


Trail Discovery

Homestead

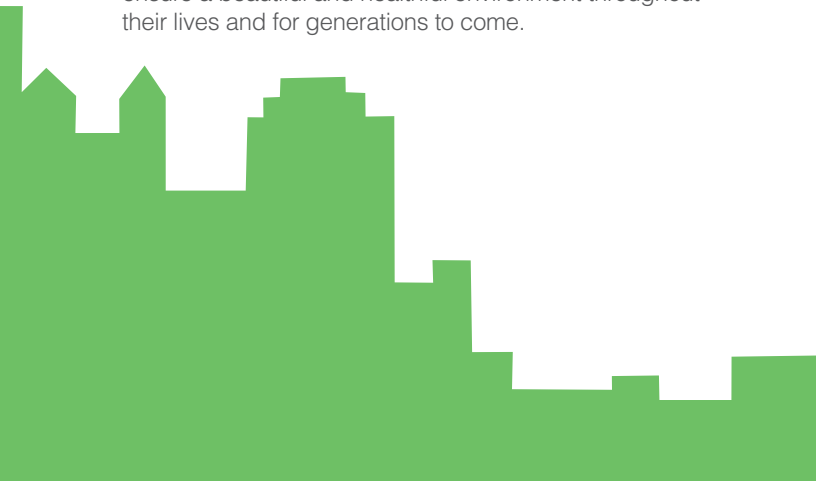


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Welcome

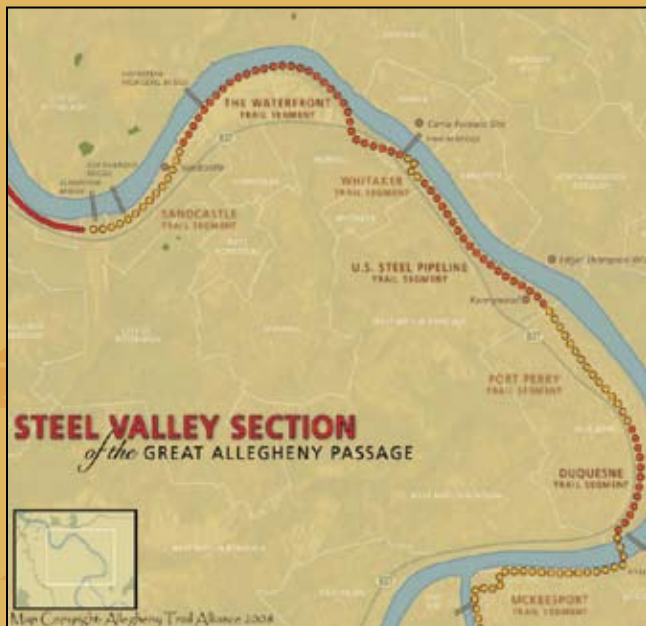
Welcome to the Homestead section of the Steel Valley Trail (SVT), a community driven, environmentally sensitive bicycle and pedestrian trail, accessible to people of all ages and abilities. The 19-mile SVT runs from Pittsburgh to Clairton and is part of the Great Allegheny Passage. The Passage is a segment of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, one of 17 National Historic Trails. When complete, the Passage will result in a continuous non-motorized corridor, 318 miles long, connecting Pittsburgh to Washington D.C. This guide features trail art banner designs and drawings created by students at Propel HOMESTEAD. Look through the eyes of the students who live near the trail! Their engagement in the places we call “home” will ensure a beautiful and healthful environment throughout their lives and for generations to come.



Steel Valley Trail



Homestead View



Trail Art Initiative

As a program of the Steel Valley Trail Council, the Community Trail Art Initiative combines place-based eco-literacy and art to increase grassroots participation and stewardship along the Steel Valley Trail. For 2008, we are partnering with Propel Schools. This Guide represents the work of Propel HOMESTEAD students under the direction of art teacher Stefanie Maas and community artist Ann Rosenthal. Over a period of three weeks, the students researched, designed, and produced five wayfinding trail art banners, reflecting the flora, fauna, river views, history, and people along their trail. The Guide is organized into these five themes, or lenses, through which to view the trail. Each section begins with an image of a banner, followed by student drawings. This guide suggests that the trail is not just a path, but a place where humans and nature meet, where the past can be honored and the future can be realized. We hope that this Guide will inspire the students, their families, and their community to enjoy, use, and care for their trail.

Flora



Tulip Tree

The main vein of the leaves ends in a notch.



Tori Hill

Daylily and Swamp Mallow

Daylilies and Swamp Mallows are perennials.



Gabriel Moore & Jamee Garth

Mountain Laurel

The General Assembly made the Mountain Laurel Pennsylvania's state flower.



Phillip Sewell

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Crappie and Small Mouth Bass

The Crappie and Bass are fresh water fish.



Imani Dior Wilson and Tyreek Garrett

Great Blue Heron

The Great Blue Heron eats fish and frogs.



Darian Sloan

Red Tailed Hawk

The Red Tailed Hawk, like all raptors, has excellent vision.



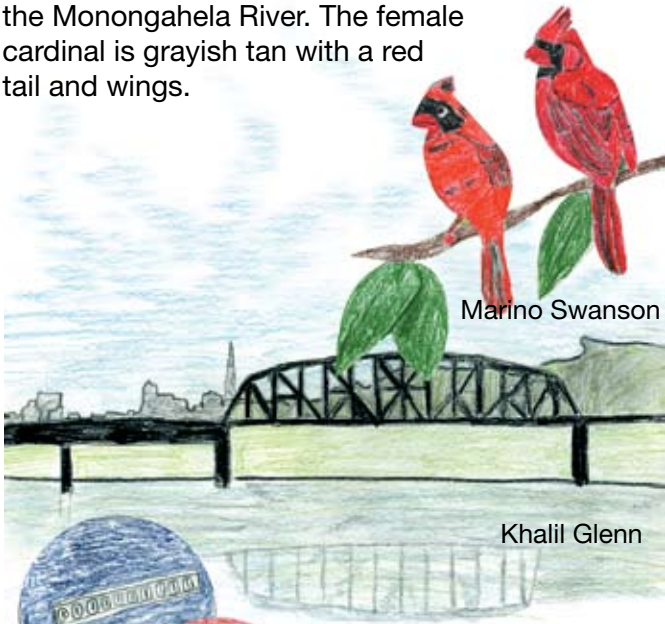
Todd Finch

River Views



Hot Metal Bridge with Cardinals

This bridge (circa 1887) crosses the Monongahela River. The female cardinal is grayish tan with a red tail and wings.



Marino Swanson

Khalil Glenn



River algae,
Euhan Chan

Mallard

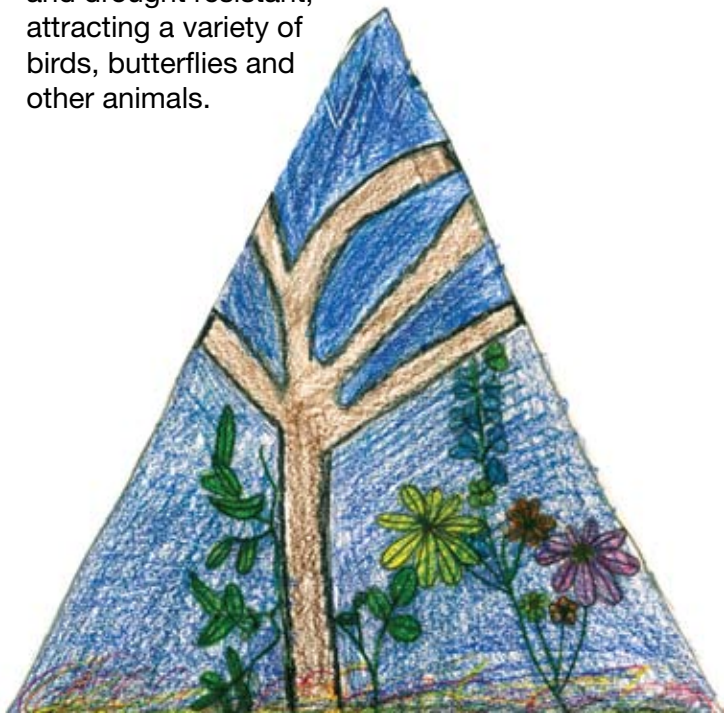
The green head and yellow bill of the Mallard duck is a familiar sight along the river.



Tiana Sizemore

Wildflowers

Wildflowers are hardy and drought resistant, attracting a variety of birds, butterflies and other animals.



Beonca Bell

History



Buck Leonard and the Homestead Grays

The Homestead Grays was a professional baseball team formed in 1912. Buck Leonard was the backbone of the team and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972.



Joel Oliver



Brent Harber

The Pump House in the Homestead Works

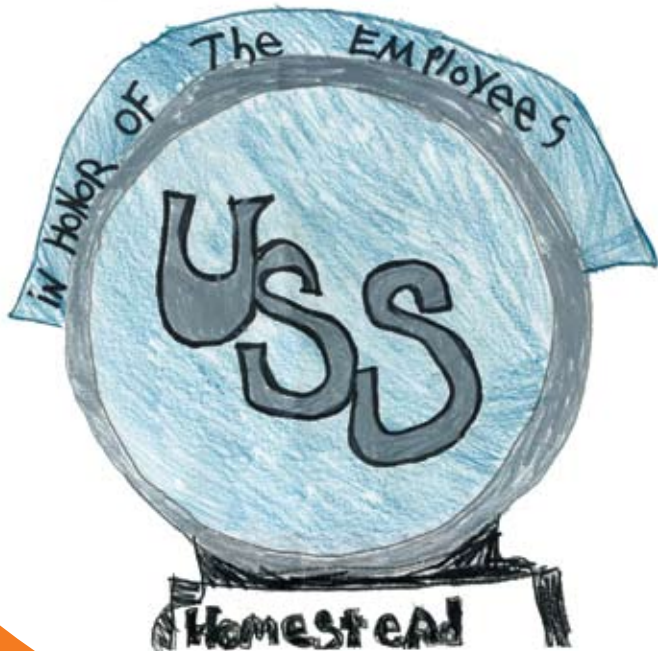
Visit the site of one of American labor's bloodiest battles and learn about the events leading to the 1892 Homestead Strike and Lockout.



Daniel Rankin

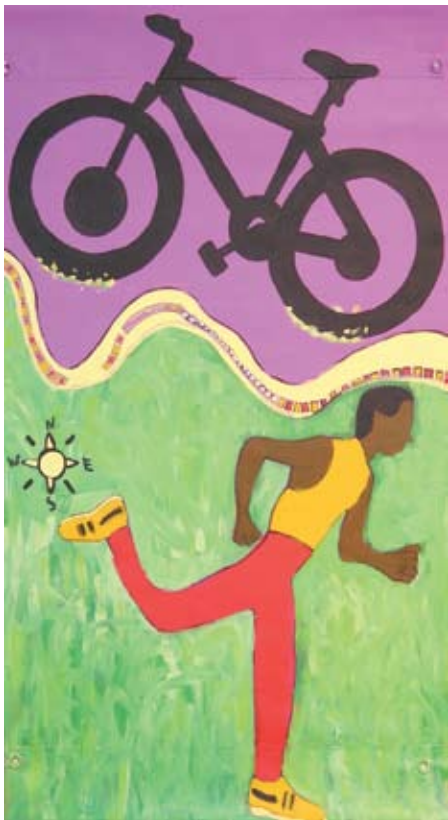
U.S. Steel

Over a century after its founding, U.S. Steel remains the largest integrated steel producer in the United States.



Tyzay McClinton

Trail Users



Bike

You can bike for 318 miles on the Great Allegheny Passage.



Ashlye Tolliver

Walk

Walking helps improve circulation, controls weight, and helps to prevent and control diabetes.



Garth Flemister

Run

Running helps maintain and improve health



Jamee Akeylaz

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