



The Mon Valley Trailblazers Club of SW Pennsylvania  
Welcomes You to the Washington County,  
**Mingo Creek County Park, Finleyville/Eighty-four, PA Seasonal Walk**

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**Driving Directions to Finleyville:**

From North and South: Take I-79 to I-70 E, then continue with the remaining directions.)

Take I-70 to Exit 25 (Eighty Four/Glyde). Go North on Rt. 519 for 2 miles, then turn right at the light onto Rt.136.

Go 4.4 miles and turn left at the sign to Mingo Creek Park (just across from Mingo Inn).

Turn R onto Sugar Run Road, then another right into the park (Mingo Creek Road). Start Point is located at the parking lot of Shelter 2.

**From East:** New Stanton-Take I-70W. Merge onto PA 43 Turnpike North (toll road). Take Rt 136 exit-Exit 44 toward Eighty-Four/Monongahela. Turn left onto Dry Run Rd/Rt-136. Continue to follow Rt-136. Turn right onto Mansion Hill. Arrive Mingo Creek County Park. Start Point is located at the parking lot of Shelter 2

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**Restrooms:**

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**Emergency Numbers:**

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## 5K Walk Mingo Creek County Park; Finleyville/Eighty Four, Pennsylvania

Mingo Creek County Park is a 2,600 acre park located in Eighty Four, PA, about 30 miles south of Pittsburgh. With a beautiful paved walking trail along the creek, covered bridges, an observatory, and picnic pavilions abound, this park is a favorite among residents of Washington County. There are three major highlights at Mingo Creek County Park.

The first is the creek itself, which winds its way through the park over the course of about three miles. The creek itself is easily accessible, fairly wide, and is a fairly serene spot to spend a day.

The second highlight is the two covered bridges found on the grounds of the park, spanning the very same creek as above (and make a starting and turnaround point while hiking). On one end is the 32 foot long Ebenezer Bridge (which was relocated from Fallowfield Township at the current site of I70) and on the other is the 36 foot long Henry Covered Bridge that was built in 1841.

Both bridges are open for vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and are easily viewed on all sides- making them some of the most popular covered bridges Washington County (be sure to visit for the covered bridge festival too, held annually in September).

The final highlight found at Mingo Creek is the historic Henry House- a brick house built in the early 1800s. Prior to construction of the house, the land was owned by a participant of the historic Whiskey Rebellion of the late 1700s, and the Henry House was occupied until the 1960s.

On this 5K walk, you will see the Ebenezer Bridge. A short drive after your walk on the park road will take you to the Henry Covered Bridge. Drive up the hill to see the Henry House and the Observatory.

### 5K Walk Mingo Creek County Park Walking Directions

1. From the parking lot for Pavilions 1 and 2, face the paved walking path and turn LEFT onto the path to keep Mingo Creek on your right.
2. After walking 0.25 miles, cross the creek on a wooden foot bridge and turn left to follow the path toward the Covered Bridge. The creek is now on your left.
3. At the first road, turn LEFT to cross creek on Ebenezer Covered Bridge. **The Ebenezer Covered Bridge is a historic covered bridge in Mingo Creek County Park. The year the bridge was built is unknown. It was moved to its current location in 1977. It is designated as a historic bridge by the Washington County History &**

#### Landmarks Foundation.

4. After crossing the Covered Bridge, take the first RIGHT to remain on the path with the creek to your right.
5. Take the walking path past the parking lot, and continue across the road to stay on the path. You will see a sign for the "Off Leash" dog area. Walk up the hill (15% grade) and note the dog park on the left. There are two separate areas: one for small dogs and one for large.
6. Continue past the "off leash" dog area down the hill (also 15% grade).
7. The path takes you past a parking lot and also a children's playground. Note the zipline and climbing walls.
8. Cross road again and cross creek on bridge

to stay on path. Creek will again be on your left.

9. Stay on path, crossing two more foot bridges.

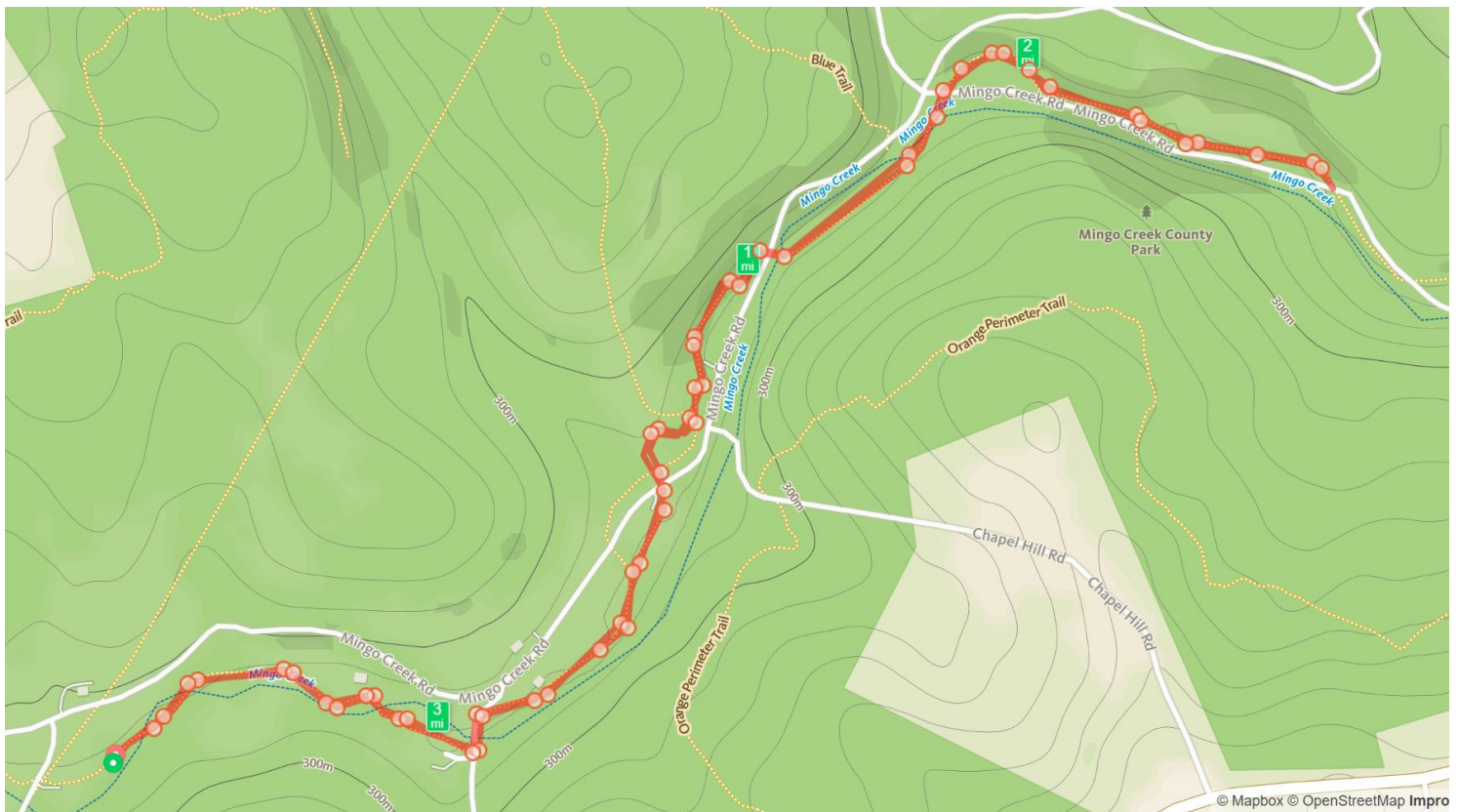
10. Cross the road after the second bridge. Path turns to the right. Cross one more foot

bridge and continue until the first parking area on the right (small unpaved parking area that only accommodates a few cars).

11. At that point, turn around and return to start point on the Mingo Creek walking path.

Thank you for Walking!

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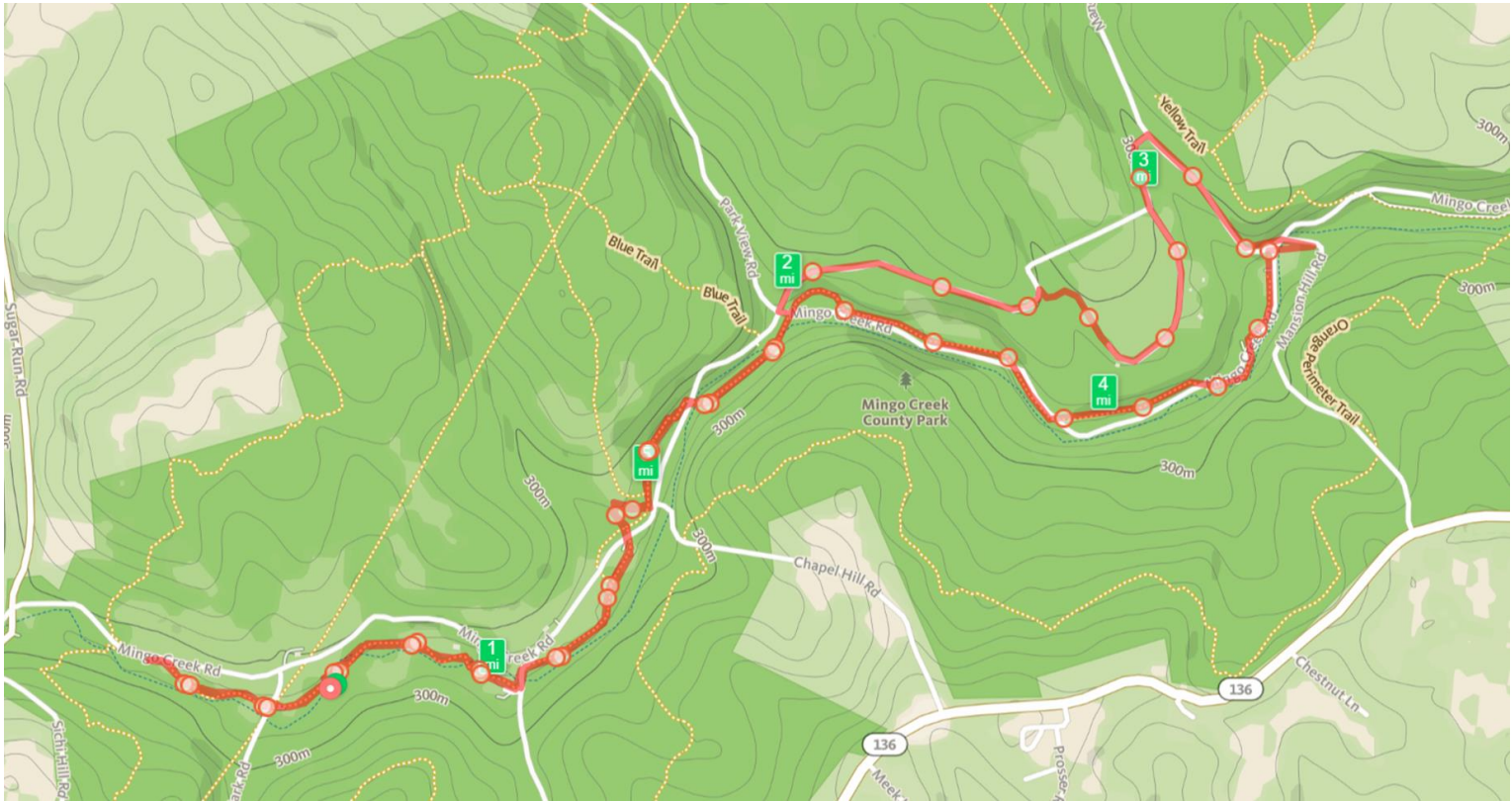
## 10K Mingo Creek Park, Eighty Four, Pennsylvania

1. From the Pavilion 2 parking lot, facing Pavilion 2, head towards Pav. 2 and turn left onto the Trail to keep Mingo Creek on your right.
2. At first road, turn LEFT to cross creek on Covered Bridge.
3. Take first RIGHT to remain on trail with the creek to your right.
4. At half mile point, note haunted oak tree on your right (with cut out for taking pictures).
5. Continue across street to stay on trail.
6. Cross street again and cross creek on bridge to stay on trail.
7. Stay on trail, crossing two more bridges.
8. Turn LEFT immediately (Mingo Creek Rd) after crossing the second bridge.
9. Walk 50 feet and turn RIGHT to go uphill on abandoned road (must pass right or left of a vehicle gate).
10. Follow road uphill, passing two large fields on your right.
11. After the second field, continue past first greenway (dirt road) coming in on your right.
12. Turn RIGHT at second dirt road to go uphill to large field.
13. Turn RIGHT at field to remain on track with the woods on your right.
14. Continue to pavilion (rest rooms) and then continue along the path next to the parking area as it curves around to the left.
15. As you walk along this stretch, you will pass pavilions and rest rooms.
16. Reaching the end of the parking area, note the Historic Henry House on your right.
17. Continue on road past Henry House (you are now on Mansion Hill road).
18. At the next intersection, turn RIGHT to stay on Mansion Hill Rd.
19. At next intersection, continue straight across road and cross Creek on covered bridge.
20. Walk another 50 yards and admire huge oak tree on your left.
21. Turn around, recross covered bridge and turn LEFT on Mingo Creek Rd.
22. Take the first right into the parking area
23. After 20 feet, turn LEFT onto Mingo Creek trail.
24. Stay on Mingo Creek Trail, continuing past the start point to the end of the trail.
25. At the end of the trail, turn around and return to the start point.
26. Turn RIGHT to Finish at the pavilion.

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# 10K Walk

## Mingo Creek Park, Eighty Four, Pennsylvania



### **Stargazing Party Guidelines**

1. Please go to the following websites for instructions and preparations for the stargazing party. You will be guided as to how to prepare and dress, as well as what to bring for creature comforts and proper parking instructions. Also, there is a phone number to call to make sure the stargazing party is still on due to good weather and sky conditions (724-348-6150).
  - a. [Traveltips.usatoday.com/star-gazing-parties-mingo-creek-county-pa-106844.html](http://Traveltips.usatoday.com/star-gazing-parties-mingo-creek-county-pa-106844.html)
  - b. [Sites.google.com/a/3ap.org/public/observatories/mingo-creek-park-observatory](http://Sites.google.com/a/3ap.org/public/observatories/mingo-creek-park-observatory)
2. Those planning on attending the Stargazing Party will follow the park signs to Pavilion 10 and continue past the pavilion up to the Observatory.

There you will enjoy watching the wonders of outer space through the telescopes set-up and provided by the Amateur Astrology Association of Pittsburgh and the astrology students of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

3. Enjoy and have fun.

#### **\*\*\*Important Notes\*\*\***

\*The unsanctioned Stargazing Party can follow the completion of your walk above Pavilion 10.

**The Mon Valley Trailblazers extend a warm welcome to all of you and hope that all have an enjoyable time together.**