

THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

THE PENNYPACK TRAIL

Delaware River to Fox Chase Farm
Pennypack Valley, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ACCESS

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 rail bed of
the former Reading Railroad Newtown Branch.
Refer to the Circuit Trails website (circuittrails.org)
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
Krewtown 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

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. Recently, the Pennypack Trail was
extended through historic Bryn Athyn where it
connects with the Cross County Trail.



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 are located at intersections with every major road.
- The trail passes through beautiful, forested Pennypack Park. The park is well-signed and very popular with locals.
- Upper sections of the park contain unpaved trails for mountain bike and equestrian use.

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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 been agricultural for over 300 years. Admission is free (www.foxchasefarm.org).

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 stores to grab a picnic lunch, generally just outside of 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 and head north, 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 and head south 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 take in stunning views at one of the trailhead park's picnic tables.

Afterward, follow the trail back north to the start of the tour.

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

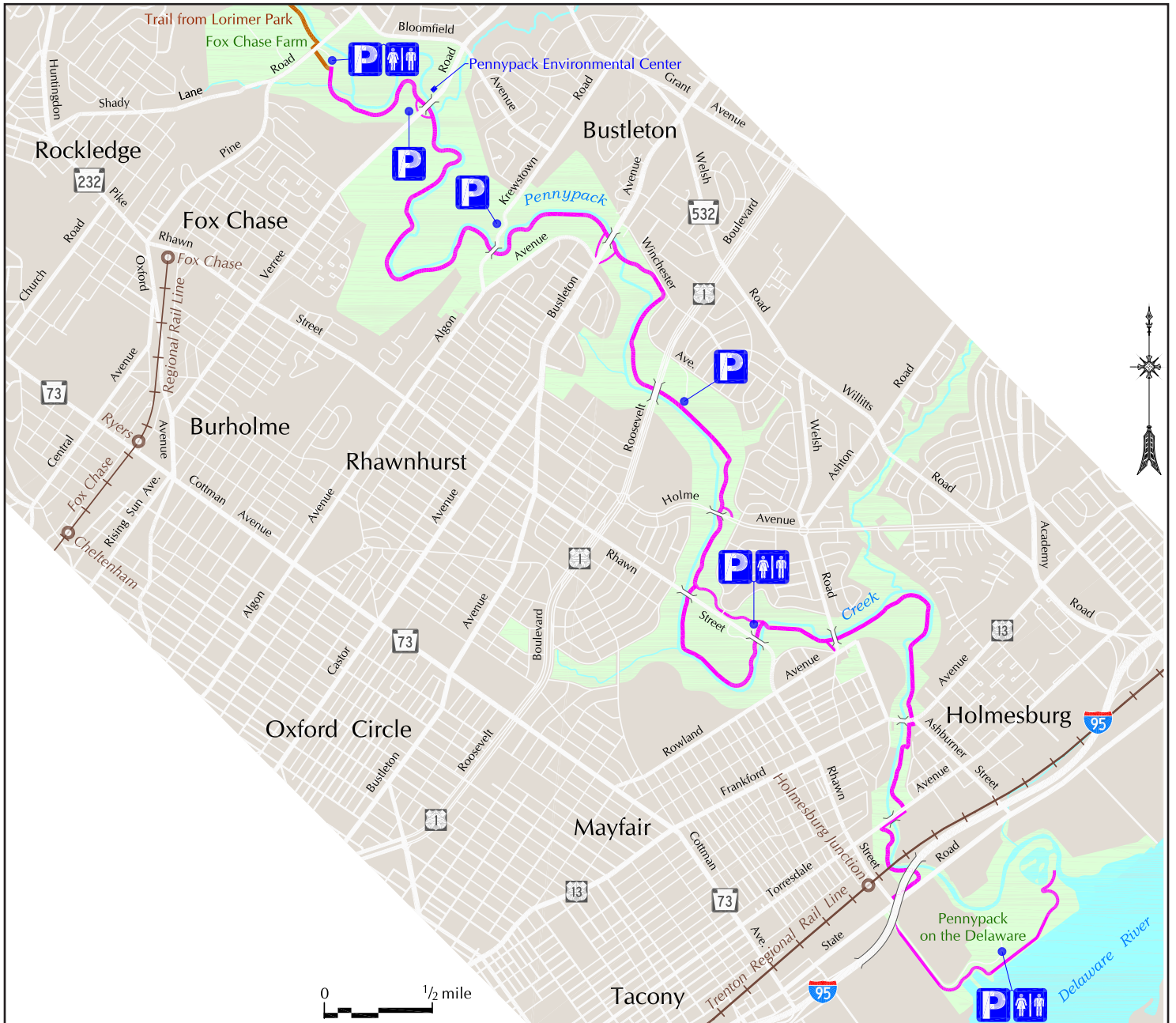
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TRAIL MAP



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