# NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS

### **Info and Printing Instructions**

#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

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#### REFERENCES

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Distance:
1.5 Miles

Suitable for walking or biking. Best to visit on Friday afternoons in warm weather. Difficulty: easy Mallegheny neer next to the althy Ride Station at Federal St and North e. Cross the street and head

along the path - on the left is the National Aviary (3) where you can see and learn about hundreds of birds from around the world. Continue through the park and cross the two bridges over Lake Elizabeth (4). Turn left after the lake and when the path reaches a T, take a right and then a quick left to walk behind the Aviary. You will likely hear and see birds through the glass walls of the Aviary's Wetlands exhibit. Take a right and continue down the path to the intersection of Arch Ave and Ridge Ave. There you'll see Saint Peter Catholic Church (5), designed by Pittsburgh architect Andrew Peebles and built between 1871 and 1872. Continue on Ridge Ave and cross W Commons to enter into **Buhl Community** Park (6) which holds the Cloud Arbor (7), a public art piece by Ned Kahn that produces clouds. Next to the park is the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh (8) which is built into the historic Allegheny Post Office and the Buhl Planetarium. As you continue through the park you'll pass by the New Hazlett Theater (9), a space for artistic performances in what was once the first Carnegie Music Hall, built in 1889. Continue onto East Ohio St, then take a left onto the park trail. If you're visiting on a Friday afternoon during the warmer seasons, you'll find the Pittsburgh Northside Farmer's Market (10) along the trail. When the path reaches a garden, take a left, continue along the path, and you will have returned to the Healthy Ride Station. Check out Allegheny Commons: A Visitors Guide from Allegheny Commons Initiative for more info about trees, public art, and cultural destinations in the park.







Allegheny Center occupies the area which, in the 1788 survey of "the land opposite Fort Pitt", was to become the town center of the frontier village called Alleghenytown. Much of modern Allegheny Center was part of a controversial urban development project in the 1960's, for which over 500 buildings were leveled and the street network was significantly changed. Preservation activists succeeded in saving a number of historic buildings which can be seen along the trail.

Allegheny Commons was established in 1869 and is the oldest park in Pittsburgh. It wraps around the Allegheny Center and Nova Place neighborhood, providing a peaceful sanctuary and area for recreation. The park also contains the picturesque Lake Elizabeth. Allegheny Commons is now recognized on the National Register of Historic Places.

Nova Place, one of the city's high tech incubators, is surrounded by a variety of housing options and cultural institutions that all contribute to the rich diversity of the neighborhood.

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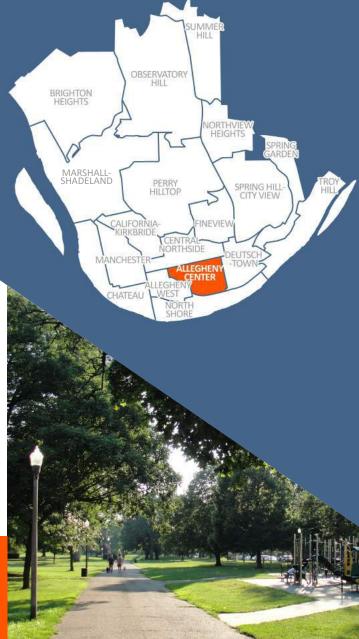
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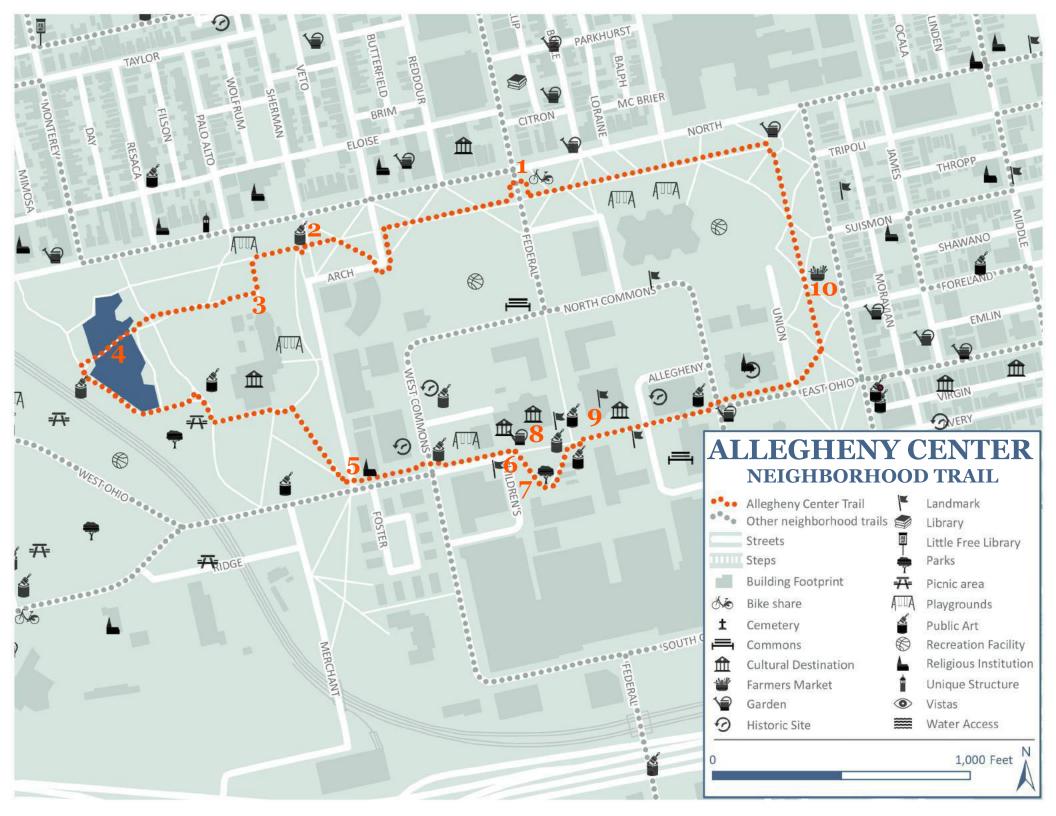
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# ALLEGHENY CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL





Walk or bike this route. Best for a summer lunchtime stroll. Difficulty: easy Half hour west on Ridge Ave out of the park and you will find yourself in a cluster of buildings that are part of the Community College of Allegheny County. First you'll see B.F. Jones House (2) on your right, the former mansion which once belonged to the son of the founder of Jones and Laughlin Steel Co., who lived just down the road. Continuing on, you'll see West Hall (3) which was formerly part of the Western Theological Seminary. These stately buildings were built in 1910 and 1912 respectively. Turn right onto Galveston Ave and right again on Lincoln Ave, passing by 841 Lincoln Ave (4), a house built in 1878 which has been marked as a historic landmark by Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. Turn left onto Rope Way, then left again on Western Avenue (5), a beautifully restored business district and a great spot for lunch. Turn right onto Allegheny Avenue and you'll come upon Calvary United Methodist Church (6), a Gothic Revival cathedral built in 1895 containing three massive Tiffany windows. Turn again onto Beech Ave (7), a tree-lined street with homes built in the mid to late nineteenth century. While many homeowners left throughout the Great Depression, the majority of homes on Beech Street have been remarkably preserved through the years. You'll pass by 850 Beech Ave (8), the birthplace of American novelist and poet Gertrude Stein, who was born in 1874. Turn right on Brighton Rd and left on West Ohio St, following along the sycamore lined streets of Allegheny Commons Park (9), Pittsburgh's oldest park, established in 1869. If you're visiting during the warmer months of the year, you'll likely come upon a small crowd of people next to an antique food cart. It's Gus and Yiayia's (10), a great place to stop and cool off with an ice ball. Continue until you reach Ridge Ave. Turn right, and you'll be back where you started.







Allegheny West is one of the smallest neighborhoods in Pittsburgh. Despite its size, this neighborhood has a lot to offer. Located directly north of the North Shore, the neighborhood has housed some of Pittsburgh's most influential people in its long history. In the late 1900's, the steel industry's leaders lived in lavish mansions on Ridge Avenue and Brighton Road. Many other wealthy professionals populated the streets of Allegheny West. After many of the original families moved away, a decades-long process of transformation, disinvestment and demolition took place. The remaining structures, however, remained intact. In the 1970's, a reclamation process began to lift the neighborhood and its houses back to their former brilliance.

The neighborhood's business district on Western Ave is known as a great lunch spot. Thousands of students flock to the neighborhood for the Allegheny Branch of the Community College of Allegheny County. Enjoy your visit to Allegheny

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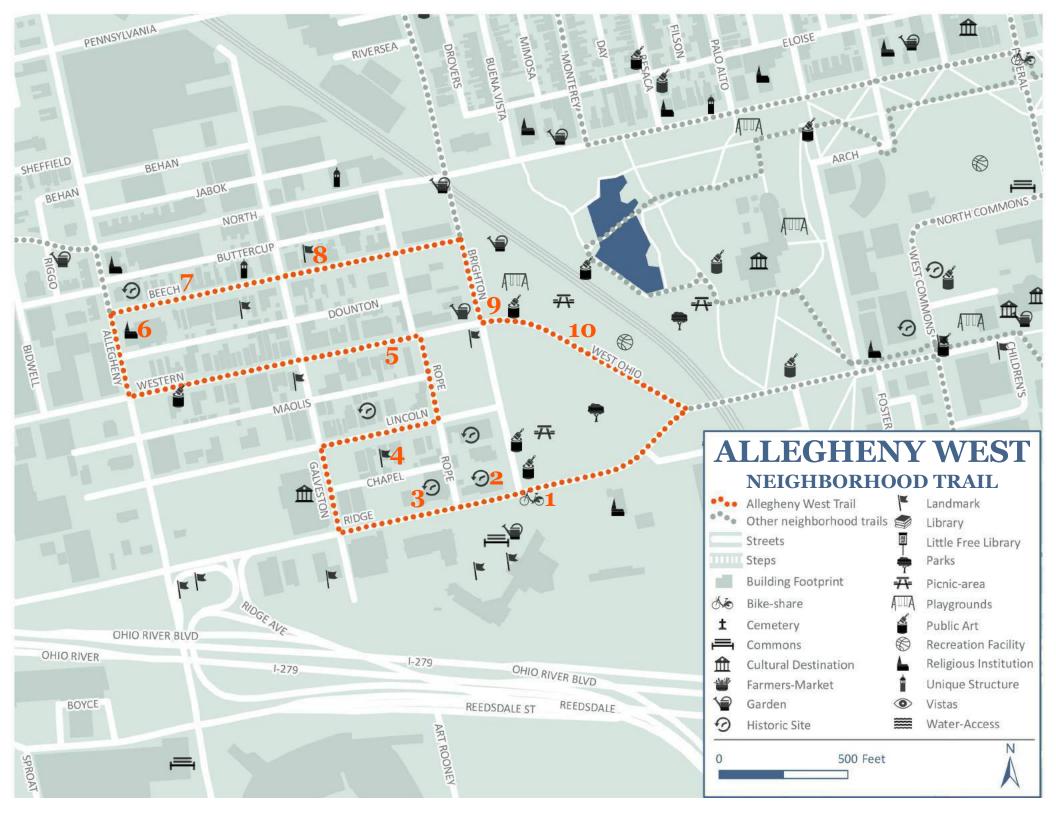
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# ALLEGHENY — WEST— NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL





Distance:
3.6 Miles

Suitable for walking or biking. Includes several hills and an off-road trail.

notice a large open space on the right. This site formerly housed the Saint John's (3) hospital and is being reclaimed by the community. Turn right to ascend Antrim St. At the top, cross the street to look over the hillside at the spectacular view (4) below, including ALCOSAN, the Ohio River, and the McKees Rocks Bridge. Continue up California Avenue where you will pass several historic churches, including Avery Memorial AME Zion Church (5), home to the congregation of the Northside's former Avery College, one of the first African American colleges in the United States. Continuing on California Ave, you will pass through one of Brighton Heights' business districts (6). At the intersection of California Ave and Benton Ave you can stroll through Allegheny Mountains Lot (7) on the left, which is full of native Pennsylvania plants and has a Little Free Library. Continue up Benton Ave, turn right on Brighton Woods Rd, and right again on the sidewalk entering into Brighton Heights Park (8). You will pass a swimming pool and baseball fields. When you reach the edge of the woods, you will notice a trail switchbacking down through it. Take this trail, known as Vinnie Hill Trail (9), eventually connecting with an old paved road now used as a footpath. This trail is being further developed by Brighton Heights Citizens Federation and the greenway it is part of is established and maintained by Hollow Oak Land Trust. Once you reach the end of the road, turn right onto Woods Run Ave. Across the street is Riverview





Park (10), one of Pittsburgh's largest parks. Continue right on Woods Run Ave and you will find yourself back at the library.



Brighton Heights, originally known as Davisville, is the Northside's most northwestern neighborhood, sitting on steep hills overlooking the Ohio River. Though these hills yield fantastic views of the surrounding land, the steepness made movement to and from Brighton Heights difficult in its early days, delaying the area's settlement and growth. In the mid-19th century, bridges and trolley lines were built, connecting the neighborhood to Allegheny City and Pittsburgh, bringing an influx of new residents.

Brighton Heights is now full of large, old, charming homes and many beautiful churches. The neighborhood borders Riverview Park and contains many green, wooded areas of its own. While the Davis Avenue Bridge, the main link from Brighton Heights to Riverview Park, was demolished, new biking and walking trails are beginning to reconnect the neighborhood to the park. It's a large neighborhood and a long, hilly walk, but it is definitely worth your

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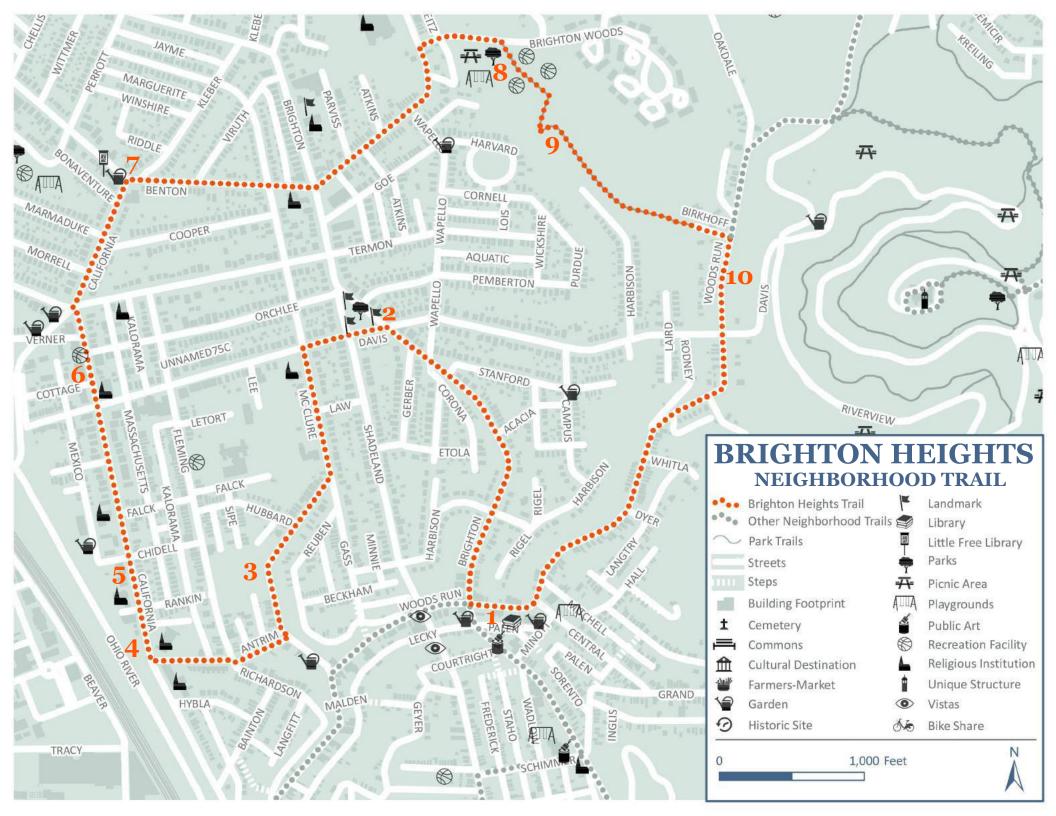


# BRIGHTON -HEIGHTS-

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### CALIFORNIA-KIRKBRIDE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL

#### **Brochure Placeholder**

We are working to get a California-Kirkbride trail map off the ground. If you live in California-Kirkbride and would like to help determine the route for the trail or give advice on which assets to feature, please contact us at info@gtechstrategies.org, or call 412-361-2099.



Half hour which, like many streets in the neighborhood, is a narrow, tree-lined street filled with beautifully restored row houses (2). Turn left on Taylor and you will find Ye Olde Allegheny Park (3) complete with a garden and mural. Turn right up Brighton Rd and then take a right on Jacksonia St. At the intersection with Buena Vista St take a walk through the garden (4) at the corner, one of many in the neighborhood. Continue up Buena Vista, turn right on Armandale, then right again onto Monterey. Turn left onto Sampsonia Way. You will pass the back side of the Mattress Factory (5), a contemporary art museum. The front entrance to the museum is at 505 Jacksonia St. As you continue down Sampsonia Way, you will find several creatively decorated houses on the left side. These houses are part of the City of Asylum (6), a community for writers, many of whom are seeking sanctuary from areas where their writing would put them in danger. Turn left to go up Sherman St, and then right on Jacksonia St. There you will find Randyland (7), a free museum open to the public, and the home of artist Randy Gilson. Turn right on Arch St and continue until you reach Olde Allegheny Community Gardens (8) where residents grow fruit and veggies in garden plots. Head back up Arch St and take a right on Sampsonia Way. Turn right on Federal St where you'll get a great view of the city and pass through the Federal St business district (9), including the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh: Allegheny Branch (10) and a few shops and restaurants. Continue down Federal St and you will be back where you started at the intersection of Federal and North.







# Central Northside, also referred to as Allegheny City Central, is a colorful, thriving community just north of Allegheny Commons. This neighborhood includes the historic Mexican War Streets District, has a budding commercial zone, and is a center of culture and recreation that contains a mixture of tradition and innovation.

In 1847, the enterprising General William Robinson Jr. (Allegheny City's first mayor) was one of the leaders in the development of this community. He chose to memorialize the Mexican-American War occurring at the time by naming streets in the area after battles and generals in the war. The neighborhood contains street after street of historic brick row houses and is flourishing thanks to the substantial efforts of local organizations and dedicated residents. Central Northside also has a number of cultural destinations, and also houses the Allegheny General Hospital on the eastern edge of the neighborhood. Enjoy your stroll through Central Northside - there's lots to see and

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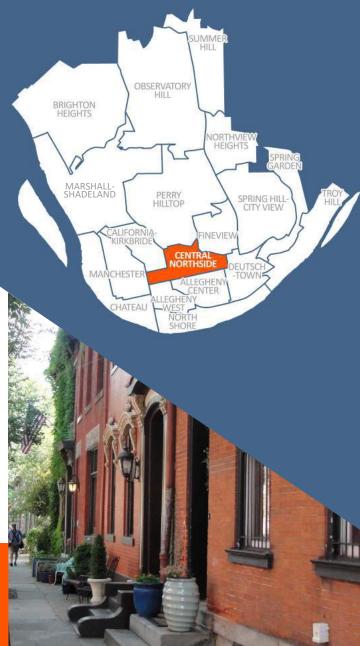
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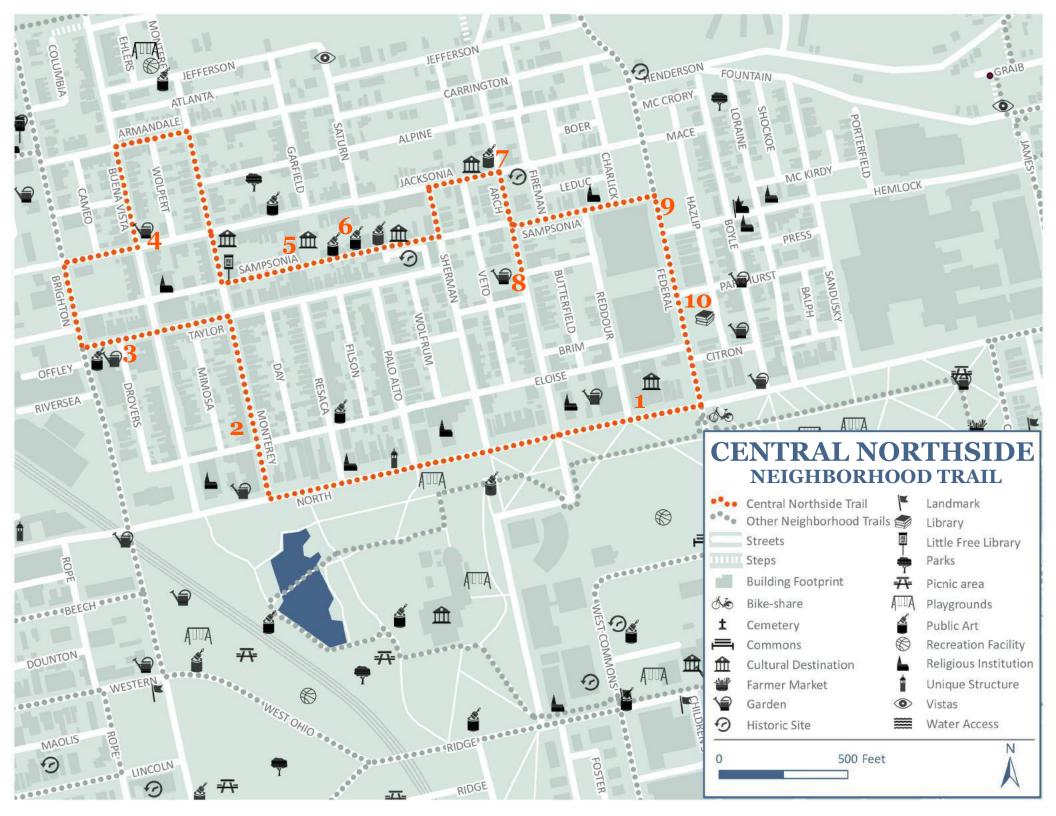


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# -CENTRAL-NORTHSIDE





Distance:
1.7 Miles

Suitable for walking or biking. Flat terrain. Difficulty: Easy

Ave in front of the Drew Mathieson
Center which is part of Manchester Bidwell
Corporation (1). Manchester
Bidwell Corporation houses several
centers to provide education to adults

centers to provide education to adults and youth on topics ranging from ceramics to horticultural technology. You can smell the fresh scents of plants coming out of the greenhouses as you walk down Franklin Ave. Take a right on Metropolitan St, a left on Columbus St, and go into the parking lot to the left. There you will find Bicycle Heaven (2), the largest bike museum in the country. You won't miss it - the Bicycle Heaven mural (3) by artist Tim Kelley has given the old warehouse a face lift. If you have time make sure to walk through the museum - it's free after all. When you're finished retrace your steps back to Franklin Avenue and continue towards the river. Stop in at Chateau Cafe and Cakery (4) on Preble Ave for a bite to eat. Continue on Franklin Ave until you reach the Three Rivers Heritage Trail (5), a 24 mile trail that connects Pittsburgh's neighborhoods along the rivers. Go left on the trail. Here and there you will get a good view of the Ohio River and the West End (6) between the trees. The Ohio River is formed by the Monongahela River and the Allegheny River, and eventually spills into the Mississippi. You will also pass under the West End Bridge (7), a tied-arch bridge built between 1930 and 1932. As you continue down the trail you will see the Rivers Casino (8) and the point of downtown Pittsburgh will begin to come into view. In the river on your right you will find the USS Requin Submarine (9) which was first used in missions at the end of World War II and is now open for tours. Next door is the Carnegie Science Center (10), a great place for kids and adults to learn and play, with four floors of interactive exhibits. And that's Chateau! If you continue on the Three Rivers Heritage trail you will enter the North Shore.







Chateau covers an 'L' shaped piece of land in the southwest corner of the Northside. It was part of the neighborhood of Manchester until construction for Route 65 split Manchester in two in the 1960's. The neighborhood then became a hub for business and education. Around that time, Bill Strickland, a young African American man, started a ceramics program in the neighborhood which eventually grew into Manchester Bidwell Corporation, a career-training institution and center for youth mentorship. It is comprised of a number of educational affiliates which bring thousands of students and participants to their facilities in Chateau every year.

Though Chateau has the smallest population of any Pittsburgh neighborhood, it isn't lacking in places to visit or things to do! Chateau sits next to the Ohio River, and the Three Rivers Heritage trail runs along its edge, leading to destinations along the riverfront. It's a great spot for a stroll for those working and learning in

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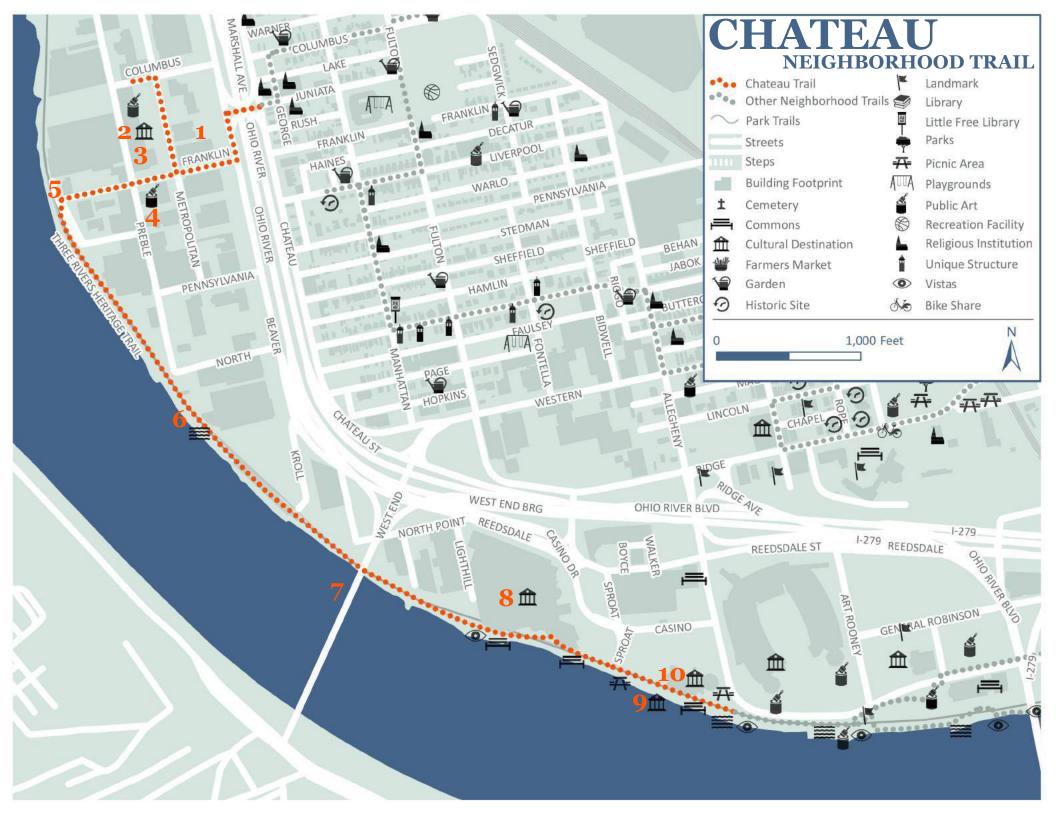
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# **CHATEAU**





Distance: 1.9 Miles Suitable for walking or biking. Mostly flat terrain. Difficulty: Easy Ohio Cedar 40 minute Notice the "Welcome to Deutschtown" mural (1) which honors the history of the neighborhood. Head East towards Deutschtown's business district (2). Make sure to grab a bite to eat as you travel past businesses! On the right you'll see the Photo Antiquities Museum of Photographic History (3). Turn left to go up Middle St, then another left on Foreland St, take a right on James St then a right on Suismon St then left again on Middle. Turn right on Tripoli which will take you across I-279. After crossing the highway, you will see Neu Kirche Contemporary Art Center (4) which provides space for producing, learning about, and displaying art. As you continue on Tripoli, you will pass Food City (5), a community permaculture forest garden, and the Tripoli Street Bake Yard (6) which holds Pittsburgh's first community baking oven. Turn left to go up Chestnut St - you'll notice the historic street car tracks in the brick road. If you're traveling by bike, walk this section to avoid getting stuck in the tracks! Turn right on Vinial St, then left on Troy Hill Rd. At the intersection with Chestnut St, you'll see **Teutonia Mannerchor Hall (7)**, home to a

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have reached the end of the trail!





**Deutschtown**'s name comes from the large number of German speaking immigrants which first settled the neighborhood. It's also known as East Allegheny, referring to Allegheny City which was annexed into Pittsburgh in the early 1900's. In its early years, Deutschtown was known for its many ethnic and fraternal singing and athletic clubs, which were especially strong in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Though construction for Interstate 279 in the 1980's split the neighborhood in half and displaced many families, community organizations and local businesses are working to alleviate the lasting effects.

Deutschtown is now an energetic neighborhood with a strong business district, complete with a grocery store, new and old restaurants and bakeries, gift shops, hardware stores, and more. The neighborhood is a prime location with easy access to downtown, Allegheny Commons Park, and the Three Rivers Heritage

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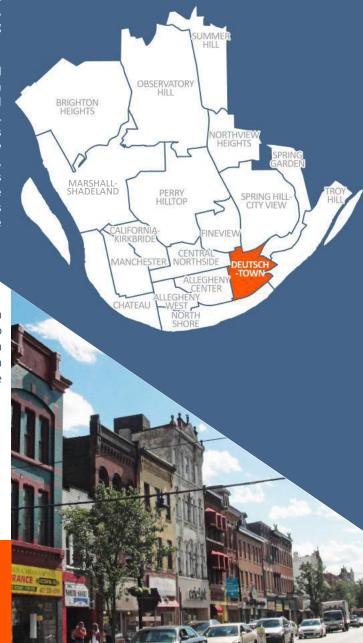
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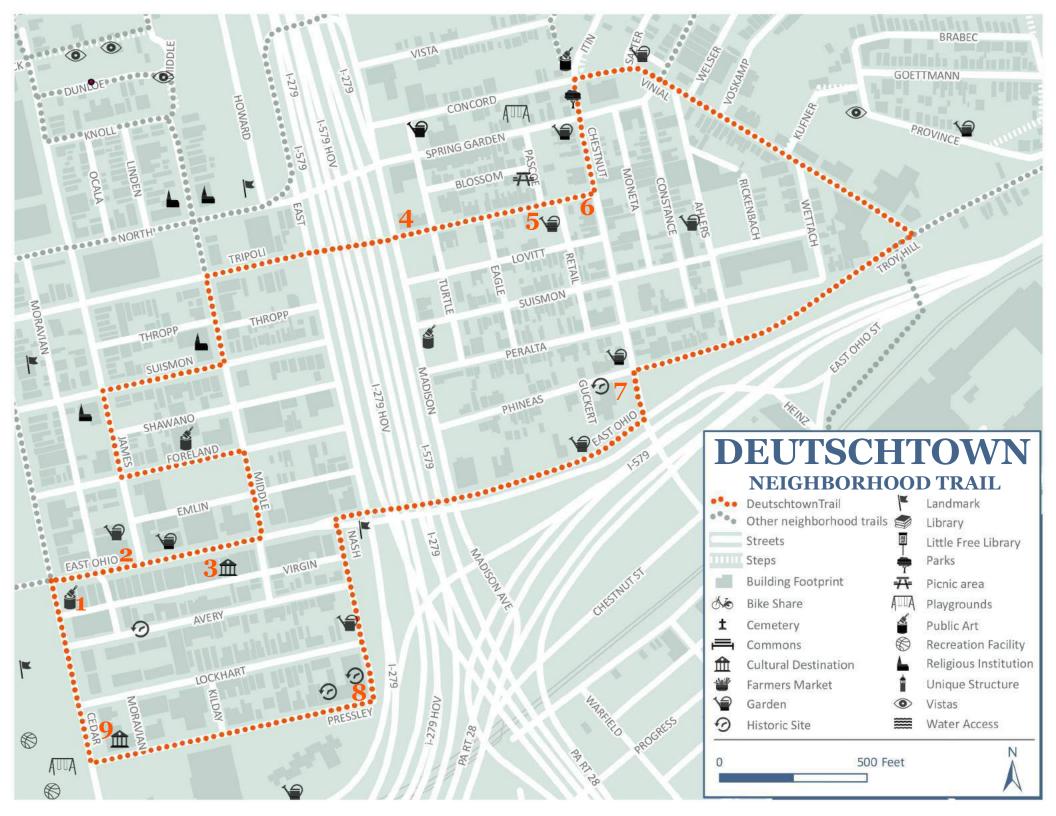
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### **DEUTSCHTOWN**





Distance: 2 Miles Best for walking. Includes several sets of at Middle stairs and steep hills. Difficult. St and Knoll St where One hour **Fitness Fineview** Trail (1) takes off. It's a great urban hiking route formalized by the Fineview Citizens Council. As you ascend the Middle Street Steps (2) make sure to look behind you at the awesome view of the Northside's flats and Downtown. Turn left on Knoll St right on James St, then ascend the James Street Steps (3) which also has a great view at the platform at the top. Turn left on Fountain St. then up the next set of James St Steps. You'll reach an old road where you can head up the next set of steps. At the top, turn right on Henderson St, then take a sharp left on Jay St. You'll see the historic Henderson-Metz House (4), built in 1860 in the gothic revival style. Turn right on Myler St and a quick left then right to continue up Myler. You will pass by the victorian Heathside Cottage (5) which holds unique community events. At the end of the street you will reach Fineview Park (6). Turn left at the park and then right on Lanark Street. Continue up the street for several blocks - when it curves to the right, take the steps to reach the top of the hill where you can check out the books in the Little Free Library (7). At the top of the hill turn left on Lafavette St, then left to descend the cobblestone Osgood St. Take a left on Marsonia, then a right on Meadville St. Turn left on Catoma St and you will find yourself at the Fineview Overlook (8) where you can take a breather and see a spectacular view of Pittsburgh. Continue on Catoma St and then take a left on Warren and a right on Carrie, the home of Carrie Street Community Garden (9). Turn right on Henderson and go back down the James St steps until you reach Fountain Ave. Continue past the steps on Fountain and turn right at the T, then another right onto Hemlock. The Hemlock Street Steps (10) will take you up and then back down. Turn left on James St, left on Knoll, and you will be at the end of the Fineview trail!







Fineview was once known as Nunnery Hill due to the presence of the Sisters of St Clare convent built in 1828. Fineview is a wonderful neighborhood tucked into the hillside with a rich history. One of the few curved inclines in the world used to be in Fineview, as well as a local streetcar line. The neighborhood has houses that have survived since the civil war era, including some that can be seen along the trail. Located on the slopes north of Allegheny General Hospital, Fineview has spectacular views of Downtown Pittsburgh, which can be seen best at Fineview Overlook.

Fineview is known for its many steps - there are 16 sets of steps in the neighborhood. The longest set of city steps in Pittsburgh, the Rising Main Steps, are in the neighborhood with a total of 337 steps. Fineview's steps are great destinations for walkers, urban hikers, and tourists. The neighborhood is a place of green living, with gardens, forested greenways, and recreational parks.

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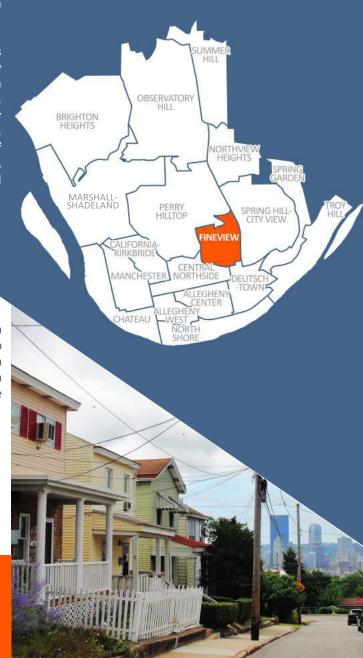
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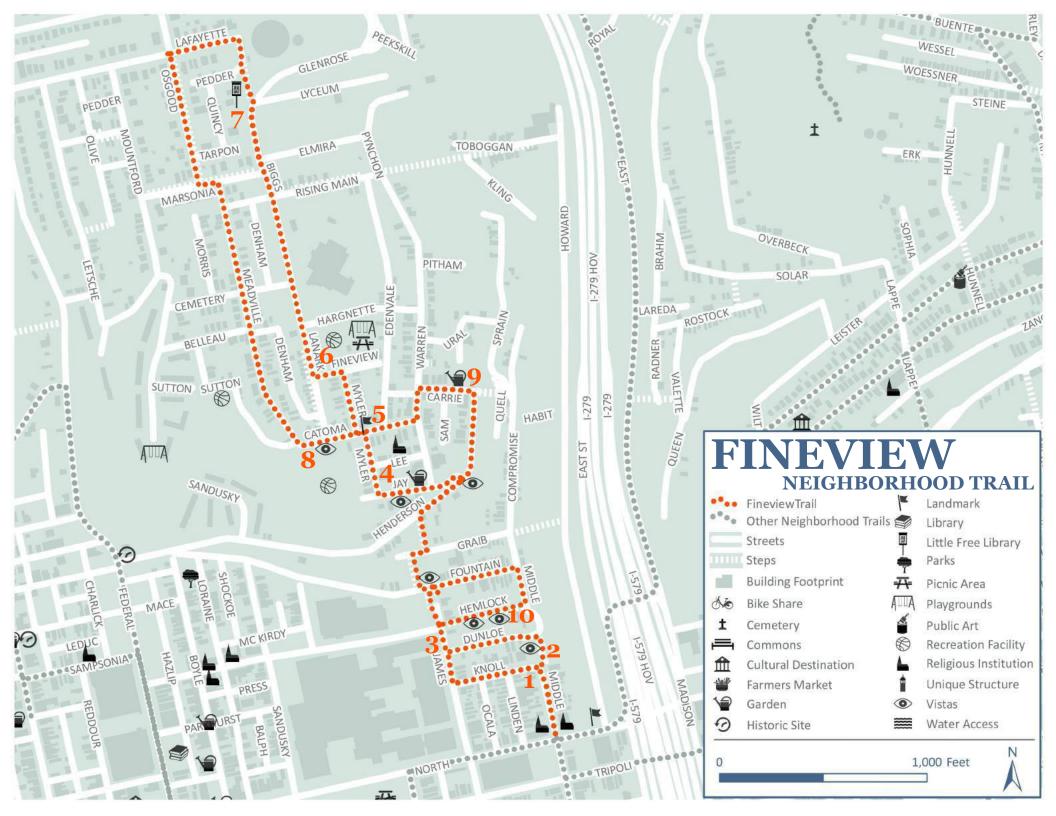
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# FINEVIEW





Suitable for walking or biking. Relatively flat terrain. Difficulty: easy Half hour taste of the variety of historic homes (1) in the neighborhood. Turn right on Manhattan St. You will pass by a Little Free Library (2) on your right. Continue past a historic church building and then take a left on Liverpool St. You will see the Anderson Manor (3) up a hill on your left side. The Manor was built around 1830 and was the home of Colonel James Anderson who is known for opening his extensive personal library to young men, like Andrew Carnegie, on a weekly basis, and also helped start one of Allegheny City's first libraries. Retrace your steps on Liverpool, and cross Manahattan St. You will pass by brick houses on Liverpool (4) with ornate Victorian flair. Turn left on Fulton St, and continue onto the sidewalk between the school sports and recreation areas. Continue on Fulton St and you will see a Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Garden (5) on the right on Columbus Ave which crosses over the Conrail railroad to bridge Manchester with the neighborhood of California-Kirkbride. Turn left on Columbus Ave. In two blocks on the right side you will see Manchester Growing Together Farm (6), a welcoming center for children, families, and neighbors to celebrate nature. The garden planters on the site were creatively reclaimed from Allegheny Center Mall. Take a left through the parking lot across the street and continue through the alleyway to Juniata St. There you will see three churches, including the historic Victory Baptist Church (7), built in 1865. If you were to continue right on Juniata, you would cross into the neighborhood of Chateau, which many consider to be part of Manchester as it once was before Route 65 was constructed. Here you've reached the end of the Manchester trail.







Manchester is located in the flats of the Northside next to the neighborhood of Chateau, which was originally part of Manchester. Manchester historically housed those who served in industrial and commercial occupations along the shoreline of the Ohio River. Many of its historic homes have been and continue to be preserved and restored, from simple workers' homes to brownstone mansions. Beginning in the 1960's when many sections of Northside neighborhoods were leveled for the construction of new highways, Manchester Citizens Corporation, Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, and a number of organizations worked to save the varied Victorian homes throughout the neighborhood.

Though the neighborhood is primarily residential,
Manchester has quick access to Downtown,
the river trails, Allegheny Commons Park,
and number of cultural destinations
in nearby neighborhoods. It's
also known for its many
gardens which are cared
for by Manchester
neighbors. Enjoy
your visit!

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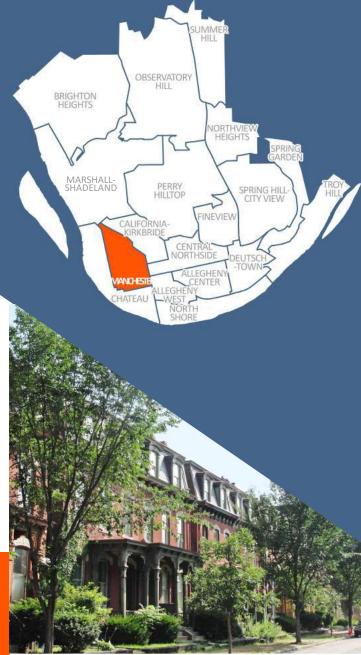
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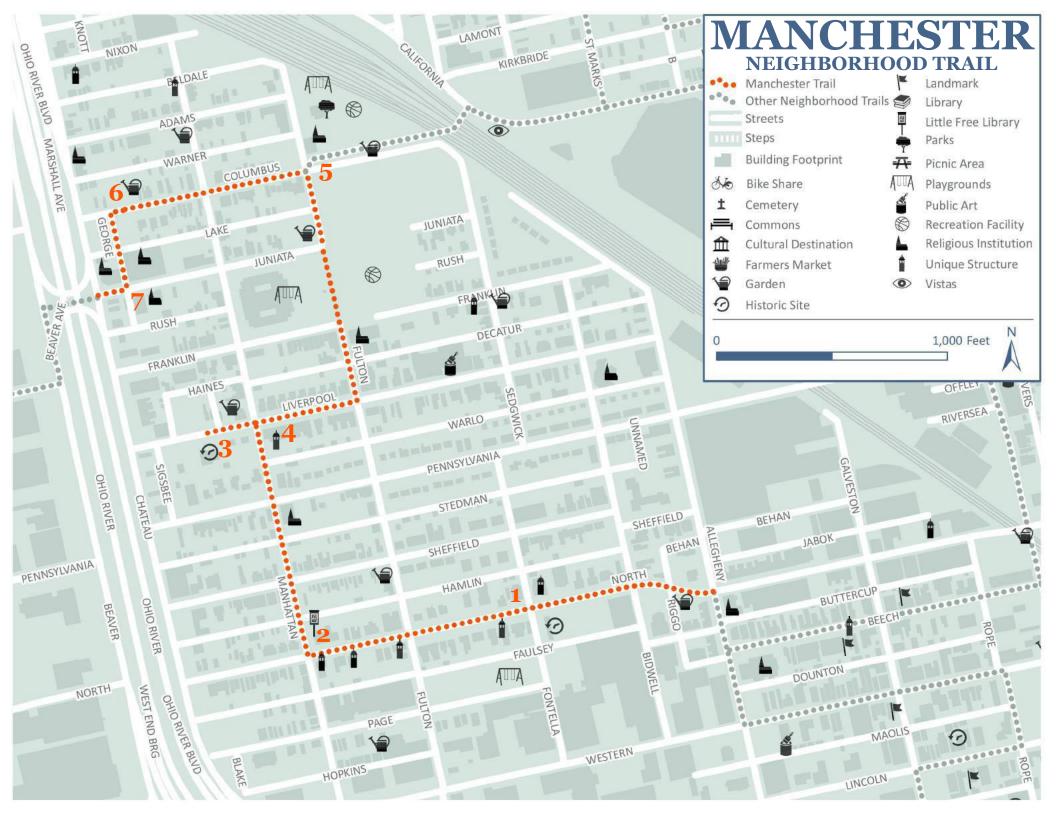
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# **MANCHESTER**

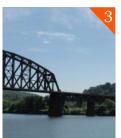




MARSHALL-SHADELAND TREASURES

left on Island Ave. At the end of the road, enter the Three Rivers Heritage Trail (2) and head right. When you get a good view of the Ohio River, you'll notice a large island. It's Brunot's Island (3), named for the Brunot family who settled the island in the 1700's and hosted the Lewis and Clark expedition. The island now holds a power plant and is only accessible to employees via a pedestrian path on the railroad bridge or by ferry. At the end of the trail, you will see a canoe and kayak launch (4) and a sign about Life on the Riverfront, created by Friends of the Riverfront. Turn onto Westhall St, then take a quick right and then a left on Eckert St. Continue into the valley between Brighton Heights and the hillside that makes up part of Marshall-Shadeland. You can even see natural springs emerging from the stony layers of earth. Veer left onto McClure Ave under two bridges. Turn right onto Woods Run Ave and continue into the Woods Run Ave business district (5). Past Brighton Rd is the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh -Woods Run Branch (6), and woods Run Ave eventually leads to Riverview Park. Turn right onto Brighton Rd and then right to climb Schimmer St. You'll see a mural, Peace, Hope and Charity (7), on the side of the Providence Family Support Center. Turn left on Shadeland Ave where you'll pass by the Shadeland Neighborhood Garden (8) and several businesses including Cafe on the Corner (9). Turn left on Woodland Ave and right on Brighton Rd. Across the street is the historic Union Dale Cemetery (10), established in 1846. Here you've reached the end of the Marshall-Shadeland trail!







# Marshall-Shadeland has been

known by many names, like Woods Run and Shadeland-Halls Grove. It's currently known to residents as Brightwood or Marshall-Shadeland.

The neighborhood includes a valley, a hill, a riverside, and officially, an island, though Brunot's Island is functionally very separate. The neighborhood has a small but busy business district in the valley of Woods Run Ave that has a little bit of everything. The hilltops of the neighborhood are mostly residential with businesses peppering their streets. The western edge of the neighborhood is bounded by the Ohio River which can be accessed by the Three Rivers Heritage Trail. The trail makes it easy for those on foot or bike to connect to the North Shore, Downtown, and the South Side.

A highlight for Marshall-Shadeland is its annual Pumpkinfest, where neighbors and visitors can eat treats, play games, go on hayrides, and learn more about the neighborhood. If you can, walk the trail during the festival to meet some Marshall-Shadeland neighbors!

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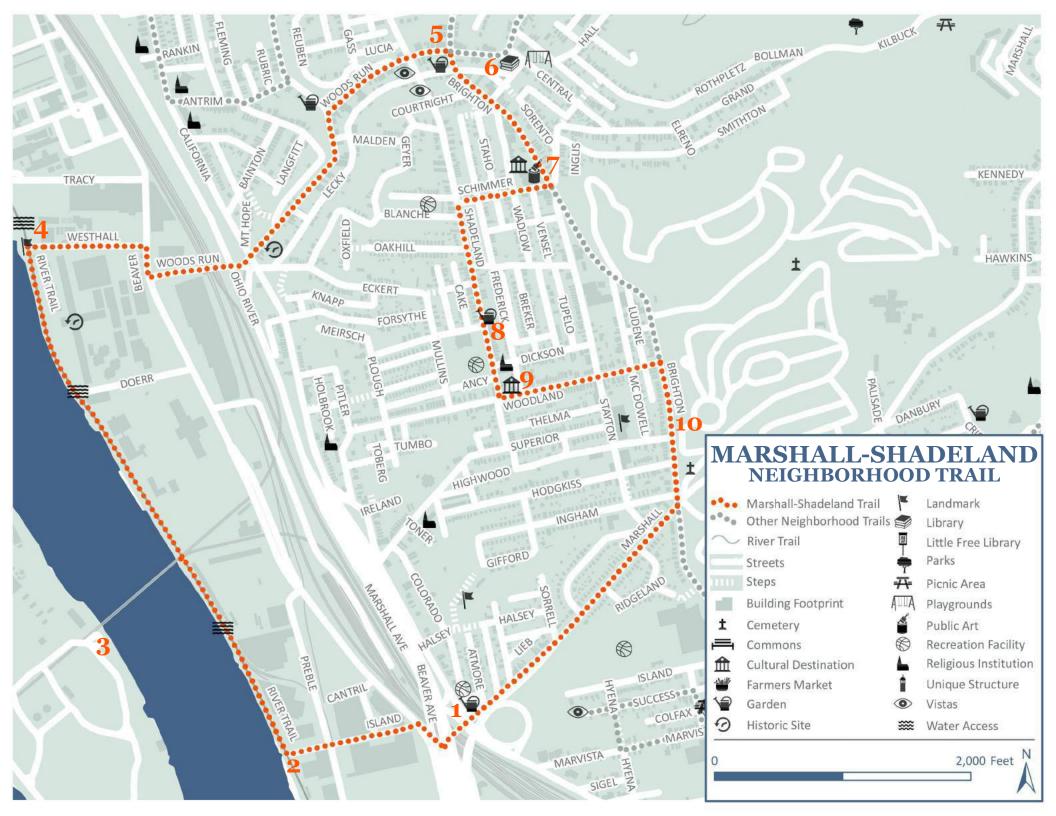
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# MARSHALL-**SHADELAND**







second curving pathway up to the Vietnam Veterans Monument (3) and then head down again to the trail by the river. You'll reach the Water Steps (4), a great place to cool off on a hot day and enjoy the stellar views of the rivers and Downtown. Take the steps to the right up to the Korean War Memorial (5) and then curve around back down to the main trail. You'll pass by PNC Park (6), home to the Pittsburgh Pirates. If you take a stroll around the ballpark, you'll find statues of notable Pirates players Roberto Clemente and Bill Mazeroski. Along the trail, you'll notice three identical bridges leading to downtown. These suspension bridges, the Three Sisters (7), are named to honor Roberto Clemente, Andy Warhol, and Rachel Carson respectively. The bridges were built between 1924 and 1928. Under the Clemente bridge is Kayak Pittsburgh (8), run by Venture Outdoors. Kayak Pittsburgh is a great place to rent kayaks if you're interested in experiencing Pittsburgh's rivers up close. Continue along the trail and you'll pass by a cluster of interesting Public Art (9) pieces. Walk up the path just past the Andy Warhol Bridge and continue onto Sandusky St where you'll find the Andy Warhol Museum (10). Turn left on General Robinson St. left on Mazeroski Way. then right on N Shore Drive. Off to the left of the street you can experience the Southern Pennsylvania World War II Memorial (11). Continue on N Shore Drive where you will see Heinz Field (12), home to the Pittsburgh Steelers. You'll find yourself back at the Tribute to Children - you've reached the end of the North Shore Neighborhood Trail!







North Shore sits along the Allegheny River and Ohio River where it boasts great views of downtown Pittsburgh. The neighborhood is brimming with entertainment and recreational opportunities. It's a fantastic place to go to a concert, learn about the history of Pittsburgh, and have fun! Catch a Steelers or Pitt Panthers football game at Heinz Field or a Pirates baseball game at PNC Park, which is regarded as one of the premier parks in major league baseball.

The North Shore has a Riverfront Park which runs along the shoreline of the Monongahela and Ohio rivers. The park includes the Three Rivers Heritage Trail which takes visitors past a number of attractions. The stadiums, museums, concert sites, sculpture parks, cutting edge company headquarters, and historic sites that fill the North Shore are easily accessible from the Riverfront Park, and downtown is a mere walk across a bridge. Enjoy the trail!

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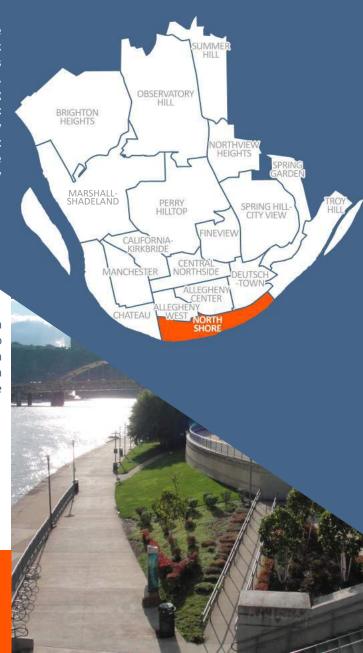
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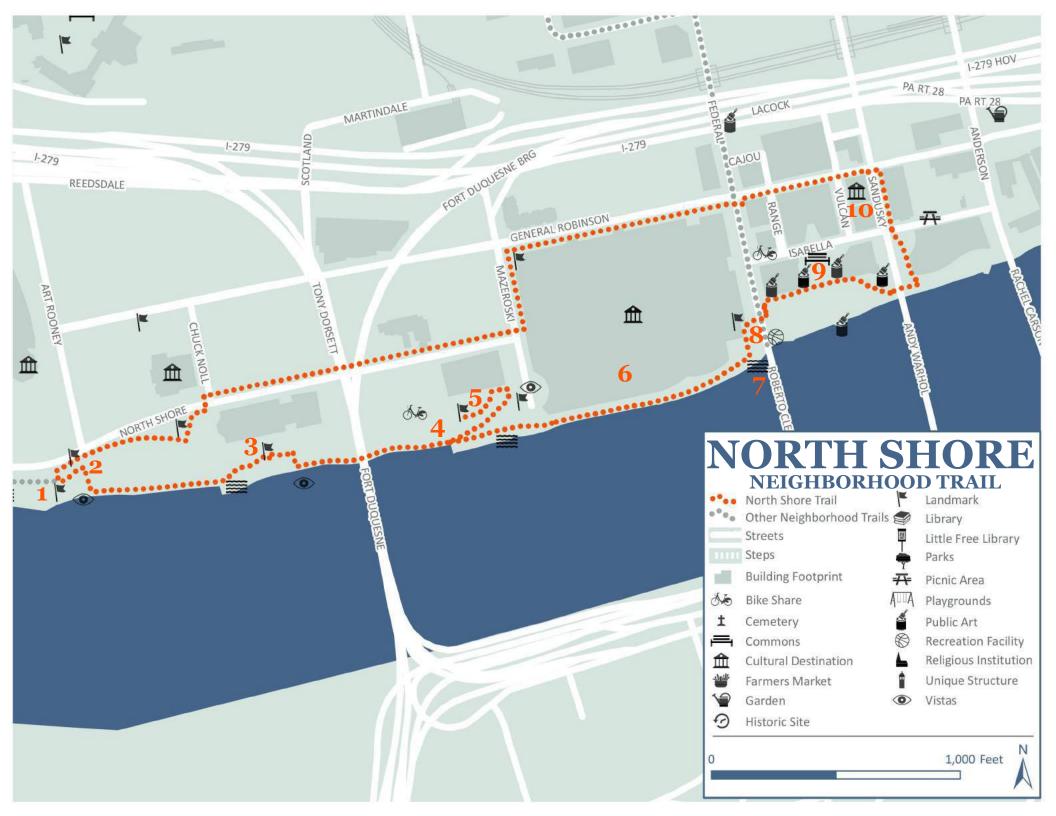
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# NORTH —SHORE— NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL





### NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL

#### **Brochure Placeholder**

We are working to get a Northview Heights trail map off the ground. If you live in Northview Heights and would like to help determine the route for the trail or give advice on which assets to feature, please contact us at info@gtechstrategies.org, or call 412-361-2099.



2.9 Miles Suitable for walking or biking. Includes rough trail. Moderate difficulty One hour Riverview United Presbyterian Church (1), which was built in 1908 and features a massive bell tower. Walk down Riverview Avenue and you will reach Riverview Park (2). This 259 acre tract of farmland and wooded hillsides was purchased by Allegheny City in 1908 for the establishment of a new park. Continue up the hill towards the Allegheny Observatory (3), an astronomical research institution built in 1912 but first established in 1859 in Perry Hilltop. Head back down the hill and find the Wissahickhon Trail (4) to the left behind the park office. As you take the trail to the right. You will reach an obvious split in the trail where you can turn left. From there stay on the main path until you reach a small parking lot. Turn right onto Mairdale Street, and walk up the hill past the Riverview Park Soccer Field (5) and around the bend. At the next intersection, turn left on Perrysville Ave and continue through the Observatory Hill business district (6). You will also pass Pittsburgh's oldest firehouse still in operation - Engine Co. #54 (7). Continue up Perrysville Ave and make sure to look behind you after crossing Vinceton St where you will see a mural, "Oh, What a View" (8), capturing the history and hopes of the neighborhood. Continue up Perrysville Ave. After Perryview St on your left you will see the remaining tracks of the Route 8 Streetcar (9) line which was used between 1899 and 1965. Turn right on Franklin, left on Waldorf, and then cut down to Bonvue via the pedestrian walkway on your right across from Grizella St. Turn right on Bonvue, then left on Perrysville Ave and continue back down, past a Little Free Library. On your right side you will see the **Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius** (10) which is the only free-standing, English speaking, Byzantine Catholic Seminary in the nation. Continue to the corner and you will have completed the Observatory Hill trail.

Distance:

an array of recreational opportunities like hiking, visits to the Observatory, sports, and birding. Observatory Hill was once connected to the neighboring Summer Hill, but the construction of I-279 in the 1980's

severed that connection, altering the flow of people through

the neighborhoods.

Observatory Hill, also called Perry

North, is named after the Allegheny Observatory, a research

institution and historic landmark which sits at the top of

Riverview Park. Riverview Park is the largest park in the

Northside and the first park in Allegheny City. The park offers

At 1370 feet, Observatory Hill has the highest elevation of all Pittsburgh neighborhoods. Along Perrysville Avenue and the many streets tucked into its hillsides are large, beautiful homes and a local business district which neighbors are working preserve and

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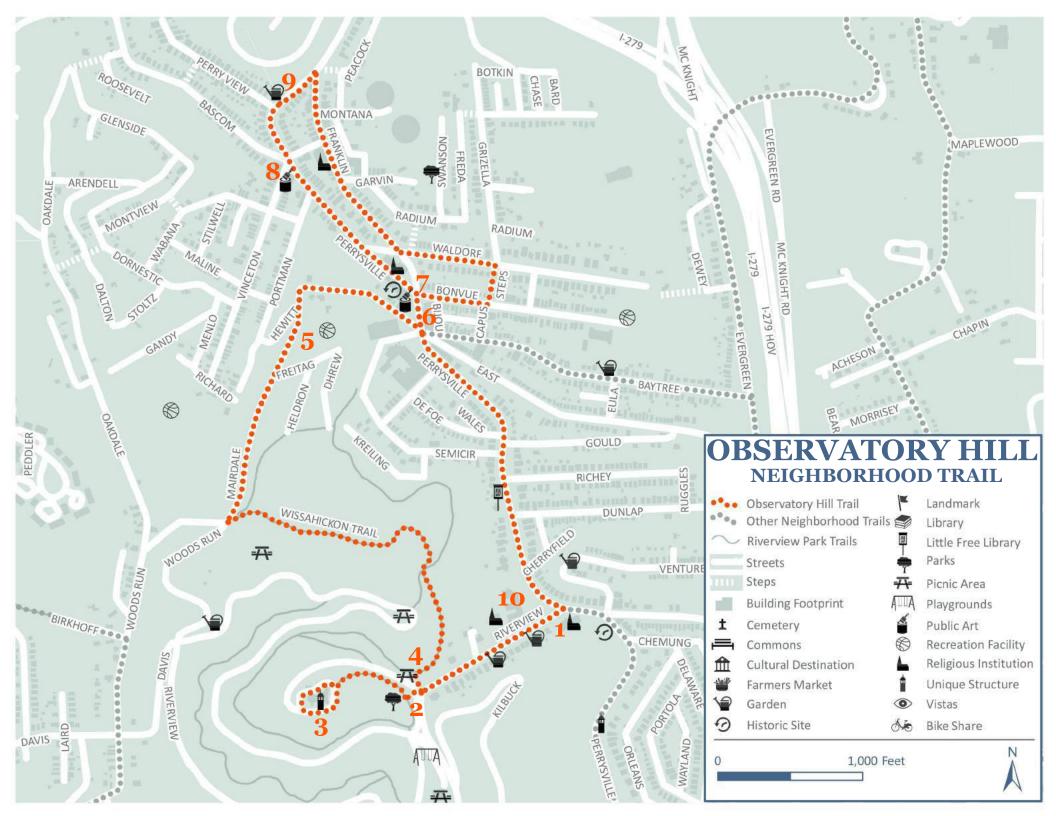


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# **OBSERVATORY**







2.7 Miles Suitable for walking or biking. Includes stairs at Buena and hills. Moderate Vista St behind <u>di</u>fficulty Propel Northside. One hour This is a good spot to get a view (1) of the neighborhoods Northside's in the flats down below. Start the trek up Buena Vista Street. Take the sharp right onto Perrysville Ave then veer left onto University Ave. You'll pass by tile mosaics(2) by Robin Alexander on the garage on the right. Up the hill you'll see Triangle Tech (3), a technical school founded in 1944 where students can enroll in 16-month programs to build career skills. This location was formerly home to the orginal Allegheny Observatory. Head back down the hill and take a right on Perrysville Ave. Take a left on Wilson Ave. where you will see a parklet dedicated to Josh Gibson (4), a renowned catcher for the Homestead Grays, a Negro National League team from the 1920's. Turn right on W Burgess St and right on Maywood St. At Perrysville Ave you will pass a Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Garden (5). Continue up Perrysville, and then take a left onto Charles St. You'll pass Fowler Park (6) which includes a Kaboom playground built in 2007. Across the street you will find The Pittsburgh Project (7), a non-profit which offers after-school and summer programs for youth and organizes volunteers to deliver home repairs for the elderly. Continue on Charles St. To your left, behind a building across from the Pittsburgh Project, you will see "A Day in the Park" (8), a mural painted by Kenneth Tator which was funded by the Sprout Fund. Continue down Charles St. At the intersection with Ferris St. you will see a captivating mural (9) created through the MLK (Moving Lives of Kids) Community Mural Project. The artist Kemel Poindexter worked with youth from the surrounding neighborhoods to paint images connected to a theme of civil rights. The focal point of the mural is Trayvon Martin, and a number of other figures in the country's civil rights story are featured. Continue down Charles St, and then take a left on Brighton Rd. If you'd like to get back to the start of the trail, take the first left and head up the steps to Buena Vista St.

Distance:







Perry Hilltop, also known as Perry South, gets its name from Perrysville Avenue, formerly Perrysville Plank Road. The road was called a plank road because it was paved with wooden planks. The road was constructed along what was the Venango Path, a trail which American Indians used when traveling from the headwaters of the Ohio River to Lake Erie. The trail was plundered by settlers using it for military operations during the French and Indian War. Eventually, the land around the path was purchased by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from the American Indians in 1784.

In its current life, Perry Hilltop is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Pittsburgh and is almost entirely residential. The neighborhood has both a hilltop and three valleys: the Charles Street Valley, East Street Valley, and Pleasant Valley.

The majority of Perry Hilltop's homes date back to the early twentieth century. Enjoy the trail!

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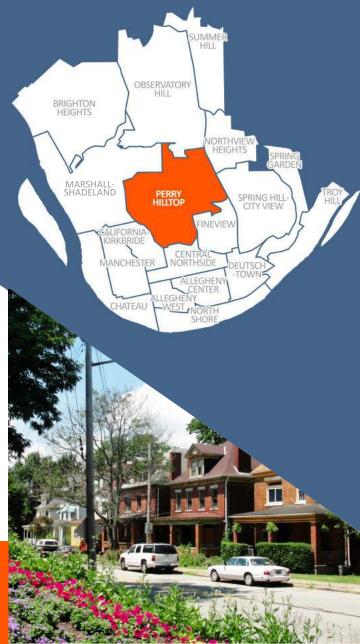
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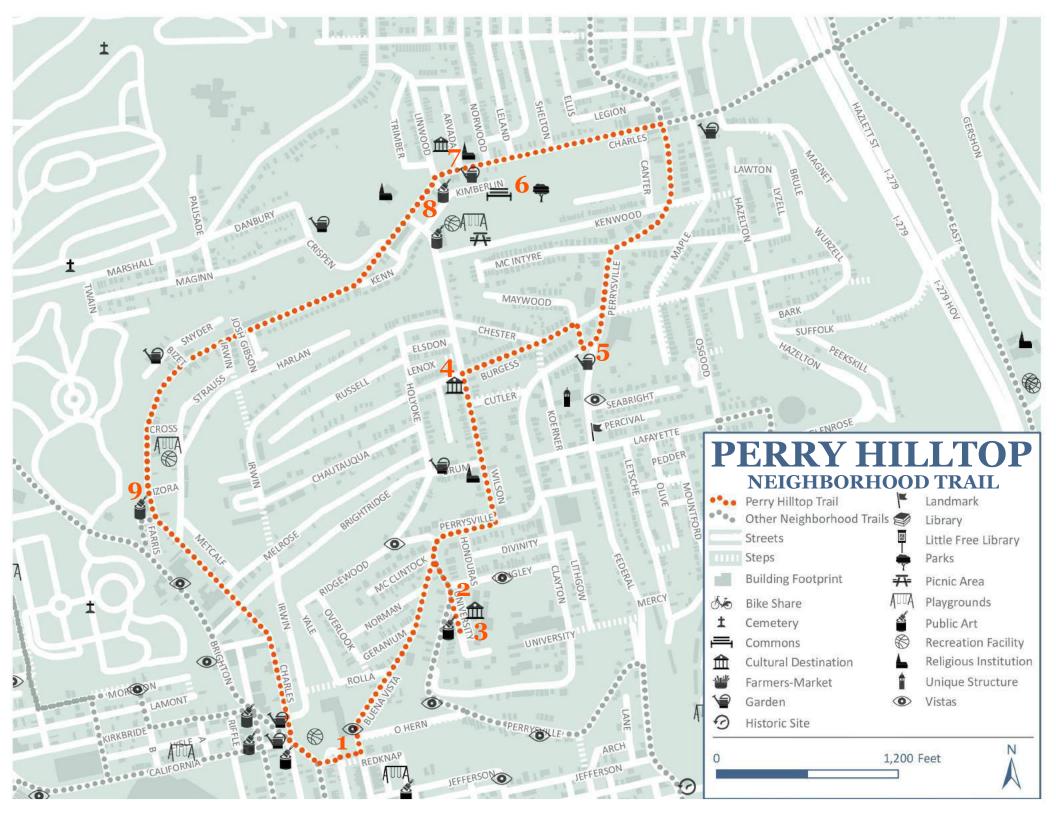
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# PERRY HILLTOP





Start
at the
intersection
of Concord St and
Chestnut St. You will
notice street car tracks in
the bricks of Chestnut St. These
tracks belonged to the Route 1 
Spring Garden (1) trolley which served
the neighborhood until 1959. On the
hillside behind you is a set of steps leading up
to the neighborhood of Spring Hill which have been

transformed with a mosaic (2) by local artist, Linda Wallen. The mosaic incorporates design elements from Teutonia Mannerchor, Penn Brewery, and the 16th St Bridge. Walk down Concord St and take a left on Spring Garden Ave which sits at the base of the valley between Troy Hill and Spring Hill. On your right you will find the Wigle Whiskey Barrelhouse (3) which opened in 2014 and houses over 800 barrels of whiskey which are distilled locally. The Barrelhouse also has a great outdoor garden and event space which is used for a variety of private and community events. Continue down Spring Garden Ave, where you will pass the Lappe Street Steps (4) ascending to Spring Hill on your left and then the Catalano Parklet (5). The parklet has a Kaboom playground and a memorial for those who served in the World Wars. Off to the left you can see the Arcola Way steps (6), followed by the Basin Street steps (7) heading up to Troy Hill on the right. Continuing down Spring Garden Avenue, Artcraft Wood Products Co (8) will be on your left, a family-owned business which has been in operation since 1946, specializing in wood products like mouldings. At the next block, you will see a large brick building built around 1880 which was the former Woelfel and Linke Tannery (9), one of the neighborhood's historic industries. Continue on, and take a right up Lager St. To the left is the Spring Garden Early Childhood School (10). At the end of the street you will find the Harpster St steps (11) heading up to Troy Hill. This is the end of the trail, you can head up to Troy Hill or retrace your steps back to the start.







Spring Garden is one of the Northside's oldest neighborhoods. It sits in the crescent-shaped valley between the neighborhoods of Troy Hill and Spring Hill. Historically, this community has had a mixture of manufacturing and residential uses. The industries in Spring Garden included meat packing, tanning, and soap-making. Many of the neighborhood's wood frame homes were built during the Civil War era and housed those who worked in the local industries. Over the past decades neighborhood leaders have overseen the development of projects restoring 19th century homes and constructing new houses.

Spring Garden's main road, Spring Garden Avenue, connects to Reserve Township. Because of its location in a valley, there are few connecting roads to carry travelers over the adjacent hillsides. Sets of steps throughout the neighborhood make it easier for pedestrians to connect from the main road up to homes on the hills. Enjoy your walk through this historic neighborhood!

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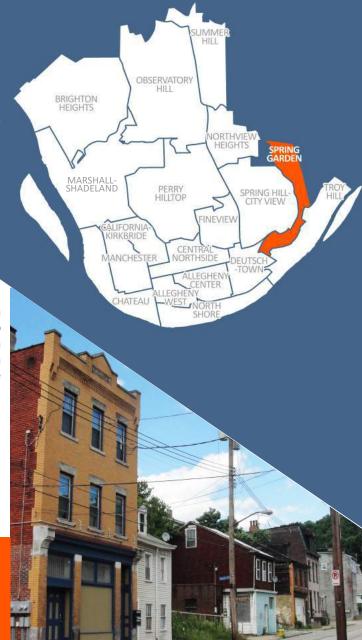
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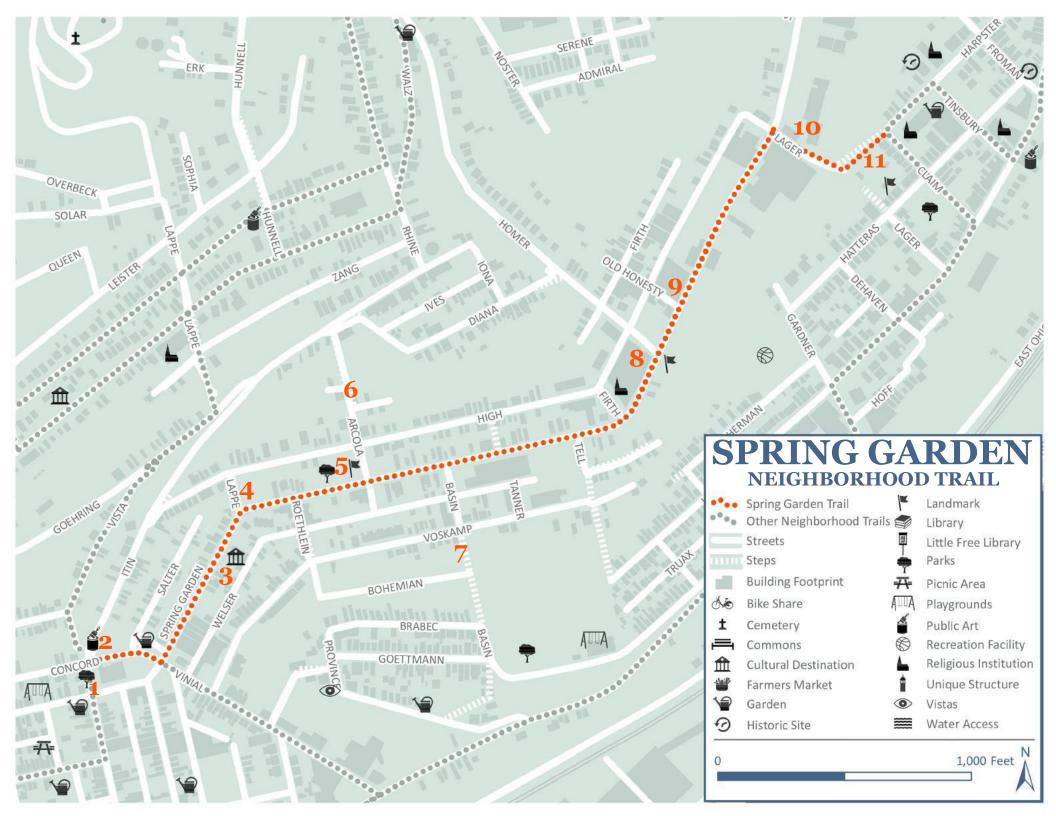
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# SPRING GARDEN





2.1 Miles Best for walking. Includes stairs and hills. Fairly difficult. at the base of the steps at Concord St and Itin 45 minute St. The steps have the first of many mosaics (1) you will see on the Spring Hill neighborhood trail. The mosaics are created by local artist, Linda Wallen. Her Spring Hill neighbors have helped to find materials for her to use in the mosaics. Walk up the steps, and continue up Vista Street. Turn right on Goehring St, and then head up the Lappe Street steps (2) - make sure to check out the great view of Spring Garden, Troy Hill, and the 16th St Bridge behind you. At Haslage St, take a left, then a right on Wilt St and the first right onto Yetta Ave. On Yetta, you will see a number of houses with mosaics (3), including the home of the artist herself. Turn left onto Rhine St and then left on Buente. Turn into the Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery and climb up the hill. The incredible view (4) will be worth the energy it takes to get to the top! Head back down and retrace your steps on Buente St. Turn left at the end of the street, and then right on Rescue St. Take another right on Rockledge St. You'll see a large grassy lot on your left. It's the historic site of Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Orphan's Home (5) which is now being reclaimed by the community as a place for neighbors to get together and enjoy each other's company. At the end of Rockledge, you'll see Spring Hill Elementary School (6). Turn right. On your right, you'll notice an unusual retaining wall. It's Mr. Bill's Castle Wall (7), built in the 1930's by a Spring Hill resident. You'll also see a natural spring (8) in the wall. The mosaic wall (9) on the right tells the story of the German settlers of the neighborhood. At the corner is Engine Co. No. 53 (10), now home to the Steel City Boxing Association. Cross the street and head up Walz St, then take a right on Haslage, head down the Lappe Steps, continue on Goehring, take a left on Vista, take the steps down, and vou'll be back where you started.

Distance:







Spring Hill, also known as Spring Hill - City View, was named for its natural underground springs, great views, and dramatic hills. Decades ago, the community, like those surrounding it, was home to German speaking immigrants. This heritage can be seen in the names of the neighborhood's streets among other things. Spring Hill - City View has a number of steps on its hillsides, many of which provide interesting views of Downtown Pittsburgh and the Northside, and convenient paths for pedestrians traversing the neighborhood.

The neighborhood has many actively involved neighbors that congregate through social groups, athletic clubs, and a civic association, keeping the neighborhood lively and close-knit. It's a popular neighborhood for young families, but is also home to many long-time residents. Enjoy the trail - it'll be a bit of a climb!

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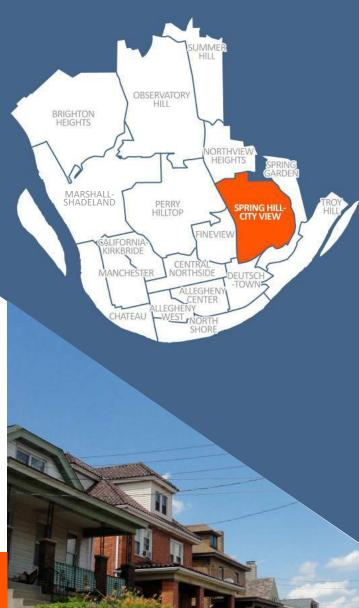
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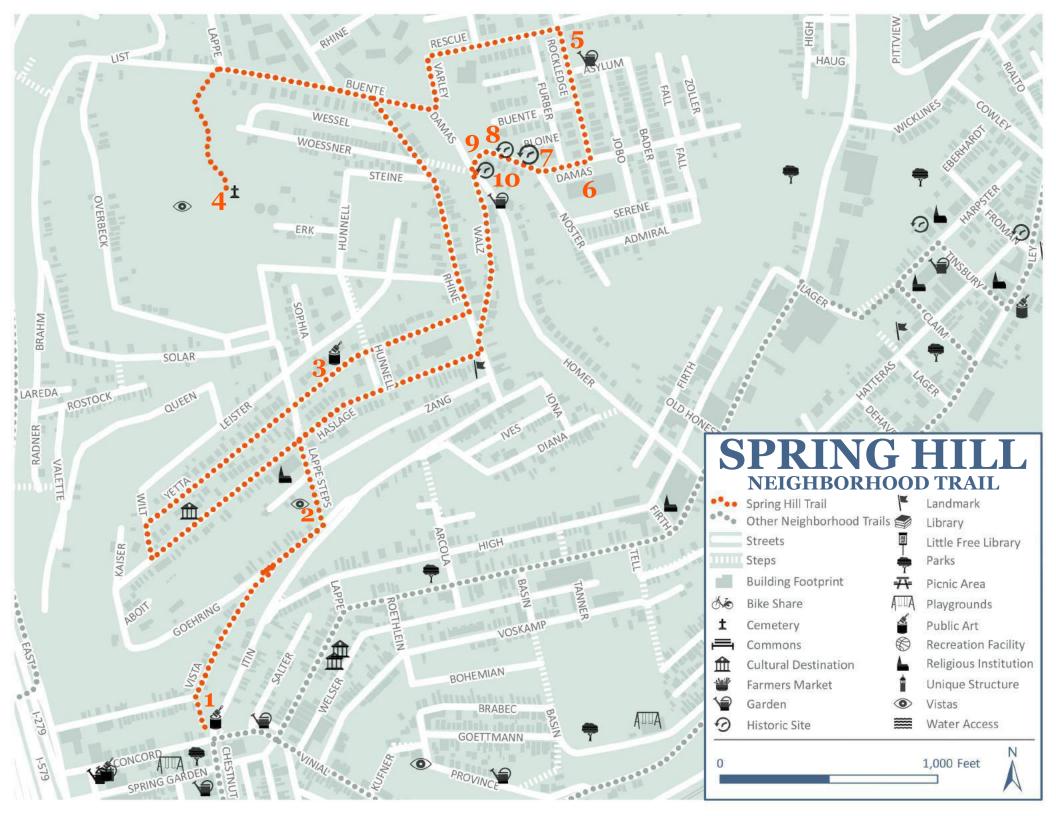
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# SPRING -HILLNEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL





on Sirius St (1) were built in the 1930's, and many feature stained glass windows. At the time these houses were built, they were some of the few houses in the very sparsely populated neighborhood. Take a left again on Colby. You will notice many of the homes in the neighborhood have natural stone retaining walls and beautiful gardens (2). As you continue down Colby St, take a minute to peer down Acheson St. You'll get an interesting view of the adjacent neighborhood (3), Observatory Hill. This street, like several others in the neighborhood, used to connect to Observatory Hill before the construction of I-279. Turn right on Harpen St. You'll pass by a forested area on your left - this was once the location of Coal Mine Ball Field (4) where neighborhood teams would compete with other Northside ballplayers. In winter months coal would be collected from this hillside to heat homes in the neighborhood. Along Harpen St you will also notice a transmitter tower (5). It's used by local TV stations, most recently WPXI. Turn left on Ivory Ave, then left on Evergreen Rd. Use caution here - sections of the street do not have sidewalks - you will pass by the WPXI offices (6). The station allows neighbors in Summer Hill to use the space for community meetings. Continue across I-279 and then down to the left along the edge of Observatory Hill. You will cross the bridge where East St crosses I-279. There you will see a view of the Northside's northernmost hills





and valleys (7). Continue on East St and then you will have completed the loop at the intersection with Mt Pleasant Rd.



Summer Hill sits in the northeastern corner of the Northside. The neighborhood was originally part of Reserve Township and was annexed into Pittsburgh in 1922. At that time, the neighborhood was sparsely populated, with an almost rural feel. In the 1960's when plans for I-279 were in development, streets and houses were constructed for those who would be displaced by the highway's construction.

Today the neighborhood has a very suburban feel many of its houses have large lawns. Forests border many of the neighborhood's streets. The transmitter tower for local TV stations is a placemarker which distinguishes the neighborhood from the surrounding hillsides. Those living in Summer Hill will tell you, perhaps by nature of its secluded location and small population, that the neighborhood is friendly and tight knit.

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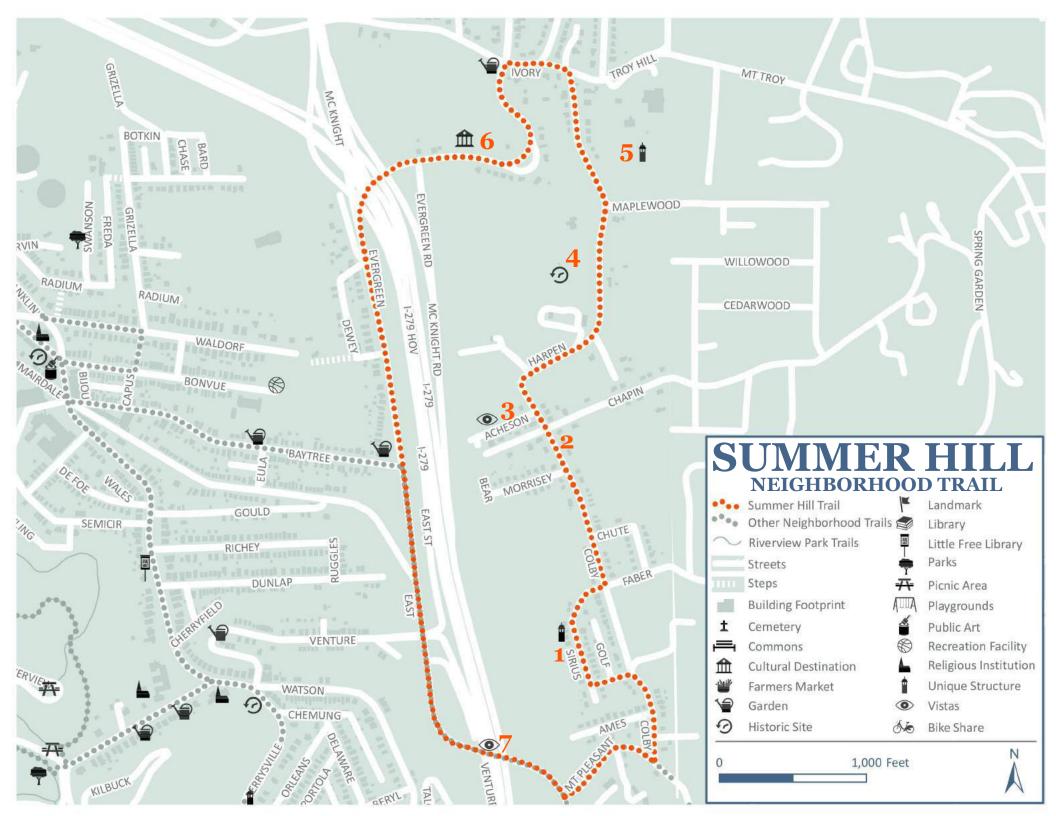
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# SUMMER —HILL— NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL





Distance:
2.7 Miles

Best for walking.
Includes stairs and hills.
Moderate difficulty

One hour
walk.

Penn Brewery (1), housed
in the former Eberhardt and
Ober Brewery complex built in
1883. As you begin the trek up Troy
Hill Road notice the great views of the

Strip District and Downtown (2). Follow the curve of Troy Hill Road and take a right on Lowrie Street where you'll see the start of Troy Hill's business district (3). Turn left onto Claim St to pass by the friendly neighborhood park, Troy Hill Citizens Park (4). Turn right on Harpster Street where you'll notice steps going down to Spring Garden on your left and two large historic churches including Saint Anthony Chapel (5) which holds more relics than any place outside of the Vatican. Turn right on Tinsbury Street and then left on Lowrie Street. Look behind you at the Troy Loves Hill mural (6) painted by Carolyn Kelly. Make sure to visit the businesses on Lowrie Street as you pass by! Veer left onto Ley Street then right on Rialto Street. Get ready - this is a serious hill! Rialto Street (7) is referred to as "Pig Hill" by the locals, referring to the historic practice of herding pigs up the hill from rail stations on Washington's Landing to a slaughterhouse in the adjacent neighborhood of Spring Garden. At the bottom of Rialto Street, use the pedestrian signals to cross over the highway to the 30th Street Bridge, the smaller parter of the 31st Street Bridge. Here vou'll cross to Washington's Landing which is really only part of Troy Hill on paper. After all, it's an island, not a hill. Continue straight after the bridge and you'll reach the start of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail (8) where you will turn right and follow the trail. Cross the old railroad bridge and continue along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail. Eventually you'll reach Heinz Street where you can turn and find the historic H.J. Heinz Plant (9). As you continue up Heinz Street you'll find the Sarah Heinz House and mural (10), home of the Boys and Girls Club. Continue up the pedestrian bridge to the right and you'll be back where you started!







**Troy** Hill was originally part of the 300 acre wilderness, known as the Reserve Tract, set aside for sale by the government of Pennsylvania to pay soldiers who fought in the Revolution. A population boom in the mid 1800's led to the development of a town called New Troy, located on a plateau overlooking the Allegheny River.

As the region continued to grow, Swiss families began developing cotton mills in the area. The availability of jobs at the mills led to many German-speaking immigrants settling nearby. By 1866, there were one hundred families living in the renamed Troy Hill. When Allegheny City was annexed into Pittsburgh in 1907, Troy Hill became a neighborhood in Pittsburgh's Northside. While geographically divided from other neighborhoods by its location on a hill next to the river, it has many incredible views from its hillsides. Today Troy Hill retains the small-town charm of its earlier days, but still has plenty energy to carry it into the future. Enjoy the trail!

The Troy Hill Neighborhood Trail is part of the Northside Neighborhood Connections project of One Northside. One Northside is a community initiative driven by thousands of neighbors working to improve the quality of life in all 18 neighborhoods in Pittsburgh's Northside. We hope you can use this map to rediscover your own neighborhood, get to know a neighborhood that is new to you, or fall in love with the Northside! Visit gtechstrategies.org/projects/trail to learn more about this project and get access to other Northside neighborhood maps.

The base data used in the map is from the City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning GIS Division and Northside Asset Inventory Mapping, a project of GTECH and One Northside.

The route for the trail and featured treasures were chosen based on input from Northside residents, community groups, and an advisory committee. The network of existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure was also taken into account.



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