

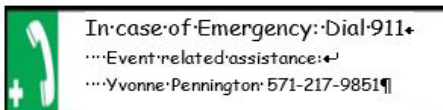
# North Bend Rail Trail, West Virginia

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# North Bend Rail Trail, West Virginia

## Information on the Trail

The North Bend Rail Trail (NBRT) is a West Virginia state park and part of the Great American Discovery Trail. It stretches 72 miles from Parkersburg, WV to Wolf Summit west of Clarksburg, WV. It has 51 bridges and 21 tunnels (one of which is reputed to be haunted). The trail crosses four counties, Wood, Ritchie, Doddridge, and Harrison.

The North Bend Rail Trail was built on one of the most distinguished railroad lines in U.S. history. Chartered in 1851, the Northwestern Virginia Railroad built 103 miles from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (B&O) mainline at Grafton, West Virginia, to the Ohio River at Parkersburg, West Virginia. It was built as a one track with several sidelines so that trains could pass. It was used by both passenger and freight trains. The line was sold to the B&O Railroad on May 1, 1857 and became known as the B&O Parkers. During the Civil War it was used by the Union to transport soldiers so periodically was attacked by the Confederate army. Over the years, the line changed ownership and eventually was railbanked. In the 1980s, CSX Transportation sold the line to the state of West Virginia, which began converting it into a recreation trail for the state park system. Initial trail segments opened in 1991, with additional portions added over the next several years.

Some of the trail is still natural surface or construction stone surface so mountain bikes are recommended. **PLEASE HAVE A LIGHT FOR THE 21 TUNNELS.**

## AVA Special Programs

Section	Special Program
Whole Trail	Rails to Trails
Salem towards Harrison/Doddridge County Boarder	Walking with American Veterans

## Register for the bike

There is a \$3 fee for all participants over 12. When you register for the bike, you can download the PDF file with walk information. The PDF includes directions to the bike start and distance suggestions. The fee for the download is \$2. You will be credited for this fee if you complete the walk and pay the bike participant fee within 60 days.

## After you have completed the bike

Please remember to log back into the OSB's "Finish Table" after completing the bike. Completion information includes the date the event was biked, the distance biked and applicable special programs.

## Access points and distances along NORTH BEND RAIL TRAIL

MM	KM	County	Parking	Street Xing	Notes
0.9	1.5	Wood	Happy Valley Trail head		Western Terminus
6	9.7		along trail	River Rd	
11.7	18.9		Walker Trail head		

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15.7	25.3		Eaton Station		
16.2	26.1			County Rte. 7	
18.8	30.3	Ritchie	Town of Petroleum		
23.4	37.7			Silver Run Rd	
23.5	37.9		along trail		
26	41.9		Town of Cairo		NBRT Foundation Headquarters & Museum
28	45.2			County Rte. 8, Rolling River Rd	
28.1	45.3			County Rte. 8, Rolling River Rd	
28.2	45.5			County Rte. 8, Rolling River Rd	
28.3	45.6			County Rte. 8, Rolling River Rd	
28.4	45.8			Town of Cornwallis	
28.9	46.6			Trail to North Bend State Park	
33.4	53.9		Town of Ellenboro		
33.5	54.0		Ellenboro Town Park		
35.1	56.6			Wright Rd	
37.5	60.5			Horner Run Rd	
38.7	62.4		Town of Pennsboro	St Rte. 74	
42.1	67.9		Town of Toll Gate	County Rte. 10	
42.8	69.0			County Rte. 50/26	
43.1	69.5	Doddridge		County Rte. 50/6	
43.8	70.6		Town of Greenwood		
44.5	71.8			County Rte. 36, Duckworth Rd	
45.7	73.7			County Rte. 36, Duckworth Rd	
47.8	77.1			Town of Central Station	
48	77.4		North of trail	County Rte. 10	
48.3	77.9			County Rte. 1/1	
49.3	79.5			County Rte. 11/8, Tunnel Hill Rd	
50.8	81.9				start of paved trail
51	82.3		Town of West Union		
51.5	83.1		along trail East of bridge		
51.6	83.2		Trail Head parking		paved portion ends
54.2	87.4		along trail East of bridge	County Rte. 50/9	
57.9	93.4			County Rte. 15 Long Run Rd	
59.3	95.6			County Rte. 38/1	

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60.3	97.3			County Rte. 38 Long Run Rd	
61.6	99.4			County Rte. 38 Long Run Rd	
63.6	102.6			County Rte. 38 Long Run Rd	
64	103.2	Harrison	next to trail at ball field		
65.1	105.0		Salem Depot		
67.1	108.2			County Rte. 50/6 Raccoon Ru Rd, Bristol	
68.7	110.8		parking near gate	Hall's Run Rd	
70.9	114.4				
71	114.5			County Rte. 11	Eastern Terminus

## Driving Directions to suggested bike starts

### Wood County – Happy Valley Trail Head

North Bend Rail-Trail, Parkersburg, WV 26104

Google Voice NBRT Happy Valley Trail Head

GPS Coordinates: 39.223268, -81.5126601

Plus Code: 6FFP+8W Parkersburg, WV

On 50W from Clarksburg  
 Turn LEFT onto Dutch Ridge Road  
 Turn RIGHT on WV-47W  
 Turn LEFT onto Old West Virginia State Highway 47  
 Turn LEFT onto Happy Valley Road  
 .3 miles to the NBRT Happy Valley Trail Head

### Ritchie County - Town of Petroleum Trail Head NBRT

3980 Petroleum Road, Petroleum, WV 26161

Google Voice: Petroleum Rail to Trail Shelter

GPS Coordinates: 39.1906876, -81.2686077

Plus Code: 5PRJ+7H Petroleum, West Virginia

On 50W from Clarksburg  
 Turn LEFT on Goose Creek Road  
 6.6 miles to to Shelter

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## Doddridge County - West Union Trail Head

Railroad St., West Union, WV

GPS Coordinates: 39.2955073, -80.7768022

Plus Code: 76WF+674 West Union, West Virginia

On Route 50W from Clarksburg

Turn RIGHT onto WV – 18 N

Turn LEFT on Mail Street

Slight RIGHT on Railroad Street

Slight RIGHT on W Mail Street

Turn LEFT on Railroad Street.

Parking along the street.

## Harrison County - Salem Trail Head

153 E Main Street, Salem WV 26426

Google Voice: North Bend Rail Trail Parking Salem West Virginia

GPS Coordinates: 39.2823434, -80.5570309

Plus Code: 7CJV+W5 Salem, West Virginia

On Route 50W from Clarksburg

Follow to Main St/Old Rte. 50

Take the exit towards Downtown/Salem

Follow Main Street to trail parking.

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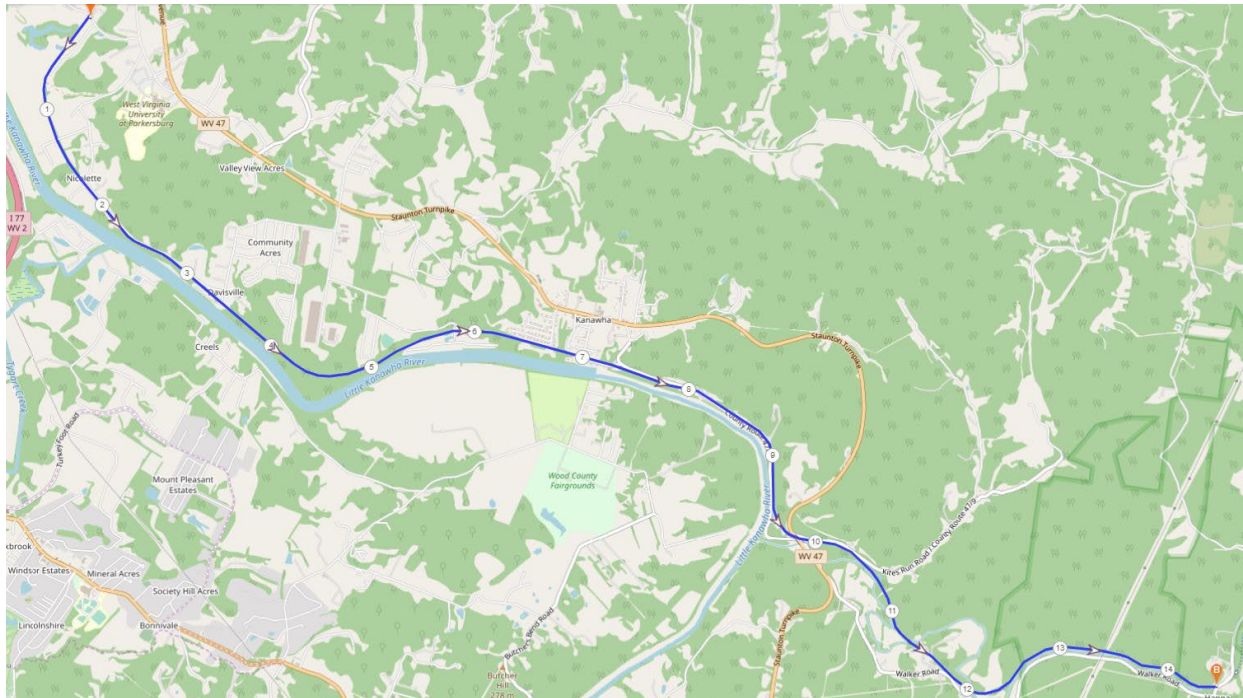
You may bike any section of the trail. These are just recommendations.

**WOOD COUNTY** (NBRT mile 1.0 to Mile 16.6)

START: Happy Valley Trail Head NBRT Mile 0.9

**30 K**

**Bike eastbound towards Clarksburg. To Walker Road Crossing. *The trail towards Parkersburg is not passable.***



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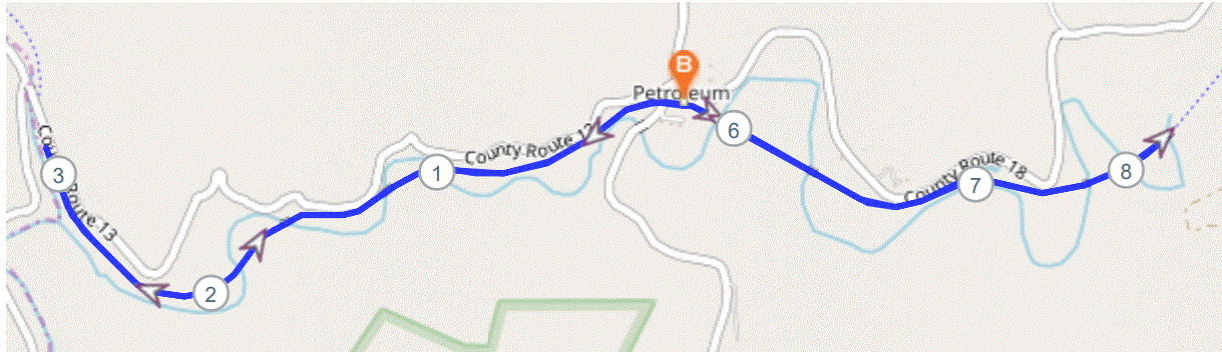
RITCHIE COUNTY (NBRT mile 16.6 to mile 42.7)

START: Town of Petroleum Trail Head NBRT Mile 18.8

10K

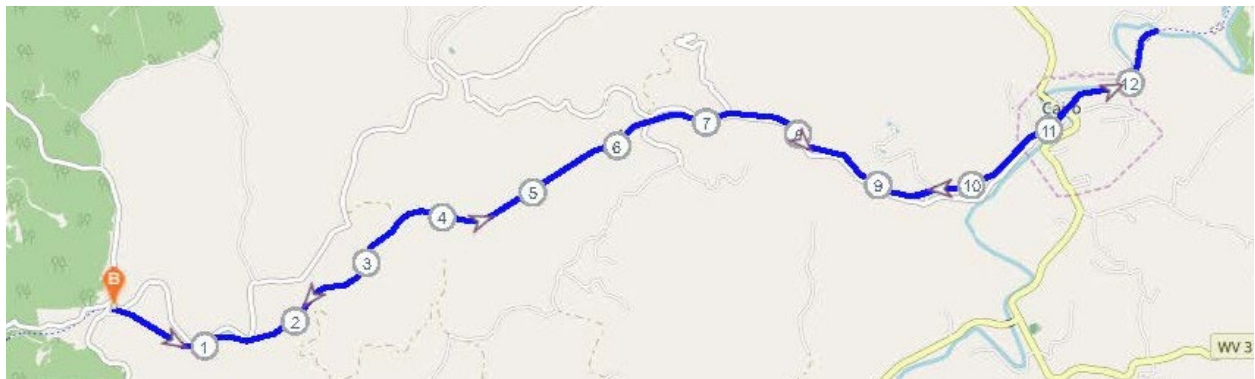
**Go Westbound: Bike to NBRT Mile 17 and RETURN** (5.8km claim 6km)

**Eastbound passed start to Bridge# 38 Goose Creek and return to start** (2.6mi; 4.2km)



25K

**Go East Bound: Bike through Cairo to Tunnel #12 and RETURN**



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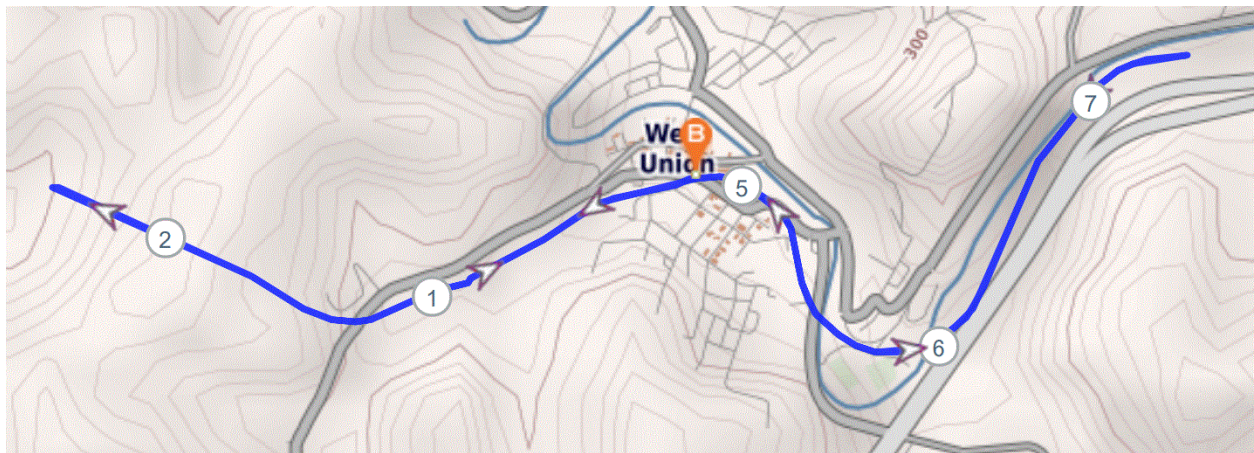
DODDRIDGE COUNTY NBRT mile 42.7 to 63.8

START: West Union Trail Head Parking NBRT Mile 51

10K

Go westbound through the longest tunnel (4.85km) then east bound passed start over the longest bridge and along the Middle Creek to gully (R) Middle Island Creek and road (L). 5.1km turn around and return to start

**FLASHLIGHT REQUIRED**



25K

Go westbound approximately 5km to Depot Road, Central Station, WV. You will be going through the longest tunnel. Turn around pass start to Buckeye Bridge, just after going under Route 50 and turn around to start. You will be going over the longest bridge.

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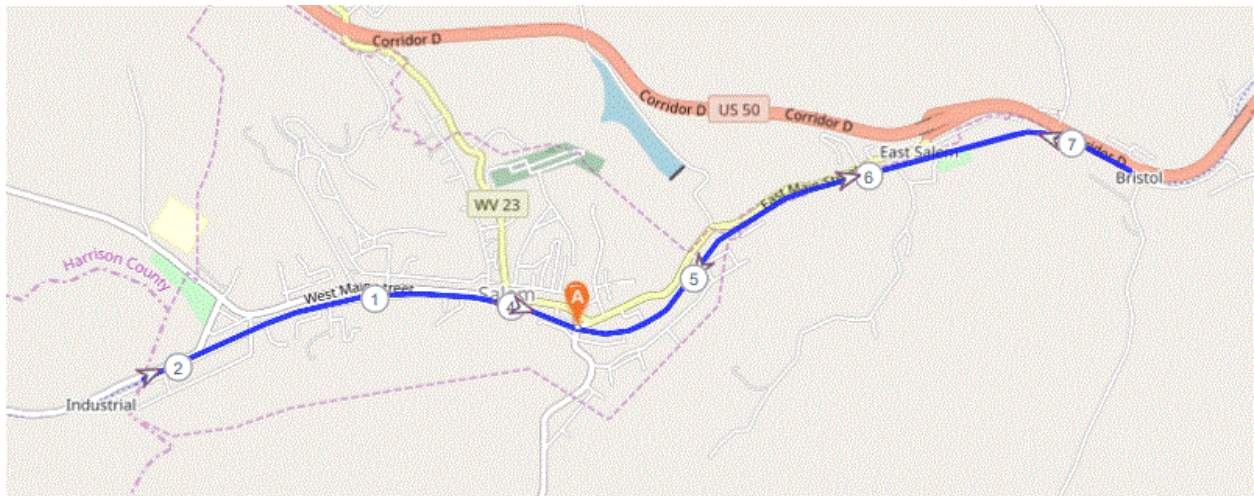
HARRISON COUNTY NBRT 63.8mile to 71.0mile at Wolf Summit Eastern Terminus

Note trail near Wolf Summit Eastern Terminus and passed the Harrison County line are not finished but passable on a bike.

START Salem Trail Head NBRT mile 65.1 (West of Mechanic St/South St junction.)

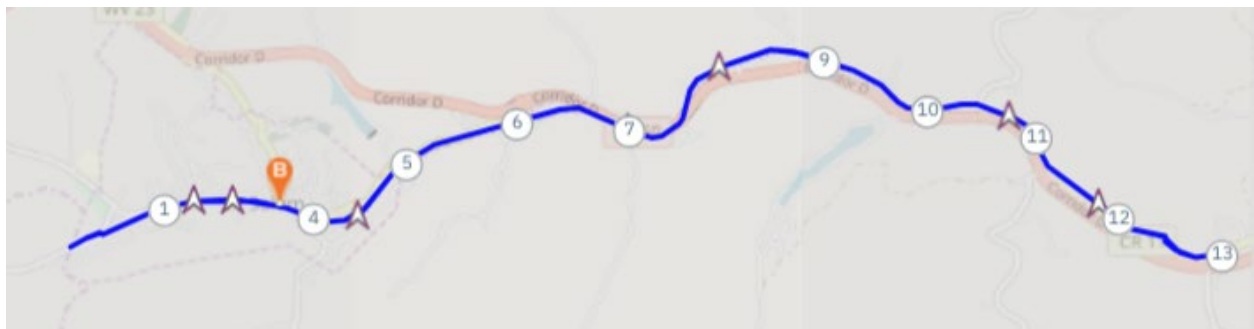
10K

Go westbound on trail to Harrison/Doddridge County line NBRT mile 63.8 and return passed start to NBRT MM 67 and return to start.



25K

Go westbound on trail to Harrison/Doddridge County line NBRT mile 63.8 and return passed start to Wolf Summit Eastern Terminus and return to start.



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## Links for More Information

North Bend Rail Trail Foundation Facebook Page.

Great place for updates on construction, trail events and festivals, and conditions.

[Home | NBRT Foundation, Inc](#)

Facebook Page: [North Bend Rail Trail | Cairo WV | Facebook](#)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/northbendrailtrail/>

North Bend Rail Trail Map

Good for driving directions to each trailhead

[North Bend Rail-Trail - Google Maps](#)

West Virginia Rails to Trails Org

Good for locations of trailhead, parking, and rest rooms.

(may not have the latest on what part of the trail is open to bikes)

[North Bend Rail-Trail | West Virginia Rails To Trails \(wvrailtrails.org\)](#)

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## TrailLink

Requires registration

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