

## **OWNER INFORMATION**

If lost, please return to:

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## **About Trail History**

The story of the trail began in September 1869, when 21 sections of the railroad was left in the hands of contractors. This project would end up costing \$400,000 to complete. Work then began on the Freeport end, but ground was not broke on the Butler end untill February 1870. The Western Pennsylvania Railroad-Butler Branch was formally opened to the public on January 18, 1871. This allowed for easier and faster transportation of farm produce, bricks from the brickyards, sand and coal from the mines, and oil from the wells between the towns. This marked the end of the stage coach era. Remnants of the industries that once flourished in the 19th and 20th centuries are still visible today, including stone foundations, brick kilns, small dams, and even some houses and hotels still stand today.

## **About The Historic Geotrail**

The Butler Freeport Trail Historic Geotrail was created for a couple reasons. The idea behind this was to educate both current and new users of the trail of the history that once thrived along the 21 mile stretch. This is a series of 20 geocaches that are all located in areas that hold a historic value to the old railroad. Upon completion of all 20 caches you may for a suggested donation of \$10 mail your completed passport along with a self addressed stamped envelope to the Butler Freeport Trail Council, PO BOX 533, Saxonburg, PA 16056, and recieve a trackable geocoin. Your passport will be returned to you. All proceeds from the coin go toward completing and maintaining the trail surface.

**HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE GEOTRAIL**

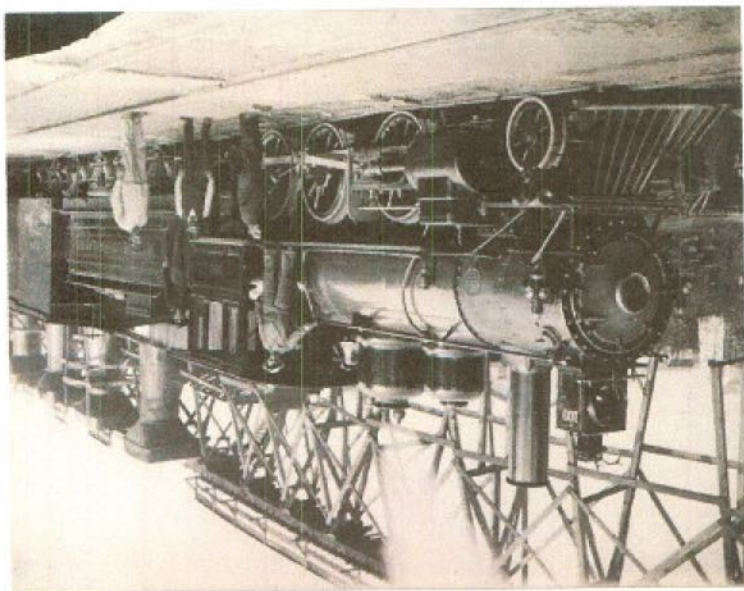
## **About The Trail Today**

Today the Butler Freeport Trail is a 21mile stretch from Freeport to Butler. Currently 16 of the 21 miles are completed, with constuction of the finally sections under way. The trail is handicapped accessible, and good for ages and fitness levels. Everyone can enjoy activities such as bicycling, hiking, walking, jogging, cross country skiing and of course geocaching along the trail. The Butler Freeport Trail is a taxdeductable non-profit organization that functions entirely on volunteerins and is all volunteer maintained. Check out our website:

[www.ButlerFreeportTrail.org](http://www.ButlerFreeportTrail.org) or our facebook page for up to date information and events.



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# The Butler Freeport Trail HISTORIC GEOTRAIL

## BFHG Geocaches

Geocache	Keyword
STANDARD GLASS	
THE VOGLEY'S	
MOCK FUNNERAL CELEBRATION	
TRAIL PAST	
BRINKER'S MILL	
ST. FIDELIAS MONASTARY	
BONNY BROOK	
OIL DERRICKS	
COYLES STATION	
DILK'S SIDING	



## BFHG Geocaches

Geocache	Keyword
DELANO	
SAXONY SATTION	
LITTLE BUFFALO CREEK SAND	
SANDY LICK	
THE FUTURE	
MONROEVILLE	
WINFIELD JUNCTION	
MASSEY HARBISON	
GUEKENHIEMER WHISKEY	
FIRST HOLLER	

