

# JFK Walking Trail

## Pottsville

**BACKGROUND:** The JFK Walking Trail is a former railroad bed that was converted to a walking path by the City of Pottsville in 1976 in conjunction with the Lasting Legacy Foundation. Providence Place, a retirement community located nearby, resurfaced the trail and their tenants frequently use the path. Dr. Gary Scheib generously donated the pet-friendly water fountain in memory of his late wife who loved dogs. Wooden signs donated by Steve Buzalko, a local woodworker, identify various tree species along the trail.

**INFORMATION:** This walking/biking trail is over a mile long and is very dog friendly. It features a water fountain just for dogs and a pooper scooper station. Benches are interspersed and the surface is blacktopped and well-maintained. Restroom facilities include porta-johns (year-round) at the tennis courts. Conventional restrooms are open seasonally at the JFK pool facility. The trail is handicap accessible.

**CONTACT:** The trail is maintained by the City of Pottsville. Contact Tom Palamar, City Administrator, at 570-622-1234 for additional information.



**AREA ATTRACTIONS:** Fast food restaurants and mini-market/gas stations are within walking distance of the west end of the trail. Refreshments are also available seasonally at the JFK swimming pool from an outside window accessible by walkers. Parking is available at the JFK pool complex and at the west end of the trail. Visit the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts, Yuengling Brewery, Schuylkill County Historical Society, Jerry's Classic Cars and Collectibles Museum, and the Sovereign Majestic Theater in Pottsville.



**EVENTS:** Historic walking tours of Pottsville Thursdays and Fridays April through December. Contact the Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau at 570-622-7700 or 800-765-7282 or visit [www.schuylkill.org](http://www.schuylkill.org).

**GPS COORDINATES:**

Lat 40°40'57.27" N Lon 76°13'11.15" W

**RECOMMENDED GEAR:** Comfortable walking shoes.