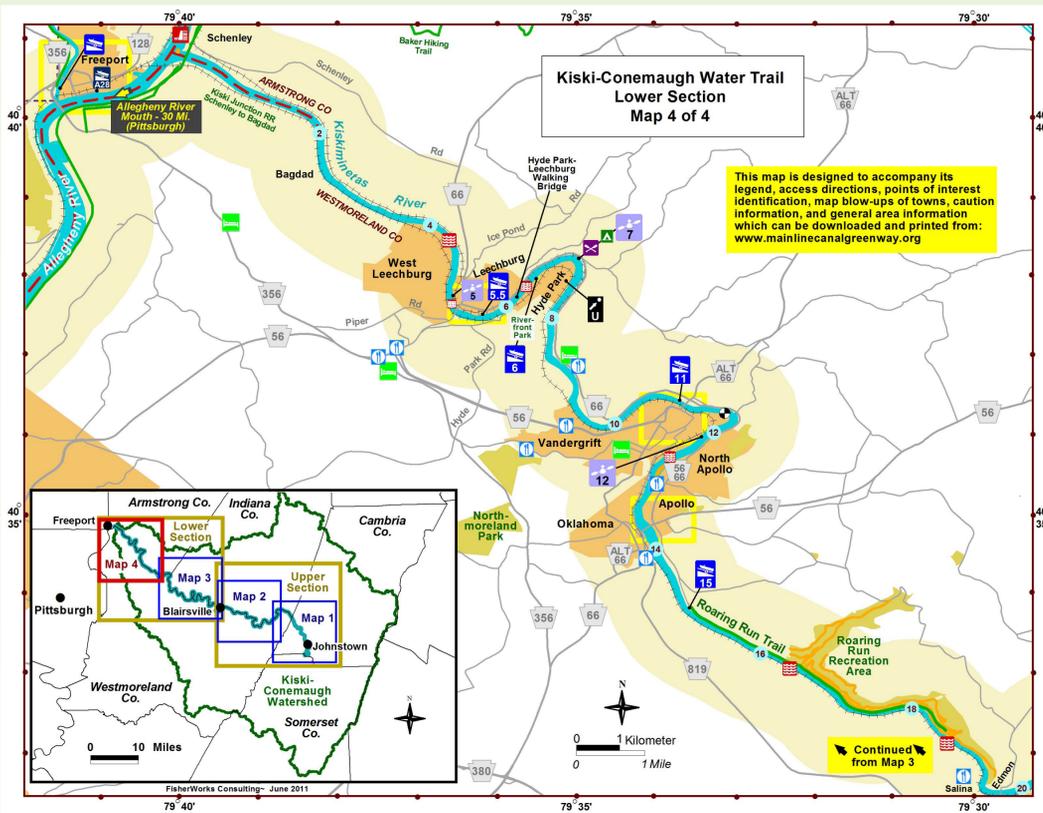


# PITTSBURGH-TO-HARRISBURG MAIN LINE CANAL GREENWAY™

## Welcome to Blairsville!



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Blairsville Borough Website



Blairsville Area Underground Railroad

Founded in 1818 as a stagecoach town, much about Blairsville can be understood through the evolution of transportation systems: stagecoach, river canal, rail, auto, and today, bike and pedestrian travel. Although the railroad industry made the primary mark on the town, the river is what shaped Blairsville.

Blairsville sits in the backwaters of the Conemaugh Dam, constructed in 1949, along with several other regional dams designed to protect downstream communities from repeated flooding. When the dam's reservoir is full, the entire flood area can be backed up for 21 miles, and all elevations up to 975 feet would be underwater. The properties near the river, including the now-ghost communities of Cokeville and Bairdstown, are managed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Today, Blairsville embraces its river heritage with two river access points, its Blairsville Riverfront Trail, and annual river events. The town hosts both Elks and Eagles clubs. Its charming Diamond at Market and Spring streets features a reconstructed bandstand, originally built in 1901. The community is a hub between the West Penn and Hoodlebug/Ghost Town trails.

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