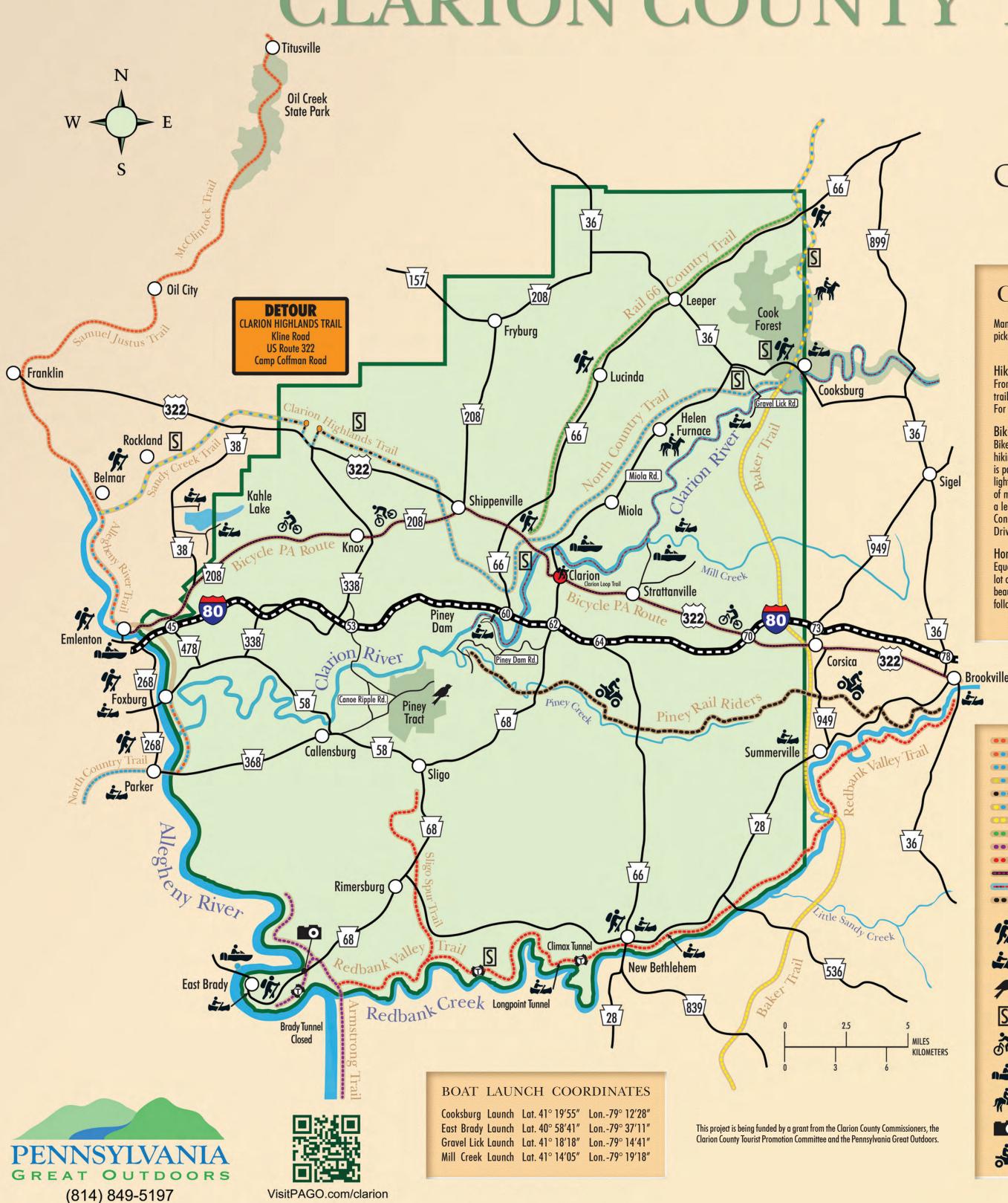
# CLARION COUNTY TRAIL MAP





www.clariontrails.com

# **COOK FOREST TRAILS**

Many trails are located within Cook Forest State Park and a map can be picked up at the park office or viewed on line at:

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/cookforest/index.htm

Hiking: 29 miles of trails
From the depths of the Forest Cathedral to the heights of Seneca Point, the trails of Cook Forest State Park explore diverse landscapes and habitats. For detailed trail descriptions go to ExplorePATrails.com

### Biking: 13 miles of trails

Bikes are permitted on all one-way, dirt roads within the park. Biking on hiking trails is prohibited except on the part of the Hefren Run Trail that is part of the Bicycle Route. The Bicycle Route is 13 miles long and follows lightly traveled roads within the park and Hefren Run Trail. The route is of moderate difficulty with long flat areas and rolling hills. Highlights are a leisurely four-mile flat ride through scenic Toms Run Valley, Civilian Conservation Corps-era red and white pine plantations along Forest Drive and a challenging descent along the Hefren Run Trail.

### Horseback Riding

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Equestrians can enjoy a two-hour loop trail that begins at a small parking lot on Forest Drive, connects to Old Logging Road Trail, and winds through beautiful pine plantations. Another equestrian trail begins at the trail head, follows Hefren Run Trail and connects to Toms Run Road.

Allegheny River Trail

Allegheny River Trail • North Country Trail

Clarion Highlands Trail • North Country Trail Baker Trail • North Country Trail (Hiking only)

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Rail 66 Country Trail

Redbank Valley Trail Bicycle PA Route

Clarion River Water Trail Piney Rail Riders Trail

Armstrong Trail

Trail Head - Possible Parking

**Bird Watching** 

Trail Shelter

Bicycling

Power Boat Launch

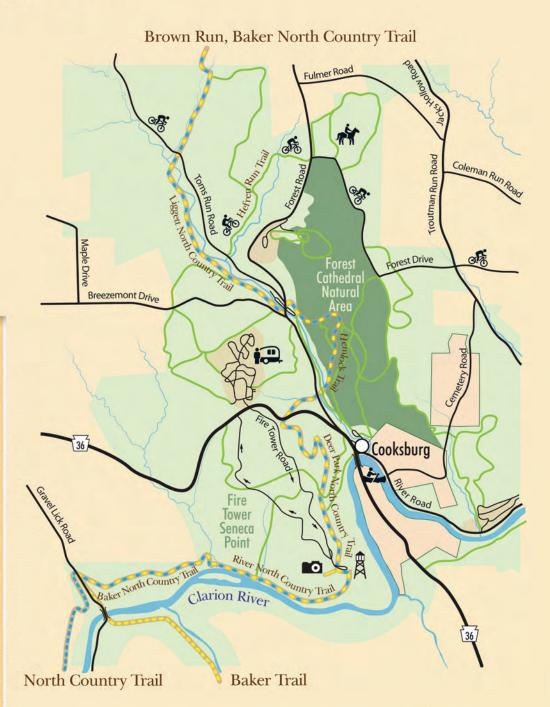
All Terrain Vehicle

**Equestrian Access** 

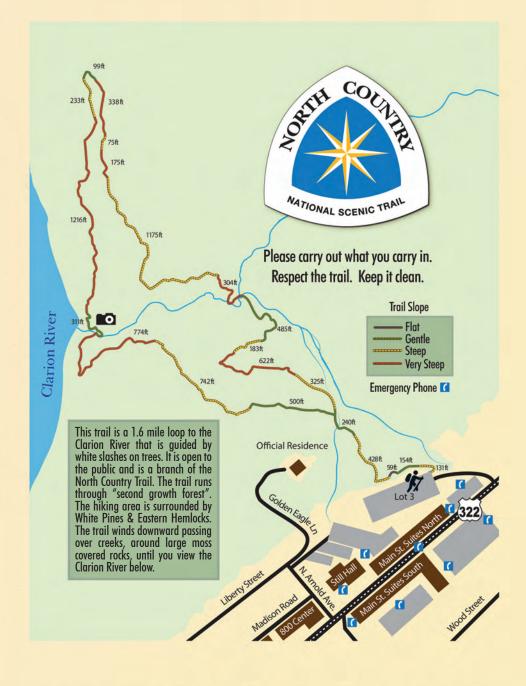
Overlook - Natural Attraction

Small Boat - Canoe - Kayak Launch

Sandy Creek Trail • North Country Trail



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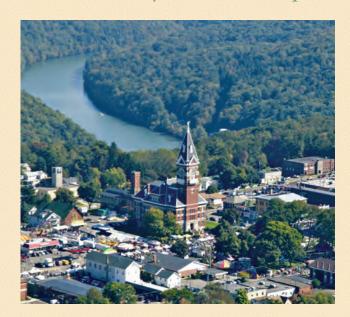


**CLARION LOOP** 

# HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU ...

With beautiful scenery all around, hiking and bicycling are two of the most popular activities in the Clarion region. In the spring, when the trees start to green, the songbirds return, and wildflowers begin to bloom, lots of folks spend their day taking a hike or riding their bikes on scenic trails and byways. In addition to the beautiful scenery, which includes magnificent forests, overlooks, and two Wild & Scenic Rivers, there is an abundance of wildlife to see along the way. Look for deer, foxes, river otters, and all kinds of birds including wild turkeys, blue herons and bald eagles. During the winter months, trails are open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, so you can enjoy them every season of the year. Off the trail, you'll find great hospitality, restaurants, accommodations, and boutique shopping in the small communities close by. Many towns host festivals, concerts, plays, historical re-enactments, wine tastings, and art shows throughout the year. Please check the trail websites for more information. Nice cabins and well cared for campgrounds offer affordable and relaxing accommodations with easy access to the trails and great outdoors.

Get your trail map and more details at www.clariontrails.com • VisitPAGO.com/clarion



## Clarion

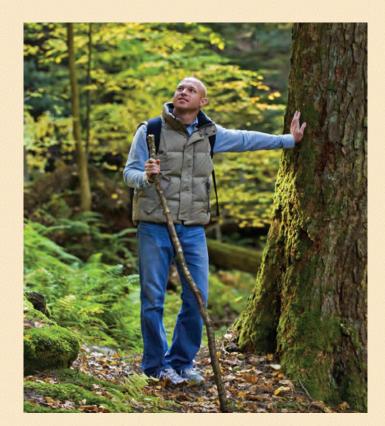
Clarion County is the gateway to the Pennsylvania Great Outdoors and Pennsylvania Wild Regions. While visiting Clarion County choose from the five golf courses; paved bike trails; multiple hiking trails; and class one canoeing, kayaking, and boating. The County is the home of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Cook Forest State Park, two nationally recognized rivers (Clarion & Allegheny), the oldest golf course in continuous play in the U.S. and an award winning fall event that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

www.VisitPAGO.com/clario



# The Clarion River 2019 River of the Year

A 52-mile stretch of the Clarion River was designated a National Wild and Scenic River in 1996, including 17 scenic miles through Clarion County. The river crosses Clarion County from Cook Forest down to join the Allegheny River near the charming resort town of Foxburg. The beautiful Clarion River meanders through narrow valleys of hardwood forests. Intermittent riffles and rock outcrops offer an ever-changing scenery. Wildlife can often be seen along the banks including playful river otters as you paddle along. During warm weather, the Clarion is a premier destination for canoeists, kayakers, paddle boarders, swimmers, and tubers. During periods of high water, the river has some Class 1 & 2 rapids, which experienced paddlers enjoy. The river forms the reservoir of the Brookfield Power dam above Clarion Borough, and provides exceptional power boating and water sport opportunities. The Clarion is also popular for small mouth bass and trophy brown trout fishing. Find boat launches at Clarion, Cooksburg, Gravel Lick, Mill Creek, Callensburg, and access points, maps, and more information in the Clarion River Water Trail Guide available at: www.fishandboat.com.



# Cook Forest State Park

The 8,500 acre park is home to the Forest Cathedral, a National Natural Landmark of ancient white pines and hemlocks that tower above the forest floor. The family-friendly Clarion River runs along the eastern border of the park and is popular for canoeing and fishing. Cabin and lodge rentals are available as well as campgrounds, offering tent and trailer campsites. Enjoy the beauty of the forest by hiking on one of its 27 marked trails. The terrain features rolling hills and cool valley streams. Special scenic spots include the Forest Cathedral, the fire tower at Seneca Point and the Clarion River, Part of the 140-mile Baker Trail and the North Country National Scenic Trail pass through Cook Forest. Bikes are permitted on all one-way, dirt roads within the park. Two designated bridle trails and portions of Brown's Run Trail comprise 4.5 miles of trails for horseback riding. About 7,000 acres are open to hunting and trapping. Common games species include deer, turkey, bear, and squirrel. Cook Forest area also features many shops and restaurants, and the Sawmill Center for the Arts, which hosts a summer theater season and a variety of festivals and historical events throughout the year.

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/cookforest/index.htm



# Rail 66 Country Trail

Once a rail line that carried freight and passengers through Northwest Pennsylvania, its future is a trail for walkers and bicyclers stretching more than 70 miles across beautiful forested ridges. The Rail 66 Country Trail is the southern section of what will become the Knox and Kane rail trail. It starts at Route 322 in Marianne and extends northward through the forests, farms, and quiet villages of Clarion County to cross the North Country Trail in Vowinckel. Ideal for biking, hiking, running and cross-country skiing, Rail 66 features 13 miles of paved trail with another 7 miles to go and a restored train station in Lucinda.

www.rail-66.com Facebook: Rail 66 Country Trail

# North Country Trail

As the 4,600-mile North Country National Scenic Trail leaves the Allegheny National Forest it enters Clarion County through Clear Creek State Forest and Cook Forest State Park. Here the trail winds through stands of majestic old growth forest and



along the Wild & Scenic Clarion River. The trail in Clarion County follows the Toby Creek Valley toward Clarion. It crosses state game lands and Deer Creek where it connects with and shares a route with the Clarion Highlands Trail, Game Lands #45 Trail, Sandy Creek Trail and Allegheny River Trail. All in all, about 90 miles of the North Country Trail, the longest

scenic trail in the U.S., can be enjoyed in Clarion County.
Follow the Blue Blazes www.northcountrytrail.org

# Clarion Loop Trail

The Clarion Loop Trail is a 1.6 mile section of the North Country Trail that run through "second growth forests" on land owned by Clarion University. It was developed by local chapter volunteers and Civic Engagement Scholars from the University. Surrounded by White Pine and Eastern Hemlock, hikers should be on the lookout for newts, salamanders, and the occasional porcupine. www.northcountrytrail.org



The Clarion County Trails Association (CCTA) is established for the development, and promotion of their public recreational trails in and around Clarion County, Pennsylvania. The CCTA works to make tourists and members of our communities aware of Clarion County's recreational trails system.

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# The Allegheny River 2017 River of the Year

The Allegheny River is on the western edge of Clarion County. It is an excellent river for canoes, kayaks and boats with launches at Franklin, Kennerdell, Emlenton, Foxburg, Parker and East Brady. The Wild and Scenic Allegheny River makes a giant loop around the the town of East Brady in the southern tip of Clarion County. This beautiful part of the river has steep sided wooded banks and provides boating opportunity for motor boats as well as canoes and kayaks. On any given summer day, anglers, boaters and waterskiers come to enjoy the waterway. Hawks and eagles can often be seen riding the thermal air currents about the river here. During the recreational boating season, a large dock and a two lane ramp is located at the East Brady access. Plenty of parking is available.

www.avta-trails.org

### Baker Trail

9.4 miles, moderate hiking. The 140-mile Baker Trail starts at Freeport, Pennsylvania, and ends in Forest County. The trail stretches for about 10 miles in Clarion County, where it winds through Cook Forest State Park through the Forest Cathedral and by the Seneca Point fire tower. Along the trail you'll also see the Clarion River, the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Center, and a great trout stream named Tom's Run.

www.rachelcarsontrails.org/bt

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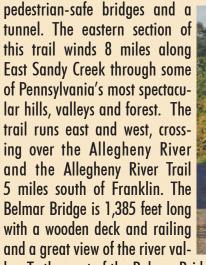


# Kahle Lake

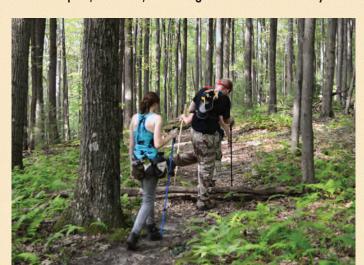
Kahle Lake owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Fish & Boat Commission for recreational fishing is a 251-acre reservoir located on the border of Clarion and Venango counties. The Commission annually stocks the lake with tiger muskies and walleyes. Kahle Lake also provides opportunities to catch good sized sunfish, crappies and perch. Boating is limited to electric motor and non-powered boats. Ice fishing is also popular here.

# Sandy Creek Trail

The Sandy Creek Trail has 12 miles of asphalt surface, 7



ley. To the west of the Belmar Bridge, the trail runs 4 miles along the Allegheny River to the Fisherman's Cove Road where it crosses Big Sandy Creek. The area is almost entirely undeveloped, remote, and of great natural beauty.



# Clarion Highlands Trail

The Clarion Highlands Trail — an extension of the Sandy Creek Trail — is a work in progress. Extending east from Rt. 322 at Van, the former railroad bed is unimproved but can be hiked, or ridden on a mountain bike — for about 4½ miles through PA Game Lands #45 to Kline Road. At that point the rail-bed is on private property but signs will guide you on Kline Road to Rt. 322 and back to the rail-bed on Camp Coffman Road, a total detour of about 2 miles. From that point, the dirt surface trail has been graded and rolled for 5 miles to Station Road, where PA Game Lands #63 owns the rail-bed and can be ridden to Rt. 322 at Shippenville where a large trestle has been removed. Riding east from this point is not advised, but hiking is still acceptable.

# Armstrong Trail

East Brady, PA—The 36-mile Armstrong Trail is located on the former Allegheny Valley Railroad line along the eastern bank of the Allegheny River in Armstrong & Clarion Counties. A great place to bicycle, walk, jog, bird watch and exercise. Finished trail extends from Rosston to East Brady. www.armstrongtrails.org



# Piney Rail Riders Trail

Piney Rail Riders is a member based, non-profit organization, working to preserve a 23 mile long stretch of scenic rail bed connecting Sligo to Brookville as a trail for ATVs, UTVs and other motorized vehicles. Currently we have over 230 family memberships and the support of over 30 local businesses as sponsors. For more information visit our website and come "Ride the Pine" with us on the trail.

www.PineyRailRiders.org



# Redbank Valley Trail PA's 2014 Trail of the Year

Redbank Valley Trail, is a 4-season, nonmotorized 51-mile crushed limestone trail with a level grade. It connects Brookville (MP 41.5) thru New Bethlehem and 2 tunnels to Armstrong Trail (MP 0) at the Allegheny River and includes a 9-mile spur from mile 6 toward Sligo at a 3% grade. Its 27 bridges and stone arches cross Redbank Creek and its tributaries. With few road crossings, it is great for hiking, biking and cross country skiing.

www.redbankvalleytrails.org

# Allegheny River Trail

The 32-mile Allegheny River Trail runs from Franklin to Parker, with an unresolved gap between Emlenton and Foxburg. The trail begins again just past Foxburg's Allegheny Grille restaurant. It is paved and great for walking, running, and bicycling. Foxburg one of Western Pennsylvania's newest destination communities offers good restaurants and boutique shopping, with a variety of festivals and concerts throughout the year. The trail from Foxburg, continues about four miles to Parker's Landing, were it crosses the Clarion River at the point where the Clarion River converges with the Allegheny River.

# LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO EAT? NEED A PLACE TO STAY? HAVE SOME SHOPPING TO DO?

Clarion County has a variety of restaurants throughout the County to satisfy all taste buds. We have lodging facilities to fit every preference - airbnb's, B&B's, cabins, cottages, camping, hotels, inns, and lodges. Our variety of shopping choices will make it easy for you to find that perfect item.

To find these locations and to get more information on Clarion County, please go to either:

Clarion County Brochure: www.co.clarion.pa.us/Pages/Play.aspx PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau: www.visitpago.com/clarion

www.clariontrails.com