



ROUTE 202 PARKWAY TRAIL

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Montgomery and Bucks Counties



ACCESS

Public Transit

SEPTA Bus

Routes 94 and 132 to the Montgomery Mall
Route 55 to downtown Doylestown

Doylestown Regional Rail

Delaware Valley College Station
Downtown Doylestown Station

Intercity Bus

Greyhound Line to Doylestown
Trans-Bridge Line to Doylestown

Bicycle

The Route 202 Parkway Trail links with the Doylestown trail system at Lower State Road and at Wells Road.

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

Vehicle Parking

Doylestown Central Park
40.285957, -75.138123

New Britain Road & 202 Parkway
40.291283, -75.141375

Bristol Road & 202 Parkway
40.281053, -75.182210

Stump Road & County Line Road
40.254195, -75.205255

Route 309 & 202 Parkway
40.232465, -75.239195

Knapp Road & 202 Parkway
40.227332, -75.243883

OVERVIEW

General Characteristics

- Trail length: 9 miles
- Surface: asphalt
- Completely separated from traffic, though trail crosses multiple roads at signaled crosswalks. Excellent for trips with children
- Connects Doylestown Central Park to Montgomery Mall in Montgomeryville
- Native plants and rain gardens line the trail
- Trail is clearly mapped and very well signed
- Numerous trailheads allow for trips of varying length
- Trail has some hills, but is overall reasonably well graded

History and Future

The historic two-lane US Route 202 links Delaware and Pennsylvania with New England and Maine, and was conceived as a bypass route around the East's major cities. In the 1960's a proposed widening as "the Piedmont Expressway" was envisioned as a new outer beltway for Philadelphia.

Local opposition to the expressway and preservation efforts led to the recently completed design of a largely two-lane parkway with an attractive sidepath for bicycles and pedestrians running the entire 9-mile length.

In the future, the 202 Parkway trail will connect to the East Coast Greenway via the proposed Neshaminy Creek Trail.

Special Amenities

Doylestown's Central Park offers these amenities:

- Restroom facilities
- Tennis, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and golf range facilities
- Fitness course with 21 stations
- Tot Lot play area
- Picnic pavillion (reservations needed)

Kids Castle in Doylestown's Central Park is an eight-story wooden play structure with turrets and hidden passageways that enchant children and adults alike (recommended for ages 5 - 12). Kids Castle is free to the public seven days a week from April to the first frost of winter.

The Joseph Ambler Inn abuts the Trail at Horsham Road. This historic farmhouse, built in 1734, contains an award-winning restaurant that offers lunch and dinner seven days a week and well as 52 individually decorated guestrooms.

Where the trail begins in Montgomeryville, a Wawa gas station provides restrooms and snacks to trail users.

Because of the frequent trailheads and parking lots along the trail, the trip ideas in this brochure can easily be shortened to suit each trail user.



TRIP IDEAS

Out-and-Back Cross-county tour

Start the tour at the Doylestown trailhead

Head south on the trail toward Montgomeryville

When the trail ends in Montgomeryville, grab a bite at one of the stores on Welsh Road before heading back to Doylestown

Tour length: 16.5 miles.

Bike: 2 hours

Walking: 5 hours 30 minutes

Farmhouse lunch excursion

Start the tour at the Doylestown Trailhead

Head south on the trail toward Montgomeryville

Immediately before Horsham Road, take the trail spur on your left which leads into the parking lot of the Joseph Ambler Inn.

Enjoy lunch at the historic estate's restaurant before returning to Doylestown on the trail.

This trip can also be made into an overnight by reserving a room in the Inn in advance.

Tour length round trip: 13 miles

Bike: 1 hour 30 minutes

Walking: 4 hours 30 minutes

Cycling with Royalty Trip

If adventuring with children, any tour that includes Doylestown's Central Park should feature a trip to Kids Castle.

From the trail in Doylestown, a spur leads from the 202 Parkway Trail to Wells Road. Turn left onto Wells Road and bike on-road for 0.5 mile to the entrance to Central Park. Head to the turrets poking up from the park's hills.