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New Trail opening in Brackenridge Tuesday, July 15

Friends of the Riverfront to Celebrate Ribbon-Cutting for Newest Segment of the 35- mile Three Rivers Heritage Trail

Brackenridge, PA — Friends of the Riverfront, in partnership with Brackenridge Borough, will celebrate the grand opening of the Brackenridge Section of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony **Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM** in **Brackenridge Memorial Park**. The ceremony will be followed by light refreshments.

The opening marks the culmination of years of collaboration, planning, and community support. The project began in 2016, when Friends of the Riverfront first partnered with Brackenridge Borough to develop a trail along the Allegheny River. Over the past eight years, the project team has secured funding, completed engineering and design work, and built a new resource to enhance outdoor recreation and connectivity in the region.

The Brackenridge segment will add a half mile to the 35-mile Three Rivers Heritage Trail Network. This new trail will wind through Brackenridge Memorial Park and extend to the Allegheny Ludlum Plant, offering scenic views and expanded access to the riverfront. The new segment is part of a larger plan to extend the Three Rivers Heritage Trail in the Allegheny Valley and connect the network to the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail.

"We are so excited to celebrate with Brackenridge Borough the completion of their segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail," says Courtney Mahronich Vita, Director of Trail Development & Government Relations at Friends of the Riverfront.

"The new segment provides a path along the riverfront and allows the community to recreate safely," Mahronich Vita added. "Trails take a lot of collaboration and patience, and we are thrilled to see this vision become a reality."

Friends of the Riverfront plans to continue to collaborate with neighboring communities in Tarentum and Harrison Township to extend the trail further along the Allegheny River. The Brackenridge segment is a key part of completing the gaps in the Erie-to-Pittsburgh Trail, which is currently more than 70% complete.

The Three Rivers Heritage Trail trail network in Allegheny County runs along the shores of the Monongahela, Allegheny, and Ohio rivers. Aside from the Erie-to-Pittsburgh Trail, it is also part of several other trail networks, including the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) Trail that terminates in Washington, D.C.; the Pittsburgh to Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway; and the Industrial Heartland Trail Coalition network, which connects several states, including West Virginia, Ohio, and New York, to Pennsylvania.

The public is invited to attend this celebratory event to help usher in a new segment of trail and outdoor access in the Allegheny Valley. For more information, visit <https://friendsoftheriverfront.org/event/brackenridge-ribbon-cutting/>.

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Location: Brackenridge, PA

Date: July 15, 2025

Time: 10:00 am Ribbon Cutting, followed by light refreshments



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