walking the United States (50 States/51 Capitals)****Walking the USA A – Z****Mon Valley Trailblazer's 2022 Events:**

Three Rivers Heritage Trails	(Allegheny County)	Y2291	YRE	OSB	1B
Raccoon Crk St Pk./Wildflower Res.	(Beaver County)	Y2332	YRE	PSB/OSB	2C
Zelienople/Harmony Walk	(Butler County)	Y2309	Seasonal	OSB	1B
Linesville, Pymatuning Spillway	(Crawford County)	Y2725	YRE	OSB	1B
Meadville Ernst Trail	(Crawford County)	Y2624	YRE	OSB	1B
Erie Presque Isle Park	(Erie County)	Y1537	YRE	OSB	1B
Ohiopyle Ferncliff and GAP	(Fayette County)	Y2726	YRE	OSB	1B
Confluence Walk	(Fayette/Somerset County)	Y2275	YRE	OSB	1B
Sandy Lake-MK Goddard State Park	(Mercer County)	Y2990	YRE	OSB	1A
Wheeling, WV & Oglebay Park	(Ohio County)	Y2881	YRE	OSB	1A
Stoystown Flight 93 Memorial	(Somerset County)	Y2350	YRE	OSB	2B
Finleyville, Mingo Creek Park	(Washington County)	Y2727	YRE	OSB	2B
Cedar Creek Park, Belle Vernon	(Westmoreland County)	Y2987	YRE	OSB	1A
Twin Lakes Park, Latrobe	(Westmoreland County)	Y2986	YRE	OSB	1B
West Newton GAP/Town Walk	(Westmoreland County)	Y2230	YRE	OSB	1B
Great Allegheny Passage Bike	(Multiple Counties)	Y2989	YRE	OSB	1B
Great Allegheny Passage Walk	(Multiple Counties)	Y2988	YRE	OSB	1B