

Welcome, and thank you for visiting the Indian Creek Valley Trail! Formerly the site of the Indian Creek Valley Railroad, the ICV Trail is a community multi-use trail stretching from Jones Mills to the Youghiogheny River. The trail is open year-round for activities including walking, biking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. Portions of the Saltlick Township section are plowed in the winter.



INDIAN CREEK VALLEY TRAIL

IN THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS
OF PENNSYLVANIA

SECTION DESCRIPTIONS North to South

Currently, there are 14 miles of finished
and 5 miles of unfinished trail.

BLAIR BROTHERS TRAIL *North of Route 31*

The Blair Brothers Trail provides a northward expansion of the ICV trail from the Jones Mills area along Indian Creek to Hunter's Lane. The Blair Brothers Trail is owned by the Pennsylvania DCNR as part of the Forbes State Forest. It provides access to excellent fishing in upper Indian Creek and connects to the extensive trail network within the Forbes State Forest.

SURFACE: UNFINISHED.

ALONZO KALP JR. DONEGAL EXTENSION *1.7 Miles | Route 31 to County Line Road*

This section of trail, named for MWA member Alonzo Kalp who helped to spearhead its development, runs from Route 31 south to County Line Road. At the northern terminus there is a connection with the Blair Brothers Trail. Please approach the Route 31 crossing cautiously and walk your bike.

SURFACE: FINISHED.

SALTICK TOWNSHIP SECTION *5.1 Miles | County Line Road to Indian Head Road*

This section of trail, running from County Line Road south to Indian Head Road, is owned and maintained by Saltlick Township. This section has several road crossings and also passes by two of MWA's passive mine drainage treatment systems, one of which has a 1 mile loop that can be accessed from the main trail.

SURFACE: FINISHED.

INDIAN HEAD ROAD TO ROUTE 381 *7.7 Miles*

This section of the trail includes finished and unfinished segments. MWA has finished about 1.5 miles south of Indian Head Road and another 1 mile segment near White's Bridge. There is no public access between these segments, but MWA is actively working to gain access to and refurbish the connecting portions of the railroad grade.

SURFACE: FINISHED.

INDIAN CREEK GORGE *4.5 MILES | Route 381 to the Youghiogheny River*

This section runs through the Indian Creek Gorge, a beautiful steep sided gorge through which Indian Creek flows on its way to the Youghiogheny. Cell phone access is limited, and there is no vehicular access at the confluence of Indian Creek and the Youghiogheny River.

SURFACE: FINISHED.

The Indian Creek Valley Railroad was established in 1906 for Laurel Hill timbering operations. By 1910, 19 miles of railroad were complete from the Jones Mills to the Youghiogheny River, passing through the small towns of Champion, Melcroft, Indian Head and Mill Run. By this time, four passenger trains were running per day in addition to the freight trains carrying coal from local mines. In 1969 the railroad was abandoned as timbering and deep mining declined and much of the coal that continued to be mined in the valley was transported by truck.

After abandonment by the railroad, Saltlick Township acquired ownership of the portion of the RR grade in their township, and MWA acquired the grade from Jones Mills to Champion and downstream from Indian Head approximately 2 miles.

Our goal is to develop the entire 19 miles of the former railroad into a bike, hike and ski trail, eventually crossing the Youghiogheny to join with the Great Allegheny Passage.

This map is produced by the Mountain Watershed Association.



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INDIAN CREEK VALLEY TRAIL

The Indian Creek Valley Trail is a 19-mile walking and biking trail constructed on the former railway of the Indian Creek Valley Railroad. It is located in the Indian Creek Valley nestled between Laurel Hill and Chestnut Ridge in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands region.

PLAN YOUR HIKE

TRAILHEAD

TRAILHEAD	TRAILHEAD TO TRAILHEAD	TOTAL DISTANCE
BLAIR BROTHERS TRAIL	0	0
ALONZO KALP JR DONEGAL EXTENSION	1.7	1.7
SALTCLICK TOWNSHIP SECTION	5.1	6.8
INDIAN HEAD ROAD TO ROUTE 381	7.7	14.5
INDIAN CREEK GORGE	4.5	19

DISTANCE MEASURED IN MILES

The ICV Trail runs alongside private property. Please respect the rights of adjacent property owners by keeping to the trail and packing out your trash. The trail is closed to all motorized vehicular traffic including ATV's. Dogs must be kept on a leash while on the trail. Boating is not allowed on Mill Run Reservoir.

NORMALVILLE

SUPPORT TRAIL COMPLETION

MWA's goal is to complete the ICV Trail and take it across the Youghiogheny River so it can serve as a spur to the popular Great Allegheny Passage.

Donations to help with the completion of the trail are welcome. Please visit mtwatershed.com or mail your contribution to MWA at PO Box 408, Melcroft, PA 15462. Mark "trail" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

Visit <https://mtwatershed.com/indian-creek-valley-trail> for trail updates!

TO INTERSTATE 76,
ADDITIONAL LODGING,
DINING, AND BREWERIES

JONES MILLS

CHAMPION

TO SOMERSET
AND SKI AREAS

MELCROFT

INDIAN HEAD



MAP LEGEND

- TRAILHEADS & PARKING
- FOOD
- LODGING
- ABANDONED MINE TREATMENT
- SCENIC AREAS
- MWA'S INDIAN CREEK CANOE ACCESS AREAS
- STATE FOREST
- MOUNTAIN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION OFFICE
- UNFINISHED TRAIL
- GAS STATION