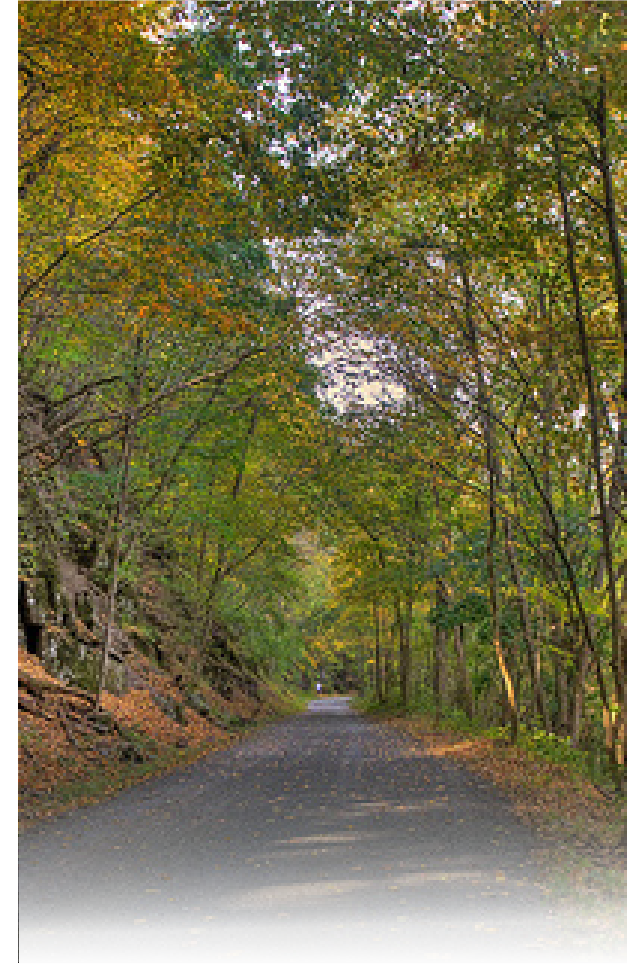


# PERKIOMEN 7 RAIL TRAIL

## OAKS TO COLLEGEVILLE

Collegeville to Schuylkill River Trail  
Montgomery County





# ACCESS

## Public Transit

**SEPTA Bus**  
Route 93: Collegeville Trailhead  
Route 99: Arcola and Egypt Rd. trail entrances

## Bicycle

The Perkiomen trail links with the Audubon Loop Trail at Egypt Road at Lower Schuylkill Valley Park, and with the Schuylkill River Trail near the mouth of the Perkiomen Creek.

Refer to the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia’s regional map for recommended on-road bicycle routes linking with the Trail

## Vehicle Parking

There is limited parking available behind the Collegeville Station and the Collegeville Post Office. There is also on-street parking in Collegeville.

Trailhead at Lower Perkiomen Valley Park  
40.131701, -75.446353

Trailhead at Pawlings Road  
40.115057, -75.455837

This is actually on the Schuylkill River Trail and is a short distance from the trail junction with the Perkiomen Trail



# OVERVIEW

## General Characteristics

- Trail segment length: 6 miles
- Surface: Mostly crushed stone with a few sections paved with asphalt
- Multiuse trail allows pedestrians, cyclists, horseback riders, and cross country skiers
- Direct connection between the Schuylkill River Trail, three major county parks, and two important historic sites as the trail parallels the scenic Perkiomen Creek
- Varied terrain, elevation, and views make this a unique rail-trail experience
- Town services and shops are accessible as the trail passes through historic villages

## History and Future

The Perkiomen Valley Railroad was built in the mid-19th century. It served both the agricultural community, and the many city dwellers who sought refuge in the beautiful countryside along the Perkiomen Creek. This railroad became part of the Reading Railroad System, and was abandoned in the 1980’s. After a long effort, the right of way was acquired by Montgomery County and the trail constructed in the early 2000’s. Linking historic towns, parks, woodlands and the beautiful stream valley, it is one of the County’s and the region’s very popular gems.

In the future, development of the Circuit in Montgomery County will connect the Perkiomen Trail with the proposed Evansburg Trail in Lower Providence, the Sunrise Trail in Schwenksville, and the West County Trail in Upper Frederick.

## Special Amenities

The Trail passes through three public parks. The segment featured in this tour passes through:

### Lower Perkiomen Valley Park:

- Picnic pavillions, tables, and grills
- Playground and recreational fields
- Creek-side fishing
- Restrooms

Farther north, the trail passes through:

### Central Perkiomen Valley Park:

- Picnic pavillion, tables, and grills
- Playground and recreational fields
- Creek-side fishing
- Restrooms
- Historic mill house

### Green Lane Park:

- Overnight campgrounds
- Boat rentals on lake
- Fishing, fly fishing, and ice fishing
- Twenty-five miles of trails
- Picnic and restroom facilities

The John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, built in 1762 as Audobon’s first home in America, serves as an educational center of the National Audubon Society. The site contains a museum displaying orginal art and memorabilia.

The Berman Museum at Ursinus College in Collegeville offers trail users two modern galleries, housed in what was originally the college library, which host the rotating exhibits of art ranging from Japanese prints to Pennsylvania Dutch artifacts.

Many restaurants and cafes are accessible from the trail as it passes through Collegeville.

Valley Forge National Historic Park is accessible to the Schuylkill River Trail, which connects to the southern end of the Perkiomen Trail.

# TRIP IDEAS

## Out to Lunch Loop

Start the trip in Lower Perkiomen Valley Park.

Head north on the trail toward Collegeville.

When you reach Collegeville, eat lunch at one of the restaurants near the trail.

After lunch, return to the trail and head south back to Lower Perkiomen Valley Park.

Tour length: 10 miles  
Biking - 1 hour  
Walking - 3 hours 15 minutes

## Perkiomen History Tour

Start the Trip in Collegeville.

Head south on the trail toward Oaks. When you reach the Lower Perkiomen Valley Park, visit the historic Audubon Center at Mill Grove (admission \$4).

Continue south as the trail connects with the Schuylkill River Trail. Take the Schuylkill Trail across the river to Valley Forge National Historical Park.

After exploring Valley Forge, return to the Schuylkill Trail and take it north to the Perkiomen Valley Trail, then return to Collegeville.

Tour length: 18 miles  
Biking - 2 hour

## Perkiomen Overnight

Any trip can be made into an overnight by reserving a campsite at Green Lane Park at the northern end of the Perkiomen Valley Trail.

Length from Lower Perkiomen Valley Park to Green Lane Park: 19.5 miles one way