CHESTER≓ VALLEY≅

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

If you see something, please say something. Please refer to the closest trail mile marker and then call 911 with your location.

LEASH your pet. All pets must be on a 6-foot or shorter leash. Please CLEAN UP all pet waste and dispose of in provided trash cans.

Just like on a roadway, please STAY TO THE **RIGHT SIDE of the trail**

Please YIELD when entering the trail and at all trail intersections.

No trespassing onto properties adjacent to the trail or onto other private property.

CYCLISTS- (additional considerations)

- Speed limit is 15 MPH.
- Slower bikes STAY right.
- STOP and OBEY all traffic signs.
- YIELD when passing.
- Audible warning signal when passing.
- Under 12 MUST wear helmet.
- IT'S THE LAW: Pedestrians have the right-of-way.

Thank you! Enjoy the trail



Contact information: Chester County Department of Facilities & Parks 313 W. Market Street, Suite 5402 West Chester, PA 19380

In the event of an emergency please dial 911.

The Friends of the Chester Valley Trail www.chestervalleytrail.org

Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC) www.tmacc.org

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HISTORY

The Chester Valley Trail is located on the old roadbed of the Chester Valley Railroad, a branch of the Reading Railroad. Completed in 1853, the railroad hauled out limestone and lime from booming Great Valley quarries and hauled in coal to fuel lime kilns. Before trucks proliferated in the 1920s, the railroad carried livestock, dairy and produce from thriving local farms to ready markets in Philadelphia. Passenger service ended in 1935 and freight service at the end of the century. In its heyday, the Chester Valley Railroad delivered the mail, united families, conveyed merchandise, carried the news, and provided a modest means of transport for the frugal and the well-to-do. As a rails-to-trails conversion, the railroad is still serving the public today.





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Top: A train similar to ones that ran on the Chester Valley Railroad, circa 1900. Bottom: Eastward train schedule for the Chester Valley Railway showing stations, arrival times and distances.

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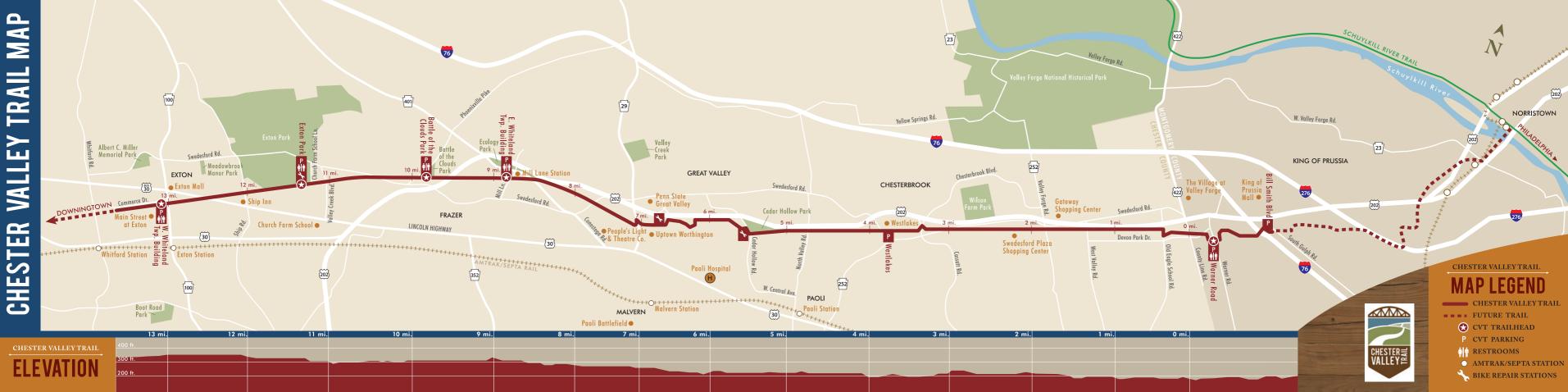
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CHESTER VALLEY TRAIL TRAIL RULES

- The following rules apply to all Chester County Parks and Trails:
- 1. Trail hours of operation: $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset.
- 2. Trail use is restricted to pedestrians and cyclists.
- 3. Defacing or damaging trail property including buildings, markers, or monuments and/or disturbing or removing wildlife or vegetation is prohibited.
- 4. Fires are not permitted.
- 5. Hunting and trapping are not permitted.

- 6. Fishing permitted only in designated waterways, lakes and ponds. PA Fish and Boat Commission laws apply.
- 7. No camping is permitted on or along trail corridor.
- 8. Motorized vehicles of any type are not permitted on trail or within the corridor. All vehicles are prohibited from unauthorized areas. Motorized vehicles must be licensed and are restricted to public roadways. No person shall park outside of designated areas or park in such a way as to block any fire lane, fire trail, maintenance road, or trail.
- 9. Trespassing onto county property not open to the public, or into any construction area, building, etc. is prohibited.
- 10. Soliciting or peddling on county property is prohibited, except under special conditions established by the department.



- 11. Hindering, impersonating or resisting county employees is not permitted.
- 12. Possession of, or being under the influence of, any illegal drug, alcoholic beverage or controlled substance is prohibited.
- Disorderly conduct such as intoxication, indecent language, excessive noise or indecent actions, is not permitted.
- 14. Possession and/or discharge of fireworks is prohibited.
- 15. All trash must be placed in receptacles provided.
- 16. Pets are permitted and must be restrained on a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length. Pets must have a current license and be properly vaccinated.
- 17. Park and trail users must abide by all signs.

