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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.

AVA Special Programs

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

Register for the walk

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

After you have completed the walk

Please remember to log back into the OSB's "Finish Table" after completing the walk. Completion information includes the date the event was walked, the distance walked 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		
15.7	25.3		Eaton Station		

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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	
60.3	97.3			County Rte. 38 Long Run Rd	

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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 walks

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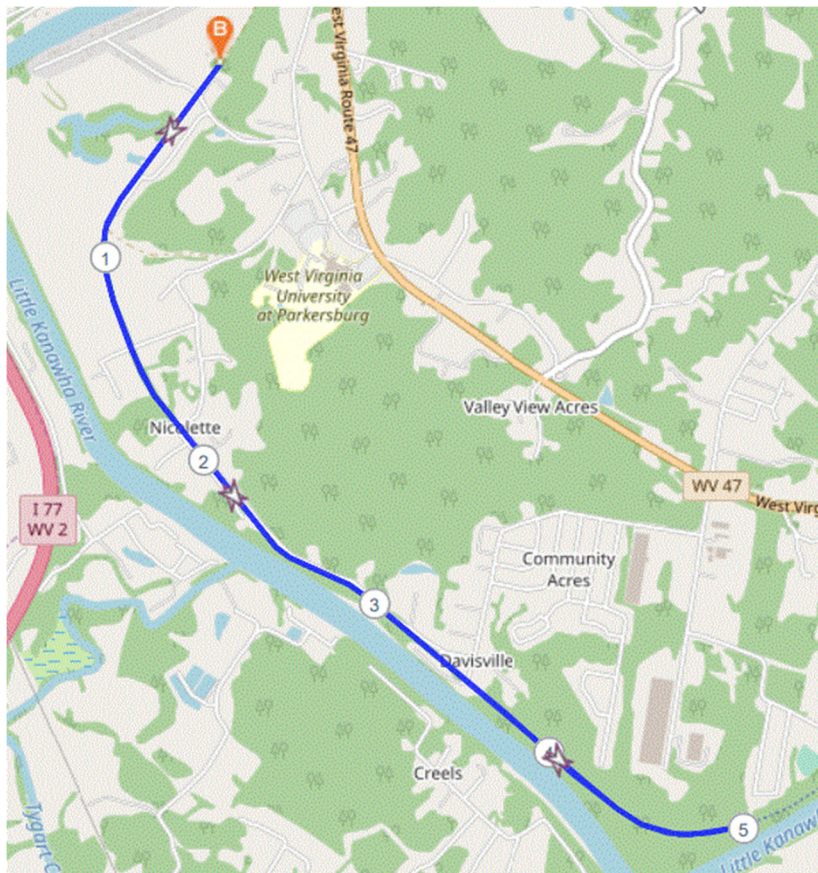
You may walk any section of the trail. These are just recommendations.

WOOD COUNTY (NBRT mile 1.0 to Mile 16.6)

START: Happy Valley Trail Head NBRT Mile 0.9 – 10 km

A walk with a few minor road crossings and views of the Little Kanawha River
From Parking area

1. **WALK** to NBRT Mile 4 and **RETURN**.
2. **CROSS** Happy Valley Road **PASS** Mileage Board NBRT and 1 Mile Marker.
3. **Cross** end of road NBRT (2km)
4. **CROSS** 7 Acres Rd NBRT (2.9km)
5. **PASS** NBRT Mile Marker 2
6. **PASS** NBRT Mile Marker 3
7. **CROSS** Nicollet Rd NBRT (3.3km)
8. **PASS** NBRT Mile 3 and picnic table
9. **CROSS** County Rd 47/4 NBRT (4.9km) mi
10. **TURN AROUND** at NBRT Mile 4 and **RETURN** to **START**



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Ritchie County (NBRT mile 16.6 to mile 42.7)

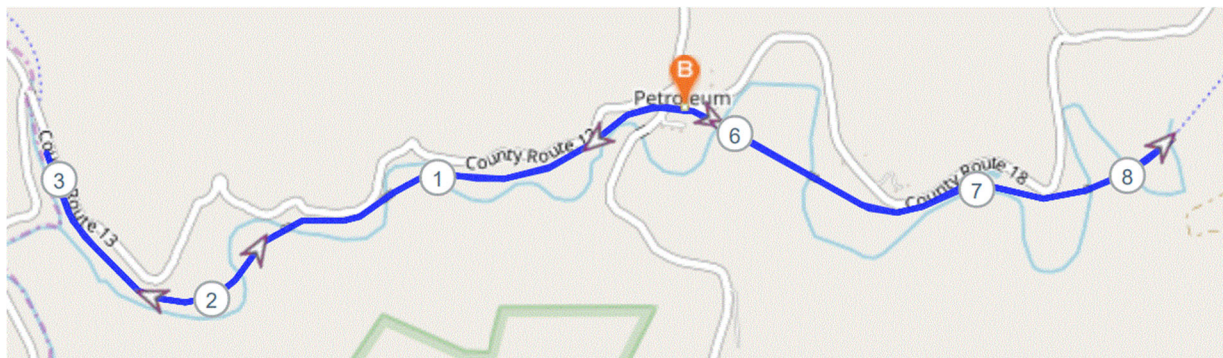
Start: Town of Petroleum Trail Head NBRT Mile 18.8 - 6/10 km

West Bound: Walk to NBRT Mile 17 and RETURN (5.8km claim 6km) CROSS Goose Creek 4 times

1. From Trail Head turn **RIGHT CROSS** Tate Hill County Route 18
2. **PASS** sign The National Rail-Trail
3. **PASS** trail parking either side of the trail
4. **PASS** barrier
5. **CROSS** Bridge #41 1/7 Oil Spring Run NBRT 18.6mi Goose Creek (L)
6. **PASS** PETROLEUM sign (L)
7. **CROSS** gravel road
8. **CROSS** Bridge #42 Goose Creek NBRT 18.2mi (0.98km)
9. **CROSS** Bridge #43 Goose Creek NBRT 18.1mi (1.2km)
10. **PASS** NBRT Mile 18 and picnic table
11. **CROSS** Bridge #44 Goose Creek NBRT 17.8mi (1.6km)
12. **CROSS** Bridge #45 Goose Creek NBRT 17.7mi (1.8km)
13. **FOLLOW** trail right to NBRT Mile 17
14. **TURN AROUND** and **RETURN** to **START** at Trail Head

East Bound: Walk to Bridge# 38 Goose Creek and RETURN (2.6mi; 4.2km) CROSS Goose Creek 6 times

1. From Trail Head turn **LEFT PASS** pit toilet
2. **CROSS** Bridge #41 Goose Creek NBRT 18.9mi (5.94km)
3. **PASS** NBRT Mile 19
4. **CROSS** Bridge #40 Goose Creek NBRT 19.2mi (6.32km)
5. **CROSS** small road.
6. **CROSS** BRIDGE #39 Goose Creek NBRT 19.9mi (7.42km)
7. **PASS** NBRT Mile 20
8. **CROSS** Bridge #38 NBRT 20.1mi (7.60km)
9. **CROSS** to center of Bridge #39 NBRT 20.1mi, last bridge over Goose Creek (7.79km)
10. **TURN AROUND** to Petroleum Trail Head and **FINISH** (9.78km)



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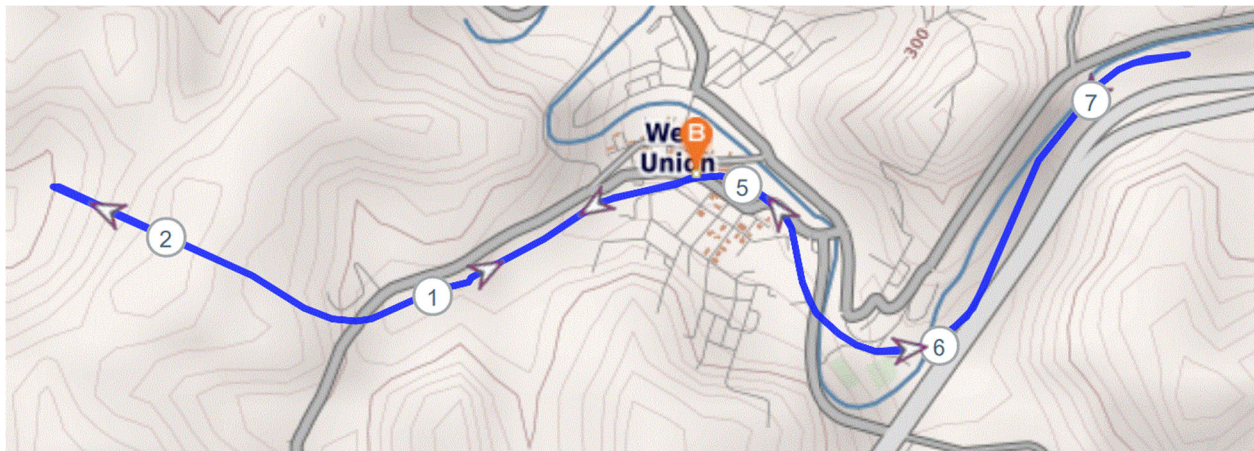
Doddridge County NBRT mile 42.7 to 63.8

Start: West Union Trail Head Parking NBRT Mile 51- 5/10 km

Walk is an out-and-back west through the longest tunnel (4.85km) then out-and-back east over the longest bridge and along the Middle Creek 5.1km

FLASHLIGHT REQUIRED

1. From Trail Head parking at NBRT Mile 51 turn **LEFT** (West) on paved trail.
2. Paved section of trail ends (0.3km)
3. **CROSS** Bridge #23 over Northwestern Turnpike (old U.S. Route 50) (1.25km)
4. **PASS NBRT** Mile 50 rest area, camping shelter, picnic table and pit toilet. (L) (1.6kmi)
5. **ENTER** tunnel, possible waterfall to right of entrance.
6. **WALK** through unlit tunnel #26, Central Station Tunnel, longest on the trail.
7. At the far end of tunnel enjoy the view then **TURN AROUND** and return to start. (4.86km)
8. **PASS** traffic sign for North Bend Trail (L), **CROSS** West Main St **STRAIGHT** on paved trail parallel to Railroad St (R).
9. **CROSS** East Main Street (5.1km)
10. **CROSS** bridge #23 over State Route 18 & Middle Island Creek, longest bridge on trail. (5.6km).
11. Paved portion of trail ends **continue STRAIGHT** on gravel trail. (5.7km)
12. **CROSS** bridge #22 over Middle Island Creek.
13. **PASS** Mile 52 and picnic table. (6.5km)
14. Continue along trail for 1km until gully (R) Middle Island Creek and road (L). (7.4km)
15. Turn Around and return to start at Trail Head. (9.95km)



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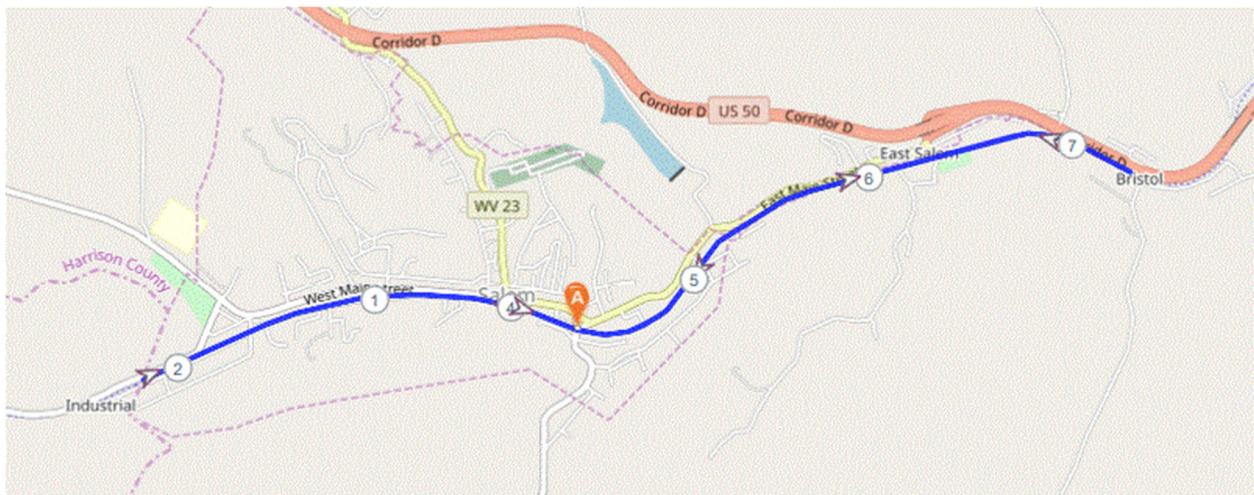
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Harrison County NBRT 63.8mile to 71.0mile at Wolf Summit Eastern Terminus

Start Salem Trail Head NBRT mile 65.1 (West of Mechanic St/South St junction.) – 5/10.32 km

1. West on trail to Harrison/Doddridge County Line NBRT mile 63.8 (2.17km)
2. **PASS** NBRT Mile 65
3. **CROSS** Liberty ST (0.53km)
4. **CROSS** South Dale Ave (0.82km)
5. **CROSS** Elizabeth St (1.19km)
6. **CROSS** Liberty St Davis Lane (L) (1.52km)
7. **CROSS** Cross St (1.6km)
8. **CROSS** Moore St (1.87km)
9. **TURN AROUND** at County Line (2.17km) back to **START** (4.345km)
10. **CROSS** South St (4.345km)
11. **PASS** end of A ST (4.674km) **5km WALKERS TURN AROUND** back to **START**.
12. **CROSS** Bridge St(5.08km)
13. **CROSS** street (5.30km)
14. **CROSS** Turkey Run (6.14km) NBRT Mile 66.3
15. **CROSS** Hope Yard Rd (6.34km)
16. **PASS** rest area, comfort station, camping and shelter. NBRT Mile 66.6
17. **TURN AROUND** at NBRT Mile 67 return to **START**



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

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