

Rail-Trails of North Central WV

Former railroad lines converted to trails offer tremendous opportunities for recreation and alternative transportation. These trails are generally flat in nature and vary from paved surfaces to crushed limestone.

Caperton Trail - paved
The Caperton Trail offers over 5 miles of paved surface perfect for roller-blading, strolling, and biking. Located within Morgantown and Star City limits, it runs through Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park, an outdoor amphitheater, and Tugboat Depot playground. The trail was named in honor of Governor Gaston Caperton and is maintained by BOPARC (www.boparc.org) and Star City.

Mon River Trail North & South - limestone
The Mon River Trail meanders along the Monongahela River from the WV / PA state line through Monongalia County into Marion County. Although it is one continuous trail system, the north and south sections are separated by the Caperton Trail. The Mon River Trails Conservancy maintains this trail (www.montrails.org).

Deckers Creek Trail - paved & limestone
Beginning at Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park, the trail parallels Deckers Creek and Scenic Byway Route 7 east to Reedsville. It has an elevation change of 1,000 feet over 19 miles at a 2% grade. Within the Morgantown city limits the surface is paved, and the trail is maintained by BOPARC (www.boparc.org). The rest of the trail has a crushed limestone surface and is maintained by the Mon River Trails Conservancy (www.montrails.org).

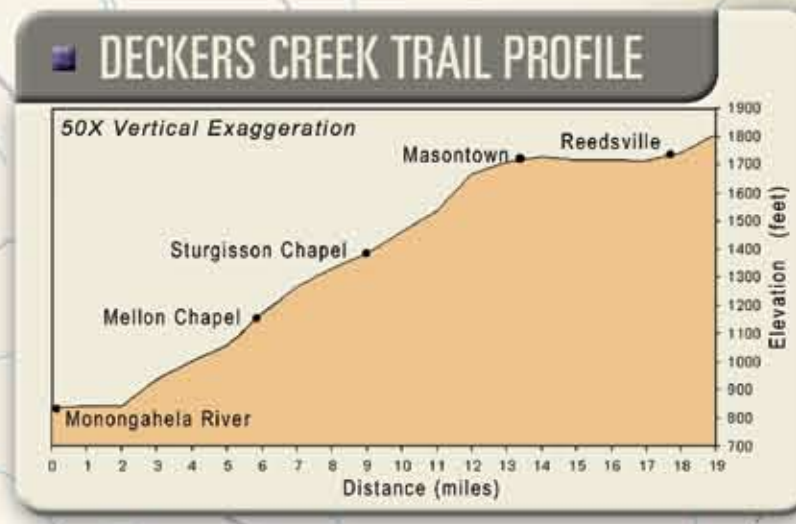
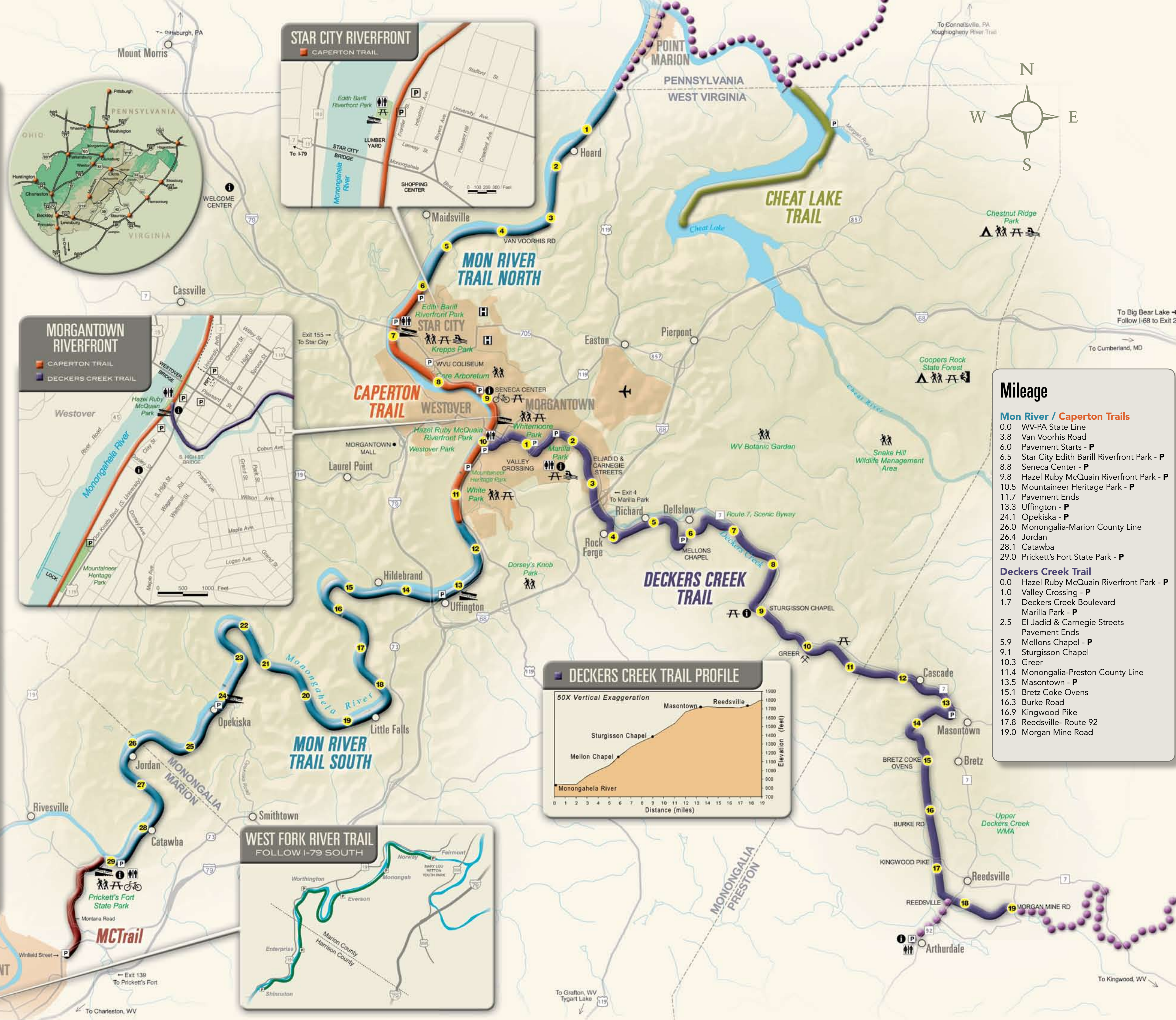
Cheat Lake Trail - limestone
This scenic, wooded 4 mile trail follows the east bank of Cheat Lake, and offers a playground, restrooms, fishing piers and boat docks. It is maintained by Allegheny Energy (www.alleghenyenergy.com).

MCTrail - paved
This 2.5 mile trail runs along Pricketts Creek through rural Marion County and features a 1,200 foot lighted tunnel. It begins near Prickett's Fort State Park, a reconstruction of a fort built on the frontier of Virginia in 1774. The trail is maintained by Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission (www.mcparc.com).

West Fork River Trail - paved & limestone
This 14.5 mile trail follows along the West Fork River between Fairmont and Shinnston. It passes through residential and commercial areas, as well as farmland. The trail is maintained by MCPARC (www.mcparc.com).

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- Picnic Area
- Swimming Area
- Boat Ramp
- Restrooms

Upper Mon Water Trail
Looking for a whole different point of view? Float or boat the Upper Monongahela River, the first water trail for recreational boaters in West Virginia. This upper section of the Monongahela River is about 65 miles long. It starts in Fairmont, West Virginia and flows north to Ten Mile Creek, just downstream of Rice's Landing, Pennsylvania. To request your free copy of the UMWTT brochure, contact the Greater Morgantown CVB at 1.800.458.7373.



Mileage

Mon River / Caperton Trails

- 0.0 WV-PA State Line
- 3.8 Van Voorhis Road
- 6.0 Pavement Starts - P
- 6.5 Star City Edith Barill Riverfront Park - P
- 8.8 Seneca Center - P
- 9.8 Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park - P
- 10.5 Mountaineer Heritage Park - P
- 11.7 Pavement Ends
- 13.3 Uffington - P
- 24.1 Opekiska - P
- 26.0 Monongalia-Marion County Line
- 28.1 Catawba
- 29.0 Prickett's Fort State Park - P

Deckers Creek Trail

- 0.0 Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park - P
- 1.0 Valley Crossing - P
- 1.7 Deckers Creek Boulevard
- Marilla Park - P
- 2.5 El Jadid & Carnegie Streets
- Pavement Ends
- 5.9 Mellons Chapel - P
- 9.1 Sturgis Chapel
- 10.3 Greer
- 11.4 Monongalia-Preston County Line
- 13.5 Masontown - P
- 15.1 Bretz Coke Ovens
- 16.3 Burke Road
- 16.9 Kingwood Pike
- 17.8 Reedsville- Route 92
- 19.0 Morgan Mine Road



To Big Bear Lake → Follow I-68 to Exit 29
To Cumberland, MD →

To Grafton, WV Tygart Lake →

To Kingwood, WV →

To Charleston, WV →