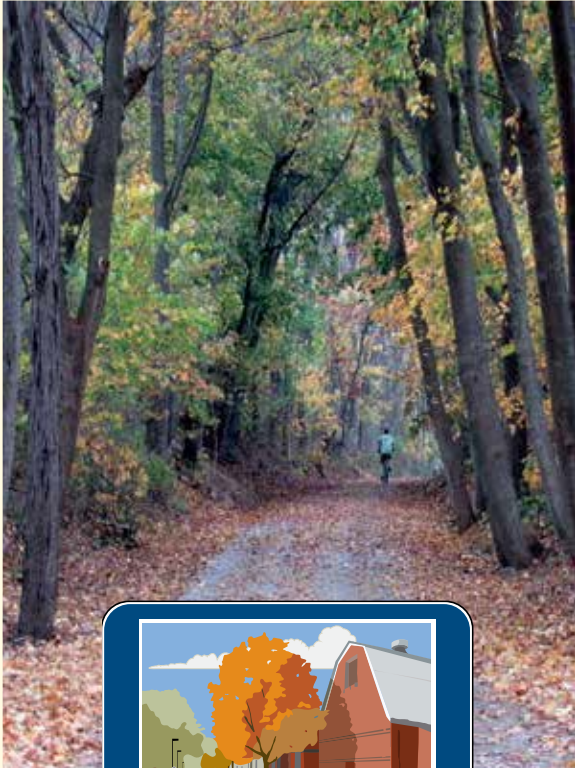


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If you have questions or concerns regarding the trail, please contact any of the following hosting municipalities:

- Akron Borough** » 717.859.1600
- Ephrata Borough** » 717.738.9222
- Ephrata Township** » 717.733.1044
- Lititz Borough** » 717.626.2044
- Warwick Township** » 717.626.8900

In the event of an emergency » please dial 911.

West to East Along the WERT

Lititz Borough: The Lititz portion of the trail begins on North Broad Street, across from the Lititz Springs Park, site of the country's longest-running 4th of July celebration, and proceeds east, parallel with the Lititz Run, known years ago as Carter's Run. Founded in 1756 as a Moravian community, today Lititz boasts a vibrant downtown filled with specialty shops, museums, cafes, and pubs.

Warwick Township: This section of the trail runs from the Oak Street border with Lititz Borough to the township line at the Cocalico Creek, a total distance of 3.75 miles. The trail goes through the Warwick Township Municipal Campus, where parking and restroom facilities are available. The majority of this section runs through scenic farmland, where most of the farms are preserved and are part of an active agricultural economy. When completed, the trail will also run through the village of Millway.

Ephrata Township: Ephrata Township's portion of the trail includes an urban section and two sections of rural trail. The rural sections of trail do not have lights and are open between dawn and dusk. The first section of rural trail begins at the Warwick Township municipal boundary, which is located in the middle of the former railroad bridge over the Cocalico Creek. This half-mile section runs primarily through scenic farmland and ends at Akron Borough's western boundary. It includes a parking area off Millway Road. The illuminated urban section begins at the Akron Borough Park on Colonial Drive and extends a quarter mile to Rt 272, connecting the Akron and Ephrata Boroughs' portions of the trail. The second section of rural trail starts at Ephrata

Borough's eastern boundary and extends for approximately two-thirds of a mile to the current eastern ending point for the WERT. This section of trail runs along the Cocalico Creek through a stream restoration project adjacent to the Autumn Hills development. A parking lot is located in the Autumn Hills development, close to the end of the trail.

Akron Borough: European settlers erected the first permanent structure in what is now Akron Borough in 1724. Once a hub of the cigar and shoe making industries, today the borough is mostly residential, with a population of 4,000. There are a number of small businesses located within the borough limits, and it is the worldwide headquarters for the Mennonite Central Committee.

Ephrata Borough: This trail section extends through Ephrata Borough beginning at its southern municipal boundary with Ephrata Township at South Reading Road (Rt 272) north to West Pine Street. The total distance through the borough is just over two miles. The trail contains three trail head parking areas at West Pine Street, East Fulton Street and Parkview Heights Road. In addition, access is available by parking in the downtown Railroad Station parking lot. The trail surface is asphalt and illuminated for the entire length through the borough. The southern trail head parking area is within 1,000 feet of the intersection of South Reading Road (Rt 272) and Parkview Heights Road where users have access to a diner or fast food. At the intersection with Main Street (Rt 322) users can take in the offerings of Ephrata Borough's Central Business District.

Rules and Regulations

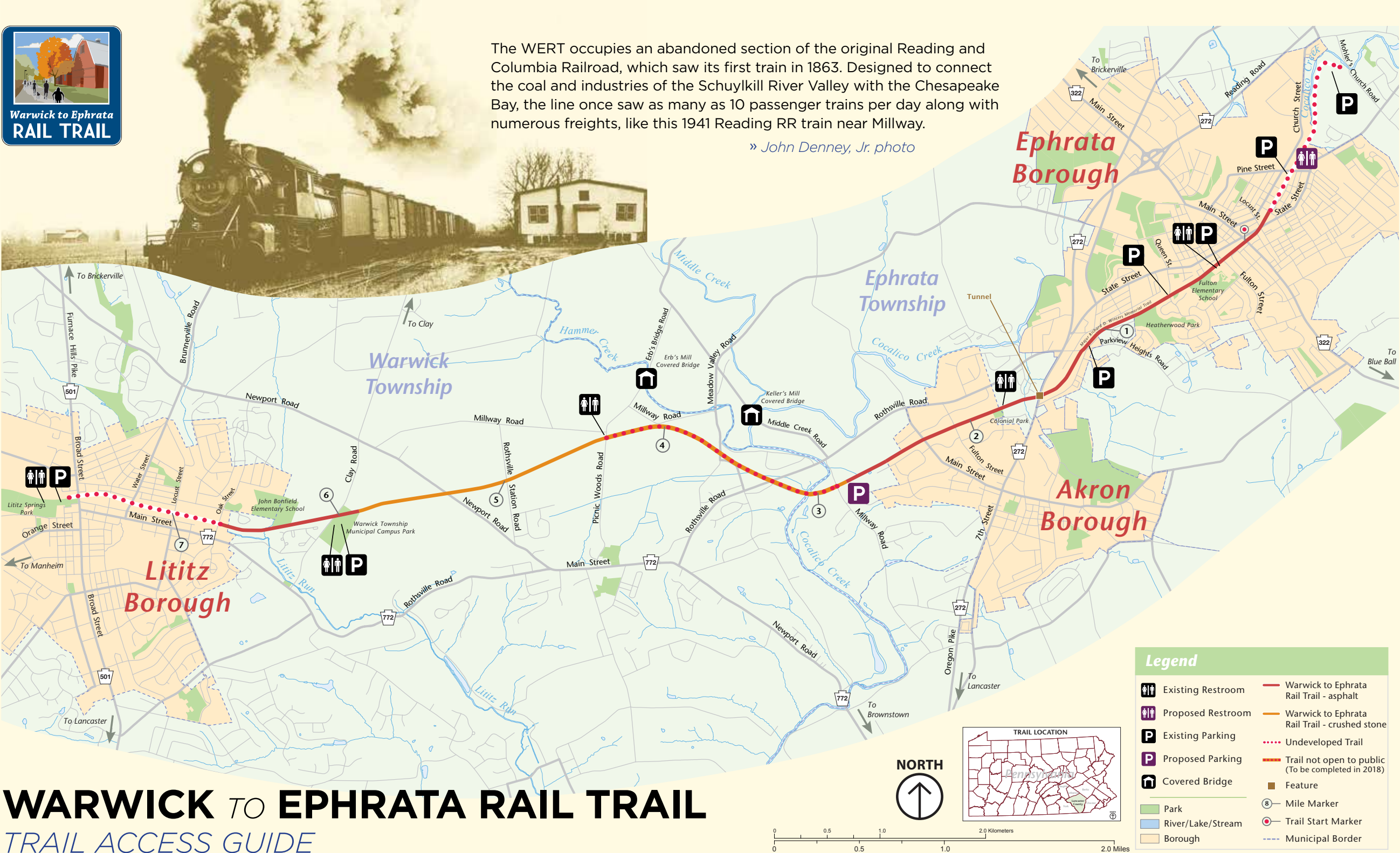
- » The trail is open year round, dawn to dusk, conditions permitting. Enjoy the trail at your own risk.
- » Motorized vehicles are prohibited except for emergency and maintenance vehicles.*
- » The trail is available for walking, bicycling, jogging, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.
- » Horses, buggies, and snowmobiles are prohibited.
- » Soliciting, posting of signs or erection of structures is prohibited.
- » All individuals are to maintain appropriate, respectful behavior at all times. Loitering and/or public disturbances, including lewd or vulgar language and excessive noise is prohibited.
- » Pets must be kept on a leash. Owners are responsible for removing all pet waste.
- » Keep the trail clean – carry out all waste.
- » Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- » Use caution when crossing bridges, roads, and railways, because they are actively used.
- » Stay to the right of the trail and warn when passing.
- » Do not harass wildlife or disturb natural habitats.
- » Discharging of weapons on or from the trail is prohibited. Hunting on or from the trail is also prohibited.
- » Be aware of farm equipment crossing the trail.
- » All other borough, township and park ordinances shall be in effect.

**Individuals with mobility disabilities are permitted to use wheelchairs & electric power driven mobility devices with a max. width of 36" and electrical output of 300 watts or less.*



The WERT occupies an abandoned section of the original Reading and Columbia Railroad, which saw its first train in 1863. Designed to connect the coal and industries of the Schuylkill River Valley with the Chesapeake Bay, the line once saw as many as 10 passenger trains per day along with numerous freights, like this 1941 Reading RR train near Millway.

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