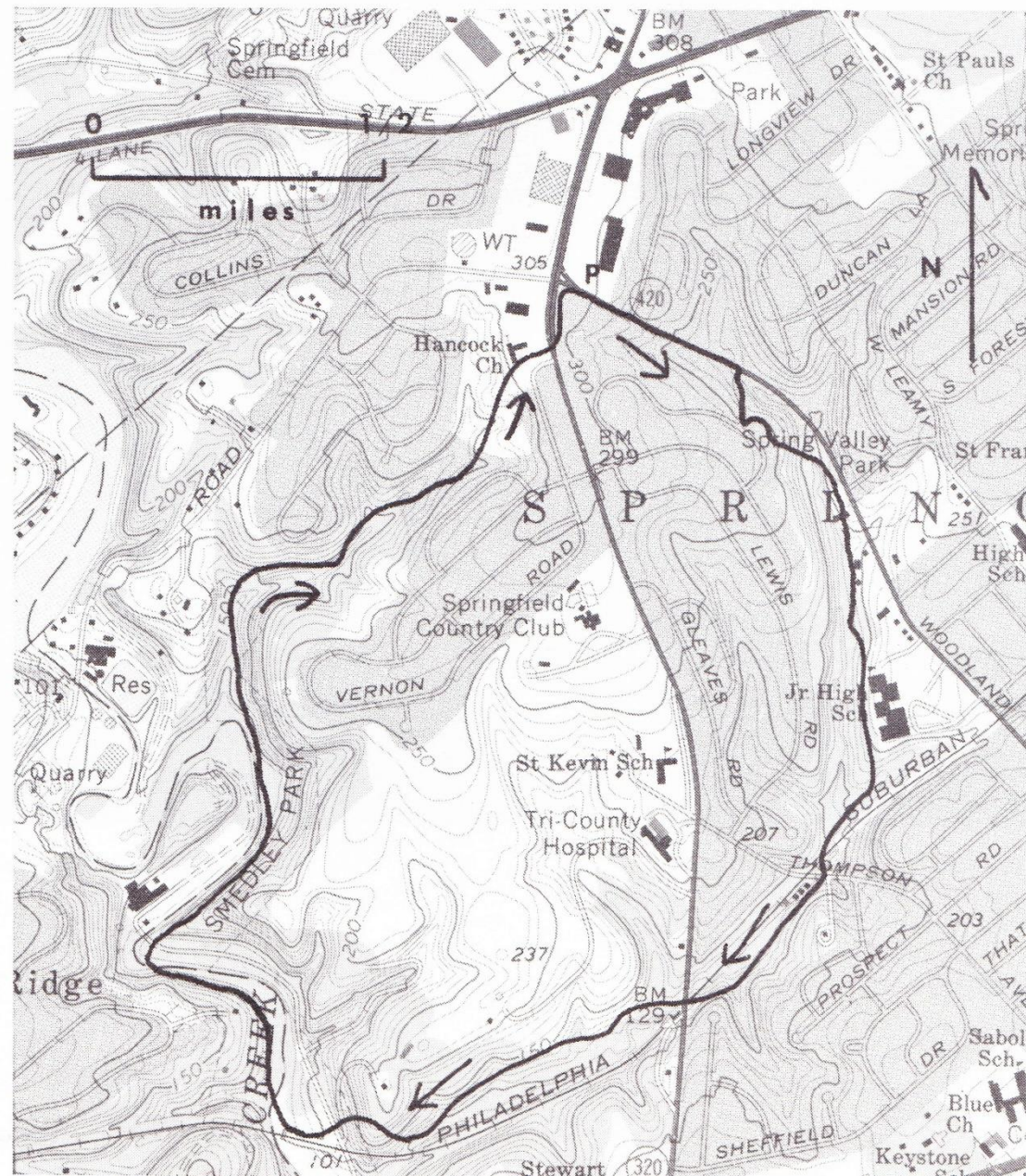


Springfield Trail

Springfield Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania



One of Springfield Township's Little-Known Treasures



Since 2005, Jason Thompson, a resident of Springfield Township, has been volunteering his time and resources to assist Springfield Township and Delaware County to preserve the Springfield Trail. Over the past couple of years, he has joined forces with colleagues of Friends of Smedley Park to strengthen the mission.





Springfield Trail offers immersion in native American history, colonial history, industrial revolution history, geologic mysteries, rolling hills, flatlands, wetlands, streams, cliffs, boulder fields, woodlands and potential old-growth forests, just to name a few.



The Trail's Origin

According to Fifty Hikes in Eastern Pennsylvania, 2nd Edition, published in 1989, the trail's first hike took place in 1969, but was formally established in 1965 through a collaborative effort to secure rights to cross public and private properties.

Fifty Hikes references the Springfield Trail Club, which, according to area residents, was disbanded a number of years ago.

We will be happy to exchange coffee for history and insight.



Trail Length

According to Fifty Hikes, the trail was described as 4.5 miles in length, but, according to various GPS measurements, we believe that it is closer to 6 miles.



Trailheads

According to Fifty Hikes, the trail's starting and ending point was on James Lane, which is off of West Woodland Avenue and just above Kovacs Funeral Home.

As of today, there are eleven informal access points, being:

Paper Mill Road – at the end of the road near the ball fields and I-476 overpass

Pine Ridge Road

Paper Mill Road – near Paper Mill stop on SEPTA Route 101 trolley line

Springfield Mall

Thomson Park

Lewis Road – near Gleaves Road

E.T. Richardson Middle School

James Lane

C.C. Hancock Memorial Methodist Church

Jane Lownes Park

Beatty Road



Watersheds

Principal Watershed:

Crum Creek

Subwatersheds:

Lownes Run

Whiskey Run

Pine Ridge Run



Safety, Access Convenience and Environmental Protection

In addition to plans for numerous trail improvement projects, we are having conversations with Springfield Township and SEPTA to eliminate trolley line crossings and avoid stream crossings without bridges.



We look forward to meeting
you on the trail.

Thank you.



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