RULES OF THE TRAIL
* Open from dawn to dusk daily.
* Uses include: walking, jogging, bicycling, cross-country skiing, skating, nature study and wheelchairs.
* Keep dogs leashed and remove all feces.
* Share the trail with all users. Keep to right.
* NO trespassing on adjacent private property.
* NO horses or motorized vehicles with the exception of battery powered wheelchairs.
* NO illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages are permitted.
* NO fires or camping, hunting or trapping.
* NO dumping or littering. Use trash receptacles provided along the trail.

EMERGENCY – DIAL 911

WELCOME to the Ironton Rail-Trail

The former Ironton Railroad has been transformed into a multi-use, safe, historic, year-round recreational resource for local residents and visitors. The Ironton Rail-Trail (IRT) provides a link between the local communities of Whitehall Township, Borough of Coplay, and North Whitehall Township and some of their recreational areas in addition to serving as a spur to the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor.

The Ironton Rail-Trail right-of-way was purchased in 1996 from Conrail for the purpose of maintaining it’s historical significance as well as to provide an open space greenway for local area citizenry & visitors to use and enjoy.

The 9.2 mile IRT follows the Coplay Creek in a south eastward direction from North Whitehall through the 110 acre natural Whitehall Parkway to where the creek flows under SR 145. Here the IRT turns east toward the historic Saylor Cement Kilns and then south paralleling the Lehigh River and the D & L National Trail. The IRT then turns in a northwesterly direction where it again follows the Coplay Creek under SR 145 to form a unique 5.2 mile loop.

The 10’ wide, flat ADA compliant grade of the IRT, with many easy access points, has a paved surface on 7.8 of the 9.2 mile trail from North Whitehall, through the Parkway, to the loop of the IRT. This easily accommodates trail users of all ages and physical abilities. A trail head will be constructed soon at Levans Rd. in North Whitehall.

The IRT Oversight Commission, comprised of representatives of the 3 municipalities, is responsible for establishing guidelines for the development and maintenance of the trail. From day one (1996) maintenance projects & trail improvements have been primarily funded by local, state, and federal grants. Also actively involved in maintenance & improvement projects on the trail are the governing bodies and public works departments from all three municipalities.

Please enjoy the IRT and all of its activities and amenities and take note that much of the maintenance work along the trail is accomplished by individual volunteers, organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, local church groups and the IRT Commissioners.

To learn more about the IRT and its 23 historical sights please join us on one of the two walks we offer each year in the Spring and the Fall.

All organized events on the IRT require an application and applicable permits 3 months prior to the event.

Want to help keep this recreational resource going? Please consider volunteering some of your time and talent to the trail. Visit our website or call the recreation office at Whitehall Township 610-437-5524 ext. 160.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____________________________
Address _____________________________
City __________________ State, Zip ________
Phone __________________ Email ____________________________

Friends of the IRT: $250 corporate
$100 patron
$50 contributor
$25 family
$15 individual or senior
Other ____________________________

Available to volunteer for trail events: Yes _______ No _______

Make checks payable to:
IRT c/o Whitehall Township
3219 Mac Arthur Rd
Whitehall, PA 18052

Phone: 610-437-5524 ext 160
Fax: 610-437-6963
Email: recdept@whitehalltownship.com
Web Site: www.irontonrailtrail.org

DISTANCES

Loop Mile Markers
L 0.0-Trailhead-Whitehall
L 0.5-Junction/Columbia St.-Whtl
L 1.0-Park St./Center St.-Whthll
L 1.5-South Ruch St.-Whthll
L 2.0-Lehigh St. Bridge.-Whthll
L 2.5-Biery Yard.-Whthll
L 3.0-East Church St.-Whthll
L 3.5-Legion/Hokendaqua-Whthll
L 4.0-under Chestnut St./Br-Coplay
L 4.5-2nd Trail.-Trailhead-Coplay
L 6.0-Am.Club./N.Ruch St.-Coplay

Spur Mile Markers
S 0.0- Junction
S 0.5-SR145 & Parkway East-Whtl
S 1.0-S. Church St.-Whtl
S 1.5-Reliance/Bridge St-Whtl
S 2.0-Quarry/Portland St-N.Whtl
S 2.5-Portland St-N. Whtl
S 3.5-Mauch Chunk Rd.
S 4.0-Trailhead-North Whitehall

Spring
Narrated Historical Walk (7 miles)
Charity Run/Walks and prizes
Monthly clean-up days, trail maintenance and improvement projects

Summer
National Rail-Trails Day Event
10K Run/Walk with prizes & food
Scouting activities & projects
Monthly clean-up days, trail maintenance and improvement projects

Fall
Community Fall / Festival Parades
Narrated Historical Walk (7 miles)
Monthly clean-up days, trail maintenance and improvement projects

IRONTON RAIL-TRAIL
ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

DISTANCES
Spur Index
S1. Under MacArthur Road
S2. Charles Nehf Trail & Red Barn (P, T, A)
S3. Chestnut Street
S4. South Church Street (P, A)
S5. Bridge Street
S6. Reliance Street (P, A)
S7. Quarry Street
S8. Portland Street (P, A)
S9. Mauch Chunk Road
S10. Levans Road (P, T, A, H)

Loop Index
S10. D&L Trail* & Water Street (P, A)

Loop Index (con’t)
L11. East Church Street (P, A)
L12. Hokendauqua American Legion (P, A)
L13. Hokendauqua Street (P)
L14. Under Coplay/Northampton Bridge

Trail Etiquette
-Bikers yield to walkers/joggers
-Use bell, horn, or verbal commands
-Keep to the right
-Obey 12 mph speed limit
-Respect the land

Amenities Code
L - Loop  P - Parking  H - Trail Head
S - Spur  T - Picnic Table  (*) - Proposed Amenity
C - Phone Available  F - Food Service
A - ADA Accessible  M - Mileage Marker