

# THE PENNYPACK TRAIL

## DELAWARE RIVER TO FOX CHASE FARM

Pennypack Valley, Philadelphia





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## Public Transit

### Regional Rail

Trenton Regional Rail to Holmeburg Junction  
SEPTA Regional Rail to Fox Chase Station

### SEPTA Bus and Trackless Trolley

Routes 70 and 84 to State Road  
Route 88 to Welsh Road  
Route 28 to Rhawn Street  
Routes 20 and 50 to Holme Avenue  
Route 58 to Bustleton Avenue  
Route 19 to Krewstown Road  
Route 67 to Verree Road  
Route 66 to Frankford Avenue

## Bicycle

The Pennypack Trail continues north into Montgomery County where it follows the railbed of the former Reading Railroad Newtown Branch. Refer to the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia’s regional map for recommended on-road bicycle routes linking with the Trail.

## Vehicle Parking

Pennypack Park Trail Head:  
40.027815, -75.012518

Rhawn Street Trail Head:  
40.050070, -75.032923

Roosevelt Avenue Trail Head:  
40.066670, -75.039576

Krewstown Road Trail Head:  
40.076671, -75.054779

Verree Road Trail Head:  
40.085204, -75.061480

Fox Chase Farm Trail Head:  
40.089784, -75.069459

# OVERVIEW

## General Characteristics

- Trail length: 9.5 miles
- Surface: Asphalt through Philadelphia  
Crushed Stone in Montgomery County
- Fairly hilly terrain, especially heading north
- Rail trail that follows the path of the former Fox Chase - Newton Branch line from Montgomery County to the Delaware River
- Trailheads located at every major road
- The trail passes through beautiful, forested Pennypack Park. The park is well-signed and very popular with locals. Frequent users are happy to help visitors with directions.
- Upper sections of the park contain unpaved trails for mountain bike and equestrian use

## History and Future

Pennypack Park was established in 1905 by the City of Philadelphia to insure the protection of Pennypack Creek and the surrounding land. The park consists of 1,600 acres of woodlands, meadows, wetlands and fields.

The Pennypack Trail along the Delaware River is part of the East Coast Greenway, planned to connect Maine to Florida. A temporary route map is available from [www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org). Montgomery County will add 3.2 miles to the trail in 2015, eventually linking the Pennypack Trail with the Cross County Trail in Bryn Athyn.



## Special Amenities

The Pennypack Valley was the site of numerous water-powered mills during colonial times, and many historic sites are visible from the trail.

The oldest bridge in continuous use in the United States spans the Pennypack at Frankford Avenue, which was formerly the King’s Highway. The older part of the bridge on the downstream side dates back to the 1600’s.

Fox Chase Farm, at Pine Road, serves as an educational facility with programs on agriculture and farming. It is one of the last working farms in any major city, and the land has produced agriculture for over 300 years. Admission is free.

The Pennypack Environmental Center on Verree Road has exhibits on local wildlife and history including a 300-gallon aquarium with fish native to the creek. The center’s bird feeding stations attract native nuthatches and hawks.

There are several restaurants and groceries for picnic food, generally just outside Pennypack Park along some of the major roads that cross the park. Picnic tables dot the length of the trail.

The Tacony Hoagie Trail guides visitors to the best spots to try the historic neighborhood’s famous eats. Start at Jack’s Place one mile west of Holmeburg Junction station, then follow Hoagie Trail signs to all four stops.



# TRIP IDEAS

### Northeast Philly Environmental Tour

Start at the Roosevelt Boulevard trailhead

Head north on the trail passing under the Roosevelt Boulevard overpass

As the trail passes under Verree Road, take the spur to street level to check out the exhibits and activities at Pennypack Environmental Center.

Return to the trail and continue north. At Pine Road, enter Fox Chase Farm. Visit the farm’s resident cattle, sheep, pigs, and chickens.

Return to the trail and head south to the start of the trip on Roosevelt Boulevard.

Tour length – 8.6 miles  
Biking - 50 minutes  
Walking - 3 hours

### Ride Down to the River

Start at the Roosevelt Boulevard trailhead

Head south on the trail away from the Roosevelt Boulevard overpass

Exit the trail at one of the many trailheads and pick up food to go at a neighborhood eatery

Return to the trail and continue south until the trail meets the Delaware River at the mouth of the Pennypack Creek. Enjoy your meal and the views at one of the trailhead park’s picnic tables.

After eating, follow the trail back north to the start of the tour.

Tour length – 10.7 miles  
Biking - 1 hour  
Walking - 3.5 hours