

THE CIRCUIT TRAILS

RADNOR TRAIL

Future Forge to Refuge Trail

Radnor Township, Delaware County, PA

ACCESS

Public Transit:

SEPTA Paoli-Thorndale Line: Strafford Station - West end of trail Radnor Station - East end of trail

See the area map for back streets extending from the stations to the trail.

SEPTA Bus Lines: Route 105 from 69th Street Terminal to Paoli Get off at Sugartown Road and Lancaster Avenue or Radnor-Chester Road and Lancaster Avenue

Bicycle

There are currently no off-road bicycle trails linking with the Radnor Trail. Refer to the Circuit Trails website (circuittrails.org) for recommended routes linking with the Trail.

Vehicle Parking

Friends of the Radnor Trail Park 315 W Wayne Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087
40.040644, -75.396775

Conestoga Road Lot 492 Conestoga Road
Wayne, PA 19087
40.033078, -75.375908



OVERVIEW

General Characteristics:

- Trail length: 2.1 miles
- Smooth 10' wide asphalt path
- Majority of trail is above street level: Excellent for families with children
- Former railroad right-of-way
- Runs the length of Radnor Township and connects with the Township's sidewalk system
- Operated as part of the Township's park system

History and Future

The Radnor Trail was constructed in 2005 on the former right-of-way of the Philadelphia & Western Railroad. The electrified rail line was abandoned in the mid-1950's and the right-of-way was acquired by PennDOT for future highway development. Some of the line became part of I-476, but the rest remained dormant for many years.

Efforts to build a trail extended over several decades of intense controversy, with key support from the Friends of the Radnor Trail. PennDOT finally built the Trail in 2005 in cooperation with Radnor Township.

In the future, the Radnor Trail is planned to be part of the Forge to Refuge Trail, linking with other routes that are part of the Circuit Trails, including the Schuylkill River Trail and the Chester Valley Trail.

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SPECIAL AMENITIES

The Friends of the Radnor Trail Park, formerly known as D'Antonio Tract, is directly accessible from the trail, and has the following amenities:

- Restroom Picnic area
- Bike rack Nature Trail
- Grassy play area

The Township's Historical Society installed interpretive signage in several locations along the trail.

The Wayne Art Center (www.wayneart.org) is directly accessible from the Trail just west of Maplewood Avenue.

Great restaurants, cafes, and shops line Lancaster Avenue. There are a few cafes close to the trail on Sugartown Road and W. Wayne Avenue.

For overnight trips:

Wayne Hotel - A restored 1900s inn with dining. Located at 139 E Lancaster Avenue.

Wayne Bed and Breakfast - An historic 1890 home. Located at 211 Strafford Avenue.



TRIP IDEAS

Simple Trail Loop

To complete a loop, follow the trail to Lancaster Avenue and take the SEPTA train or SEPTA bus back to the start. Details about bus and train connections can be found above in the section, "Access by Public Transit."

Tour length: Walking - 1.5 hours

Biking - 0.5 hours

Saturday Farmers Market Picnic Excursion

Pick up lunch at the Lancaster County Farmers Market at the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and Eagle Road.

Access the trail via the Gallagher Road trail spur and head east to the Friends of Radnor Trail Park. Enjoy a picnic at one of several scenic park locations before or after a 4-mile round-trip to the other end of the trail.

Main Line Garden Tour

The Radnor Trail will take you through scenic neighborhoods full of colorful seasonal blooms.

Take the trail spur that leads to Brooke Road. Turn right on Brooke Road until you reach the Chanticleer Foundation. (www.chanticleergarden.org).

Tour the famous gardens of Chanticleer before returning to the trail.

The Best Of Wayne Tour

Park on the east end of the trail off of Conestoga Road or take the train to Radnor Station.

Head west on the trail toward Wayne.

Take the trail spur after the Maplewood Avenue overpass toward the Wayne Art Center.

Explore the Wayne Art Center, which hosts frequent exhibits, events, and classes for adults and children (www.wayneart.org)

Depart the Center and turn left on Maplewood Ave, take a right on Conestoga Road, and a sharp left on S. Wayne Avenue.

When you reach Lancaster Avenue, spend time exploring the celebrated restaurants and shops of Wayne.

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TRAIL MAP

