

John Bartram Trail

Hamburg to Pottsville

BACKGROUND: The John Bartram Trail is just one section of the very involved Schuylkill River Trail being developed in segments as funds and capacity permit. Currently just 8.4 miles of the Bartram Trail is open from Kernsville Dam in Hamburg to the Schuylkill River in Auburn. It follows the old Pennsylvania Railroad line and will eventually run into Pottsville and points north.

INFORMATION: This dirt trail is accessible to bikes, wheelchairs, mountain bikes, walkers, and cross-country skiers. Parking is available at the trailhead at Kernsville Dam Road in Berks County. The



Appalachian Trail crosses this section of the Bartram Trail, southwest of the village of Port Clinton, and sections of the trail cross Pennsylvania game lands.

CONTACT: The trail is maintained by the Schuylkill River Heritage Area. Call 484-945-0200 or go to www.schuylkillriver.org or www.schuylkillrivertrail.com.



AREA ATTRACTIONS: The Union House Bed and Breakfast, Port Clinton Hotel, and the Port Clinton Peanut Shop are located in the Borough of Port Clinton. Cabela's, Walmart, and numerous fast food restaurants are located within three miles of the Kernsville Dam trailhead. The Reading Railroad Heritage Museum is located nearby in the Borough of Hamburg.

GPS COORDINATES:

Lat 40°33'44.20" N Lon 75°59'40.09" W

RECOMMENDED GEAR: Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots are recommended. Helmets and safety equipment are suggested for cyclists.