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FRIENDS OF THE RIVERFRONT

Through intense collaboration with community partners, government officials, and a diverse volunteer base, our rivers and riverfronts have been transformed from industrial wastelands to international examples of environmental renewal. Whether you bike, hike, rollerblade, or paddle along our beautiful shores, we encourage everyone to take advantage of these assets.

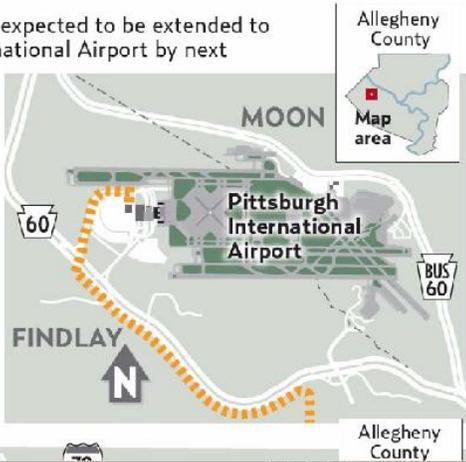


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Trail to airport

The Montour Trail is expected to be extended to the Pittsburgh International Airport by next summer. Post-9/11 security concerns delayed the extension sought by long-distance cyclists from out of town who want to fly in with their gear and then bike the trails connecting Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C., and elsewhere.



BIKE TRAIL TO THE AIRPORT

The dream of linking the Montour Trail to Pittsburgh International Airport could move closer to reality. The Allegheny County Airport Authority board will vote whether to allow 4 miles of a 6-mile trail extension from Enlow Road in Imperial onto airport property, connecting the facility with the popular trail system leading to Washington, D.C. The extension -- proposed nearly a decade ago but delayed by post-9/11 security concerns -- could be open to hikers and cyclists by summer 2009, officials said. That could boost the regions' recreational tourism. Whole article [here](#).

SUZUKI PRESENTS THE 2008 PITTSBURGH TRIATHLON AND ADVENTURE RACE

Suzuki Auto presents the 2008 Pittsburgh Triathlon and Adventure Race, benefiting the Friends of the Riverfront, where they will feature their popular new vehicle models, from the spirited four-door SX4 Sport, bold and functional five-door SX4 Crossover, to the exciting XL7 midsize SUV and rugged Grand Vitara compact SUV. At the event the larger-than-life "Suzuki Zone" will be open to all. A fun, interactive play area for everyone, Suzuki Zone is comprised of a mobile stage unit with an upper deck lounge that features relaxing massage chairs, retro arcade games and even an internet café. Guests can compete against their family and friends in a custom Suzuki racing video game, Ms. Pacman and other vintage favorites, or pose in the green screen photo area. Suzuki "ambassadors" will give away many cool prizes, including a brand new iPod Touch! Vehicle experts will be on-site to highlight each vehicle's unique features and administer test drives for consumers. We look forward to seeing you there! For more info about the Triathlon and Adventure Race click [here](#)! For information about PennDOT's re-surfacing of the HOV lane, click [here](#).





ATM & RIVERCUBES SUMMER '08 OUTREACH

"RiverCubes are works of philosophy, labours of love, and belong to the rivers." This phrase, coined by Bob Johnson who is the creator of this waste-to-art initiative, is what motivates the passion to keep it spreading. Using only what can be found in a landfill, garbage dump, or along Pittsburgh's riverbanks, Bob creates RiverCubes for display showing use for the "unwanted" or "non-valuable" items that make up each Cube. The public installation of the Pittsburgh RiverCubes in proximity to their collection sites along with public programming remains the original idea and abiding goal. For more info, click [here](#). A Tireless Project date is set with a presentation at **REI in South Side Works on Wednesday July 9th, 7:00 - 8:00pm**. Artful Trash Management, RiverCubes, & Cultural Contagion Video/slide lecture from Bob

Johnson, PhD will all have an impact on this event.

YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER OF THE YEAR SOJOURN

The Youghiogheny River Sojourn is a 4-day excursion on the Youghiogheny River, simply known as the Yough, in southwestern Pennsylvania. We'll begin our journey at the Youghiogheny River Lake near Confluence and will follow the river north as it meanders towards McKeesport. The trip will feature one Class I and II whitewater day on July 17, and a Class III whitewater rafting trip on July 18, with a bicycling alternative. On July 19 and 20, we'll spend two days leisurely floating the northern section of the Youghiogheny, where we'll experience the changing character of the river and the historic communities along its banks. Click [here](#) for more info!



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COMFORTS vs. HYBRIDS

How do you know whether you want a hybrid bicycle or a comfort bicycle, and what the heck is the difference! Ultimately, the decision is yours; but with the following tips you'll have an understanding of which bike is best suited to your riding style. A "Comfort" bike is a very popular choice for the leisurely weekend rider; the bike will offer a very up-right riding position, with a big cushy saddle and lots of suspension. Just as suggested in the name, they are very comfortable. They come in two options for wheel sizes (26" mountain wheels, or 700c road wheels) for different surfaces. They start at very low price points, which encourages entry into the cycling world. Comfort bikes are great for casual neighborhood rides and rail-trail cycling. A "Hybrid" bike is the other very popular choice for commuting or those looking to get exercise in a relaxed riding position. Think of them like road bikes with flat bars and easier gearing. The entry level models will come with a suspension seat post, but as the price point rises, hybrid bikes start to mimic the road bike in gearing and sleekness - but still keeping that flat bar and slightly wider tires than a traditional road bike! Hybrids are a great all-around choice for pavement riding (rail trails, road, urban riding), or if you're a roadie who just isn't that limber any longer. Click [here](#) for your nearest TREK of Pgh store!

Increase awareness and engagement with the Pittsburgh region's rivers and riverfronts through activities, stewardship and expansion of water and land trails.

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