

Giving Opportunities

Redbank Valley Trails Association is an all volunteer, 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed in 2010 to develop and maintain the trail. The trail is privately owned. It is made available for public use at no cost. Donations are much appreciated.

Giving opportunities include membership, participation in the Day of Giving in May, memorial contributions at varied giving levels (for shelters, bridges, benches, etc.) and donations of any amount mailed to RVTA. Volunteer work is welcomed: clean up and work project days, maintenance, Adopt-a-Trail and many other activities. Contact us or follow us on Facebook to see how you might join our terrific volunteers in developing and maintaining the trail.

Membership

Membership is not required to use and enjoy the 4-season non-motorized trails, but is appreciated. Visit our website to download a membership form.

Individual	\$10 (Annually)
Family	\$25 (Annually)
Business/Org.	\$50 (Annually)
Lifetime (Individual)	\$150 (One-time)
Lifetime (Family)	\$350 (One-time)

Board of Directors

RVTA's Board of Directors meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM unless otherwise announced. Members and visitors are invited to attend.

Even months
New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
403 Penn St., New Bethlehem

Odd months
Brookville Presbyterian Church
100 White St., Brookville

Adopt-a-Trail

RVTA has 51 miles of trails to maintain and monitor. The Adopt-a-Trail Program is a plan to make sure every mile is getting proper attention. All users are strongly encouraged to pick up trash and address minor issues or report problems they see anywhere on the trails.

If you would like to adopt a section of the trail, please see what is available on our website under the Adopt-a-Trail section and then contact us to register.



Do you or your group have a project you'd like to do? RVTA welcomes scout and service projects. Contact us for details as to how you can help us improve the trails.



Climax Tunnel

Photo Credit: Dennis Morgan



The Annual Peanut Butter Festival 5K



Last train through the valley on November 5, 2007



Winter hikes and cross country skiing

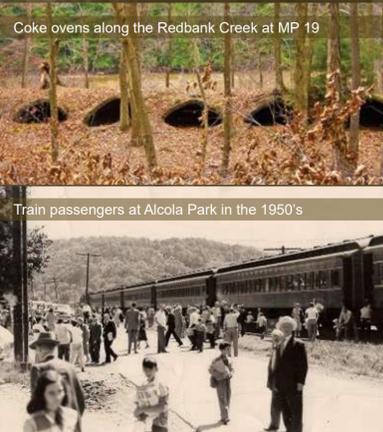


History and scenic beauty

History Along The Trail

MP 0	Redbank Coaling Tower
MP 6	Lawsonham Station
MP 14.8	St. Charles Refractory
MP 15	Tornado of 1860
MP 17	Climax Brick Plant
MP 17.1	Climax Tunnel
MP 19	Coke Ovens
MP 19.2	New Bethlehem Tile Company
MP 20.28	New Bethlehem
MP 20.6	Bear, Milk or Peanut Butter
MP 22.3	Fishbasket Native American Indian Village
MP 22.95	Oak Ridge Turntable
MP 24	Hawthorn Pottery
MP 34	Summersville Station
MP 35.63	Gristmill
MP 35.63	Moore Road Terror on the Bridge
MP 35.96	Rachel Carson Bridge
MP 38.7	Puckerty Joe Settlement

Depot Street Brookville History at Trailhead



Coke ovens along the Redbank Creek at MP 19

Train passengers at Alcola Park in the 1950's

Trail Rules, Safety and Etiquette

General

- Trail use is at your own risk. Services are limited.
- Non-authorized motorized use is prohibited.
- See website for ADA/Other Power Driven Mobility Device policy.
- Open from dawn to dusk.
- Check website for current conditions and trail alerts.
- Please do not litter. Pack out what you pack in.
- Park in designated areas only. Do not block residents or gates.
- Respect private property. Access trail at designated locations.
- Stay within trail corridor and on the trail.
- Do not approach wildlife (bears, deer, snakes, etc.).
- During hunting season (Sept. to March), use caution, wear blaze orange.
- Ticks are prevalent. Take precautions.
- Written permission must be obtained before placing geocaches on trail. Geocaches must be placed in an area that does not present a safety hazard.
- Report maintenance problems or hazards to 814-275-3421, 814-275-1718, info@redbankvalleytrails.org, www.redbankvalleytrails.org or on Facebook.
- Bridges may be slippery when wet.

Bicycling

- Helmets are recommended.
- Keep to the right except when passing.
- Alert others when passing. Announce "passing on your left."
- Adjust speed to weather conditions, traffic and ability.
- Stop, look and proceed with caution at road intersections.
- Using a light in tunnels is recommended.

Pet & Horse Owners

- Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Remove waste from trail.
- Horses are allowed only in designated areas yet to be determined.

Cross Country Skiing

- Walkers – avoid walking in set ski tracks.

Camping

- Permitted in designated areas only.
- No fires are permitted.

Trail Quick Facts

- The trail follows Redbank Creek for 41.5 miles thru undeveloped, natural areas and several towns.
- Connects with Armstrong Trail at Mile Post 0 (Allegheny River) and Brookville at MP 41.5.
- Sligo Spur extends 9 miles from Lawsonham at MP 6 to one mile south of Sligo.
- The trail is now privately owned and open for non-motorized public use.
- Rail corridor was built in 1870's by Allegheny Valley Rail Road as the Driftwood Low Grade.
- Maintains less than 1% grade throughout, except at Middle Run Rd. at MP 21.76 (steep 8-9% grade) and Sligo Spur up to 3% in places.
- It begins at an elevation of 825.4' above sea level at the Redbank Creek's confluence with the Allegheny River and rises to 1220.0' at Mile Post 41.5
- There are 9 stone arches, 3 tunnels and many bridges.
- The tunnels are:
 - Long Point at MP 8.4
 - 644 ft., masonry & brick entrances, curved natural rock interior. Unimproved, travel at own risk.
 - Climax at MP 17.05
 - 608 ft. - brick and stone lined, on a curved alignment.
 - Brookville at MP 41.11
 - 734 feet, brick and stone lined. (Closed)
- Natural resource-based industries, rail stations and facilities existed along the corridor, including coke ovens, coal mines, furniture, pottery, glass, tile and brick works.
- Lumber and gas industries, as well as a peanut butter factory (MP 20.53) still exist.
- Improvements to the trail began in July 2010 and are continuing.

Trail Links

Armstrong Trail
www.armstrongtrailstotrails.org

Baker Trail
www.rachelcarsontrails.org/bt

North Country Trails
www.northcountrytrail.org

Erie to Pittsburgh Trails Alliance
www.erietopittsburghtrail.org

Allegheny Valley Trails Association
www.avta-trails.org

Rail 66 Country Trail
www.rail-66.com

Places to Stay

The Brick House Bed & Breakfast



595 Oak Ridge Rd.
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814-227-3567

info@brickhousebandb.com
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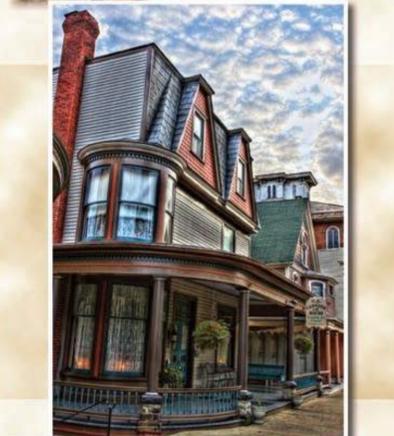
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Towns Along The Trail



Brookville

Settled: 1797
Incorporated: 1830
Population: 3905
Lat.: 41.159654
Long.: -79.080276
Elevation: 1,239 ft

Brookville, county seat of Jefferson County, is located at Mile Post 41 of the Redbank Valley Trail. It is home to the Jefferson County History Center, restaurants, hotels, services, shopping and the annual Western PA Laurel Festival each summer. The Brookville Historic District, Brookville Presbyterian Church and Manse, Gray-Taylor House, Joseph E. Hall House and Phillip Taylor House are all listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on a walking tour.



Summerville

Settled: 1812
Incorporated: 1887
Population: 525
Lat.: 41.116428
Long.: -79.188391
Elevation: 1,185 ft

Located at Mile Post 34, Summerville is on the west side of Jefferson Co. It has a restaurant, outfitter and service station on SR 28.



Hawthorn

Incorporated: 1916
Population: 495
Lat.: 41.020621
Long.: -79.274163
Elevation: 1,094 ft

Hawthorn is home to the United Valley Soccer Association at Mile Post 24. It is the former home of Hawthorn Pottery. A kayak launch is located to the east of the Walker Flat Road bridge near the circle.



New Bethlehem

Settled: 1840
Incorporated: 1853
Population: 989
Lat.: 41.003302
Long.: -79.330935
Elevation: 1,077 ft

Located at the midpoint (MP 20.12) of the Redbank Valley Trails, New Bethlehem is the southern gateway to the PA Wilds and the Lumber Heritage Region. It is home to many grand historic homes and churches, the Peanut Butter Festival in Mid-September, Gumtown Park, kayak launch, many restaurants, services and shopping. Dona's, Hunter's Moon Lodge and Brick House B&Bs are nearby in South Bethlehem, Climax and Oak Ridge.

Towns Near The Trail

Sligo

Settled: 1828
Incorporated: 1878
Population: 684
Lat.: 41.107700
Long.: -79.493350
Elevation: 1,267 ft

Sligo is one mile north of MP9 on SR68. It was long involved in the coal industry and was formerly a busy rail town. Sligo has a gas station, Union Pool Park and limited services.

Rimersburg

Settled: 1829
Incorporated: 1853
Population: 901
Lat.: 41.041667
Long.: -79.5025
Elevation: 1,480 ft

Rimersburg's business district is not on the trail. Main St. is less than 1 mile from the south via 3 routes from SR861. Rimersburg has Avalon Guest House, several restaurants, a grocery store, gas station, banks and shopping.

Bike The Trail!



The Redbank Valley Trail is located approximately an hour northeast of Pittsburgh in beautiful Western Pennsylvania.



Contact Us

Redbank Valley Trails Association

301 Broad Street | New Bethlehem, PA | 16242

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Website: www.redbankvalleytrails.org
Facebook: RedbankValleyTrails

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814-275-6714

Bridges - Arches - Tunnels

Brookville Tunnel and two bridges to the east are closed until further notice. Bridges may be slippery. We recommend using lights in tunnels. At Middle Run Rd. (MP 21.76) steeply sloped ramps (8-9%) replace a bridge. Runs pass under stone arches.

Mile	Crosses	Length	Bridge/Tunnel Name
1.02	Mortimer Run	85'	Covered Bridge stone arch (#266)
7.33	Buck Lick Run	8.42	Tunnel (Open)
10.25	Rock Run	11.94	Long Point stone arch (#265)
11.94	Middle Run	14.90	stone arch (#264)
14.90	Leatherwood Run	56'	Nathan Gourley Memorial Bridge (#263)
17.05	Tunnel	608'	Climax stone arch (#262)
19.02	Long Run	220'	Trail Volunteer/ Bostonia branch station stone arch (#261)
20.30	Redbank Creek	45'	John Galt Bridge (#260)
19.81	Traitlts Run	57'	Justin Burkett Memorial Bridge (#258)
20.53	Leasure Run/Keck Ave.	31'	Ray Doverspike Memorial Bridge (#257)
21.76	Middle Run Road	57'	Adam Mohny Br. (#256)
22.27	Town Run	212'	stone arch (#253)
22.85	Oak Ridge Rd.	221'	Darl L. Kennemuth Memorial Bridge (#252)
24.77	Pine Run	57'	bridge (#251)
26.47	no name run	212'	Rev. Dr. Joseph Mateer Mem. Bridge (#250)
28.68	Patton Run	36'	Rachel Carson Memorial Bridge (#249)
30.76	Redbank Creek	212'	culvert (#248)
31.43	Beaver Run	240'	Dr. Nicholas J. Pozza Memorial Bridge (#247)
35.63	Redbank Creek	212'	Bea Willeumier Memorial Bridge (#246)
37.18	Rattlesnake Run	41.11	Brookville Tunnel closed bridge (#244)
37.96	Redbank Creek	41.28	Sandy Lick Creek closed bridge (#243)
39.28	Coder Run	51'	Sligo Spur bridge
41.00	Redbank Creek	60'	Wildcat Run bridge
41.11	Tunnel (Closed)	46'	Cherry Run bridge
41.21	Sandy Lick Creek		
41.28	Private Road		

(#) represents Rail Road Identification number

For More Information About The Area:

Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce
278 Main Street
Brookville, PA 15825
814-849-8448
www.brookvillechamber.com

Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce
309 Broad Street, Suite 2
New Bethlehem, PA 16242
814-275-3929
www.newbethlehemarea.com

Redbank Renaissance
New Bethlehem area and trail town information.
814-275-1718
www.redbankren.org

PA Wilds
Things to do, outdoor recreation, events, lodging and more.
www.pawilds.com

PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau
2801 Maplevale Road
Brookville, PA 15825
814-849-5197
www.VisitPaGo.com

Redbank Valley Visitor, Community Information and links to other sites.
info@RedbankValley.org
www.RedbankValley.org

Redbank Valley Park
Campground near mile 22.3
www.redbankvalleypark.com
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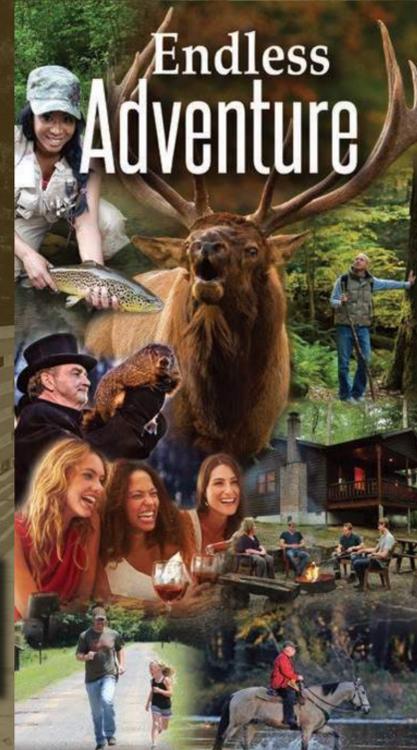
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Redbank Valley Trails

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2019/2020 Edition



Picnic Shelters

Picnic shelters can be found near:

- MP 1.5 Mortimer Run
- MP 8.4 Long Point Tunnel (& Adirondack)
- MP 15.3 Between St. Charles and Climax
- MP 29.9 Patton Station
- MP 37.4 Scout Shelter near Rattlesnake Run
- MP 38.8 Near Puckerty Joe settlement

Shelters, benches, restrooms and tables can be donated in honor or memory of individuals and provide a needed benefit to trail users.



Parking

Parking may be unimproved, but available near these locations and others. Please do not park on private property.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MP 0 Mouth of Redbank Creek at Allegheny River
SR 1002, Redbank Rd.
Lat. 40.9813 / Long. -79.5486 | MP 31.4 Heathville Road, SR 3007
Lat. 41.0895 / Long. -79.1808 |
| MP 5.79 Lawsonham Road
Lat. 40.9951 / Long. -79.4905 | MP 34 Summerville Trailhead
By Post Office, 170 State St. and Station St.
Lat. 41.1153 / Long. -79.1850 |
| MP 12.4 T-468, Leatherwood Station Rd.*
Lat. 41.003 / Long. -79.4107 | MP 35.7 Moore Road off SR 28, right at bottom of hill
Lat. 41.1242 / Long. -79.1629 |
| MP 17.05 West side of Climax Tunnel,
SR 1009, near 4365 Climax Rd.
Lat. 40.9859 / Long. -79.3751 | MP 36.52 Baxter
SR 3003/9675 Mt. Pleasant Road, Corsica
Lat. 41.1324035 / Long. -79.1531138 |
| MP 20.3 New Bethlehem 301 Wood St.
Municipal lot off SR 66 (Wood) and 28 (Broad)
Lat. 41.0024 / Long. -79.3322 | MP 41 Brookville
Downtown parking, trail access via Brookville
Depot St. Spur 40 S. White St. (SR 36)
Lat. 41.1596 / Long. -79.0841 |
| MP 24 Hawthorn - United Valley Soccer's Pottery Field
Off SR 28 at Walker Flat Rd.
Lat. 41.0192 / Long. -79.2730 | S4 Rimersburg, across from Mill Alley Rd.
RT 861 and trail
Lat. 41.0408 / Long. -79.4905 |
| MP 25.5 Mayport - At Mayport Road
Lat. 41.033564 / Long. -79.251198 | S5 Rimersburg
Opposite of Doc's Tavern at 9006 SR 68
Lat. 41.0517 / Long. -79.4946 |

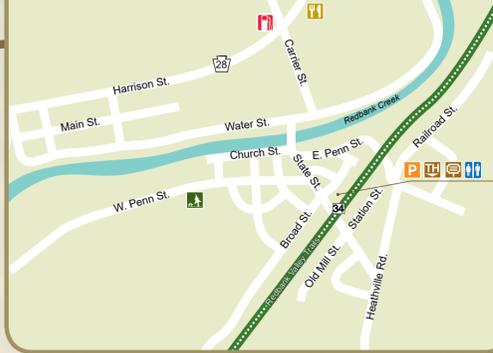
* Road not maintained in winter

Clarion

Elevation Table

MAIN TRAIL	
MP 0 Allegheny River	825'
MP 20.2 New Bethlehem	1077'
MP 24 Hawthorn	1094'
MP 34 Summerville	1185'
MP 41.5 Brookville	1220'
SLIGO SPUR	
Lawsonham	955'
Rimersburg	1480'
Sligo	1267'

Summerville



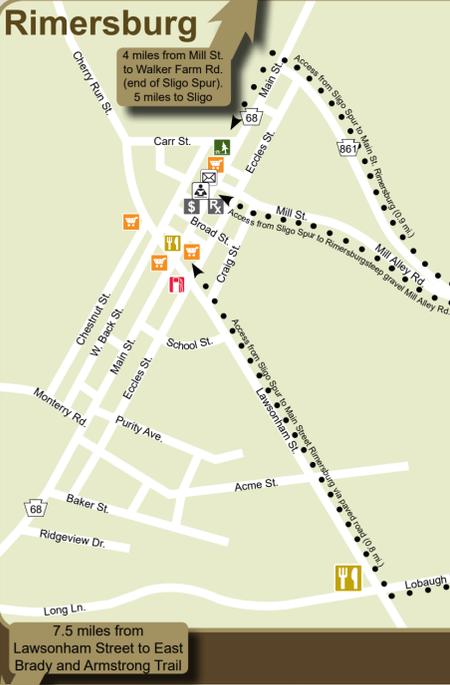
Legend

- Redbank Valley Trail (Open)
- Redbank Valley Trail (Closed)
- Sligo Spur
- Brookville's Depot St. Spur
- Armstrong Trail
- Mile Marker
- Historical Marker
- Trailhead
- Tunnel
- Tunnel (Closed)
- Bridge
- Stone Arch
- Kayak Launch
- Shelter
- Bike Shop
- Fix-it Station
- Parking
- Portajohn
- Park
- Bank/ATM
- Restaurant
- Hospital
- Fire Station
- Police Station
- Shopping
- Pharmacy
- Gas
- Lodging
- Sleep Slope
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- Post Office
- Library



Sligo

The business district of the Borough of Sligo is located one mile north of the end of the Spur at Walker Farm Road. Follow Walker Farm Road to the east/right, then follow SR 68 north/left. Services are limited.



Rimersburg

4 miles from Mill St. to Walker Farm Rd. (end of Sligo Spur). 5 miles to Sligo.

7.5 miles from Lawsonham Street to East Brady and Armstrong Trail

- Rimersburg's business district is not on the trail, but Main St. can be reached from the south via 3 routes by following:
1. Paved Lobaugh Hill Road for .8 mile to Lawsonham Rd, which becomes Lawsonham St.;
 2. Mill Alley Rd., a rough steep gravel road, to Mill St. for about .6 mile. Mill Alley Rd. is at SW corner of intersection of SR 861 and Spur;
 3. Left on SR 861 to a left at SR 68 for .9 mile into Rimersburg's business district. Use caution.

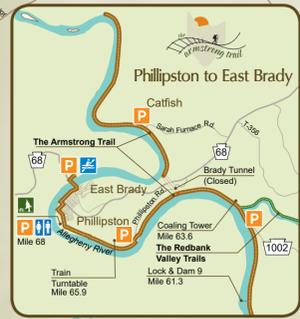
Armstrong Trail Locations from Mouth of Redbank

Downtown East Brady	5 Mile upstream
Rimer	4 Miles downstream
Templeton	10 Miles downstream
Kittanning	18 Miles downstream
Ford City	22 Miles downstream

Visit the Armstrong Trail online at www.armstrongtrails.org

Water and rest rooms are currently only available in towns. Some portajohns may be available. Cell phone reception is limited in some areas. Wildlife may be present. Please wear orange and use precautions during hunting season (September - March).

Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance



Phillipston to East Brady

- Catfish
- The Armstrong Trail
- East Brady
- Phillipston
- Coaling Tower Mile 63.6
- The Redbank Valley Trails Lock & Dam 9 Mile 61.3
- Train Turntable Mile 65.9



Lawsonham



Climax

Long Point Tunnel (OPEN, UNIMPROVED, USE AT OWN RISK, LIGHT RECOMMENDED)

Harter's Moon Lodge and B&B

Climax Tunnel

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South Bethlehem

New Bethlehem

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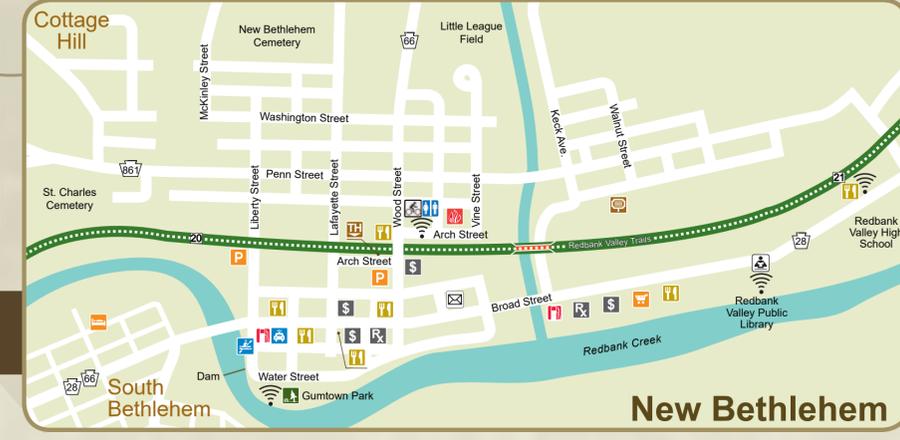
Mile markers are based on historic locations and may not mark actual mileage.



Trails need constant maintenance. Use caution in work areas. Please report any maintenance problems that you see.



Photo Credit: Rhett Atwood



South Bethlehem

South Bethlehem

New Bethlehem

Little League Field

St. Charles Cemetery

Washington Street

Penn Street

Liberty Street

Lafayette Street

Wood Street

Vine Street

Arch Street

Broad Street

Dam

Water Street

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Redbank Valley Public Library

Redbank Valley High School

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Brookville

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Hiram St.

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McKoon St.

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E. 1st St.

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Sylvania St.

Veteran's Memorial Park