



Steel Valley Trail Council eNewsletter

Providing the latest news on the Steel Valley Section of the Great Allegheny Passage



Thank you to the approx. 1200+ supporters that came out and celebrated with us the completion of our section of the Great Allegheny Passage. For those out of the area, please check out the following news links covering the event:

KDKA (includes video): <http://tinyurl.com/mpxkfm8>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (includes video):
<http://tinyurl.com/k4vv44z>

Pittsburgh Tribune Review: <http://tinyurl.com/kqnxkj4>



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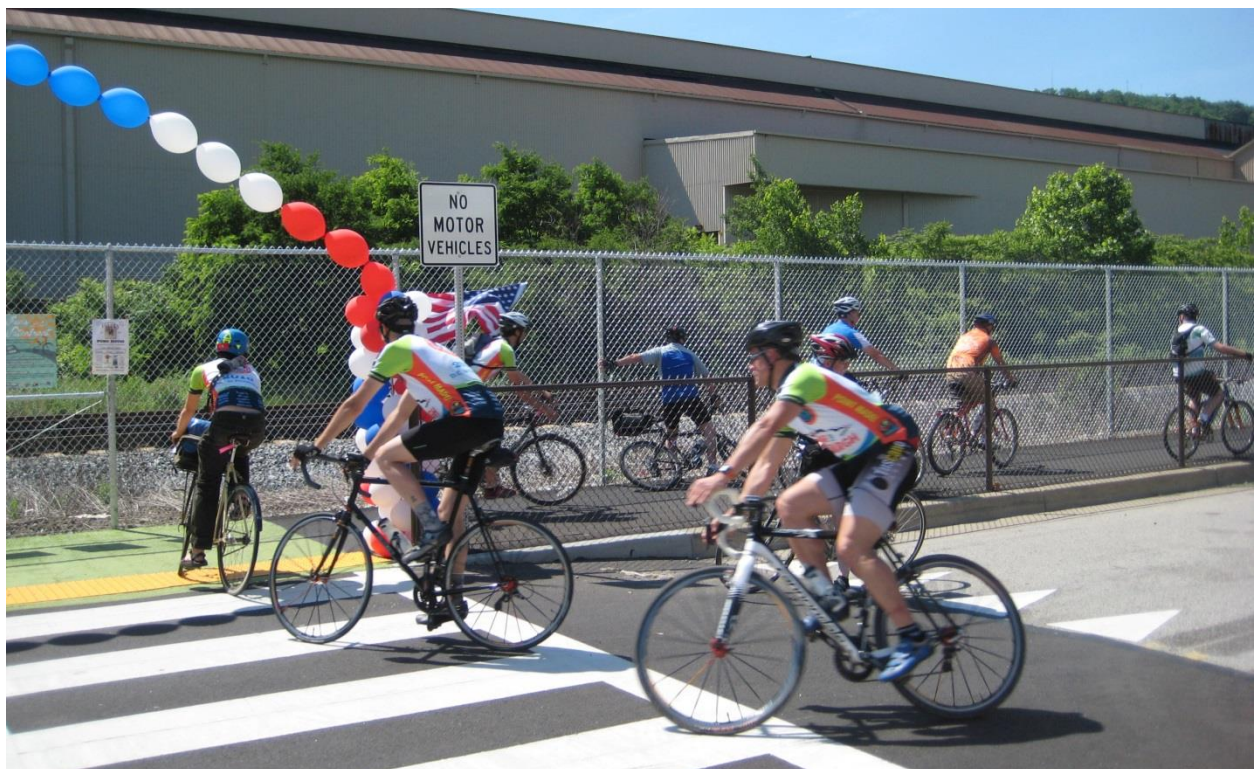
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The leaders and representatives of the various trail groups help form the human chain of the GAP. Photo by Paul g. Wiegman and can be found on the GAP Facebook Page. <http://tinyurl.com/kg6qe7n>



The bike parade to downtown begins with over 1000+ riders. Photo by George Schmidt.



The two photos above are by Paul Heckbert along the Sandcastle section.

The photo to the right is by Judy Stark at the Pittsburgh Hot Metal Bridge.





The flag in the photo above was delivered to Point State Park from Washington, DC via a 24 hour relay. Many of those on the relay team were also part of the weeklong ride leading up to the event. Some of those riders can be seen in the photo to the left.

The photo to the right of SVTC board members Paul Heckbert and Yale Cohen (photo courtesy of Paul) is at the new Forks of the Ohio marker at the Point (in front of the fountain). There is a GPS marker embedded in it (as seen on the previous page) at the "fountain's location" within the marker. This is the new western terminus of the Great Allegheny Passage.

The words around the marker are Point of Confluence (represented by the original shoreline), Point of Conflict (represented by turtle along the outside circle for the Native Americans, Fort Duquesne for the French and Fort Pitt for the British) and Point of Renewal (represented by the modern shoreline).



Wheels at the Waterfront – June 15



Pedal Party in Town Center

Photo above by Christine Durica.
Photo right and below by
George Schmidt.



Pop-Up Party at the Pump House

Also on June 15, there was the ORSANCO River Sweep Cleanup at Duck Hollow. A few of our members helped on that side of the river before coming over to help with the trail dedication. Photo by Paul Heckbert.



Leading up to and after June 15, a number of Waterfront businesses have been welcoming trail users. Costco (who donated the bottles of water on June 15) and Mitchell's Fish Market are just two of them. Please show your support to the businesses in the Waterfront that are reaching out to the trail community and let them know it is appreciated. Mitchell's Fish Market photo by Yale Cohen.





Have you seen the eagles by Keystone Metals yet? Hurry before they migrate south later this summer like the other eagles in Pennsylvania. Photo by Robert Korn.

Also, check out the video link on the WQED web site: <http://tinyurl.com/kueykxr>

Happy Independence Day from the Steel Valley Trail Council!

SVTC/GAP Bike Nights

By George Schmidt

Join us at the Pump House at the Waterfront for bike rides on the SVTC's section of the Great Allegheny Passage. These are social rides usually totaling about 16 miles at about a 10 mph pace. It is not a race. The ride leader, usually me, is always the last person in so no one is left behind. We ride to McKeesport or Pittsburgh. As the days get longer we may extend the ride distance or spend more time along the way at points of interest.

Ride announcements are on the Meetup Bicycling Pittsburgh web site, <http://www.meetup.com/bicyclingpgh/> or just meet us at:

The Pump House, East Waterfront Drive. (Just past Lowe's)
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM

For more information contact George Schmidt: gschmidt1@verizon.net

GAP Rerouting in McKeesport - It was completed prior to June 15. Photos in next issue.

Both the new Steel Valley Trail Maps and Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead Trail Town brochures are now available. Look for the trail town brochures at the Pump House and the Steel Valley Trail Maps in the map boxes along the trail.

Trail Opening in the South Hills portion of the Montour Trail

We are not the only trail group with new trail to celebrate. The Montour Trail has a new 0.8 mile section in the South Hills area that eliminates a steep hill that was part of their detour between Triphammer Road and Piney Fork Road. It is currently open with the official dedication scheduled for **July 13 at 1:00 PM**. While we will post the event information to our Facebook page when it gets listed, please visit the Montour Trail's web site for more information as the date gets closer.

This section is maintained by the South Hills Friends of the Montour Trail (our trail neighbors who are also in Clairton).



Upcoming SVTC Board Meeting:

The next Steel Valley Trail Council board meeting will be by July 15 at 6:00 PM at the Pump House trail head. Members are welcome to attend.



Thank you to the employees of our corporate sponsor KU Resources, Inc. for helping to clean the trail on June 5th



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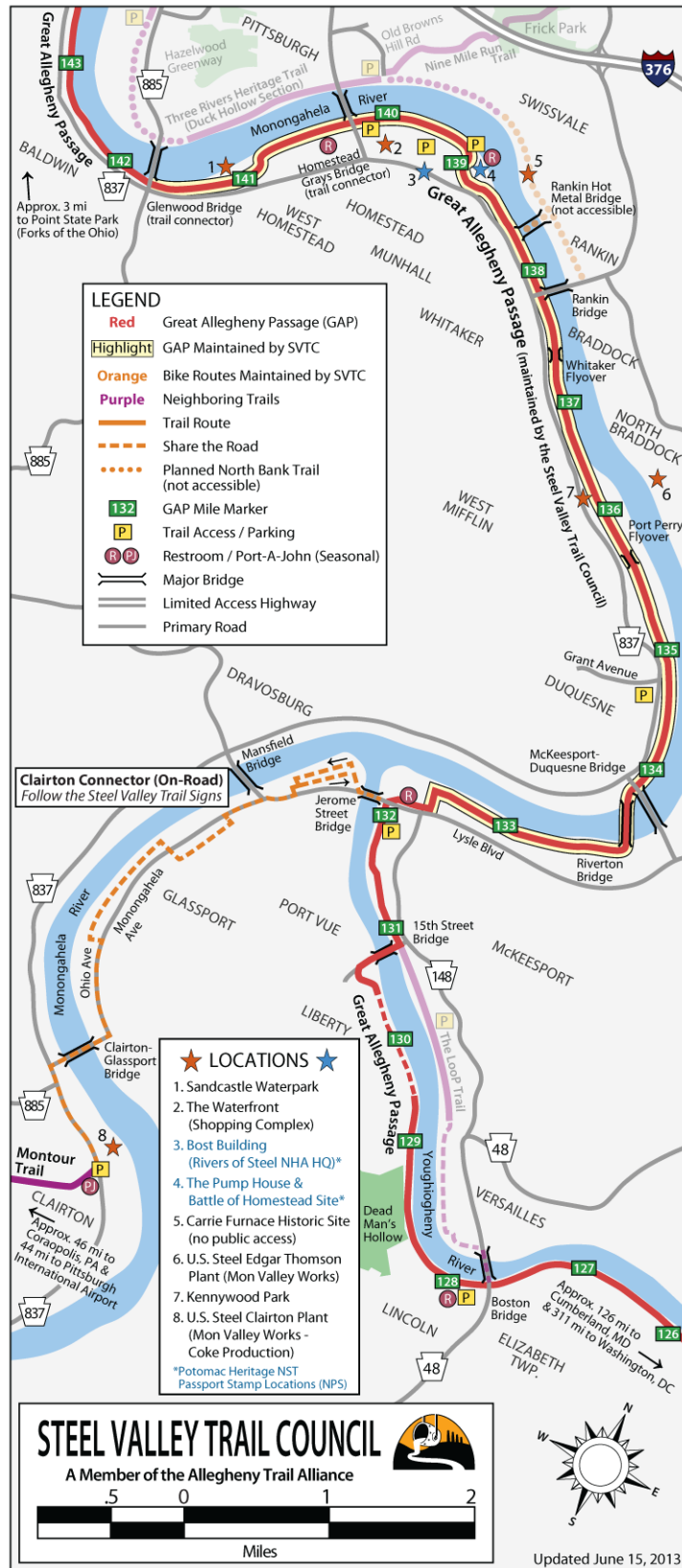
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