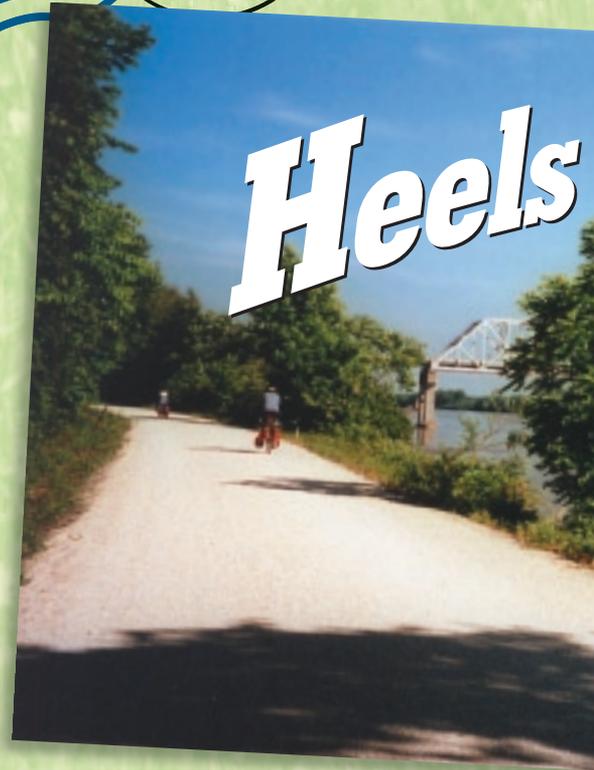


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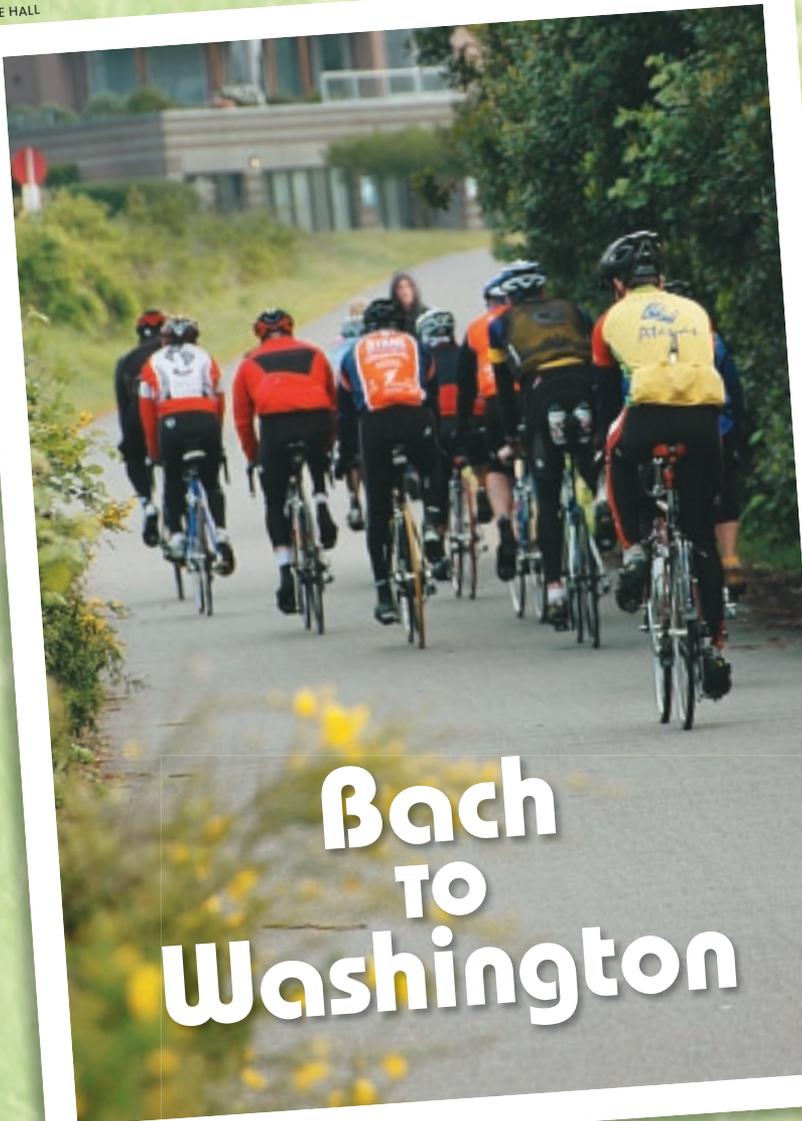
...the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame

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KATY TRAIL STATE PARK ▲

Use your feet to join the fight against AIDS at the first annual Trail to a Cure Ride/Walk/Run in Rocheport on Sunday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fundraising event along part of the Katy Trail aims to honor the memory of those lost to AIDS, as well as people living with AIDS and HIV, by helping to find a cure. And don't be afraid of distance—multiple courses have been designed to suit people of all fitness levels and ages. Contact Trail to a Cure (www.AIDStrailtoacure.org) at 573.268.3841 to learn how to participate, volunteer, become a sponsor or donate to the event.

Length & surface: 225 miles; crushed limestone ♦ **End points:** St. Charles and Clinton ♦ www.katytrailstatepark.com, www.bikekatytrail.com

◀ BURKE-GILMAN TRAIL

Need to change up your running music mix? Then pull off the Burke-Gilman Trail this March for a little organ piping at the University of Washington's Seattle campus. On Sunday, March 2, at 3 p.m., Ronald Ebrecht will perform a selection of works, including pieces from Bach and Mendelssohn, in the Walker-Ames Room of the School of Music (www.music.washington.edu/events or call 206.543.1201). As Wesleyan University's organist for 20 years, Ebrecht has played concerts on four continents, and now his notes will rumble across the rail-trail, which steams right through the middle of campus. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors.

Length & surface: 17 miles; asphalt ♦ **Endpoints:** Seattle and Bothell ♦ www.seattle.gov/parks/BurkeGilman/bgtrail.htm

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▼ FRED MARQUIS PINELLAS TRAIL

Trade snowflakes for sunscreen this March on Bike Florida's Trail Link 2008 (www.bikeflorida.org/html/spring-event.html), a six-day bicycle ride up the Gulf Coast from Clearwater to Fanning Springs. Participants will drop off their cars in Fanning Springs on March 30, bus down to Clearwater with fellow cyclists and then pedal back up to Fanning Springs by April 4. The ride begins on the Pinellas Trail, with later stints on the Withlacoochee Bay Trail, Withlacoochee State Trail, Nature Coast State Trail and Suncoast Trail. To register or learn more about the ride and daily itinerary, call 352.392.8093 or e-mail info@bikeflorida.org.

Length & surface: 34 miles; pavement ♦ **End points:** Tarpon Springs and South St. Petersburg ♦ www.pinellastrails.org, www.pinellascounty.org/trailgd/

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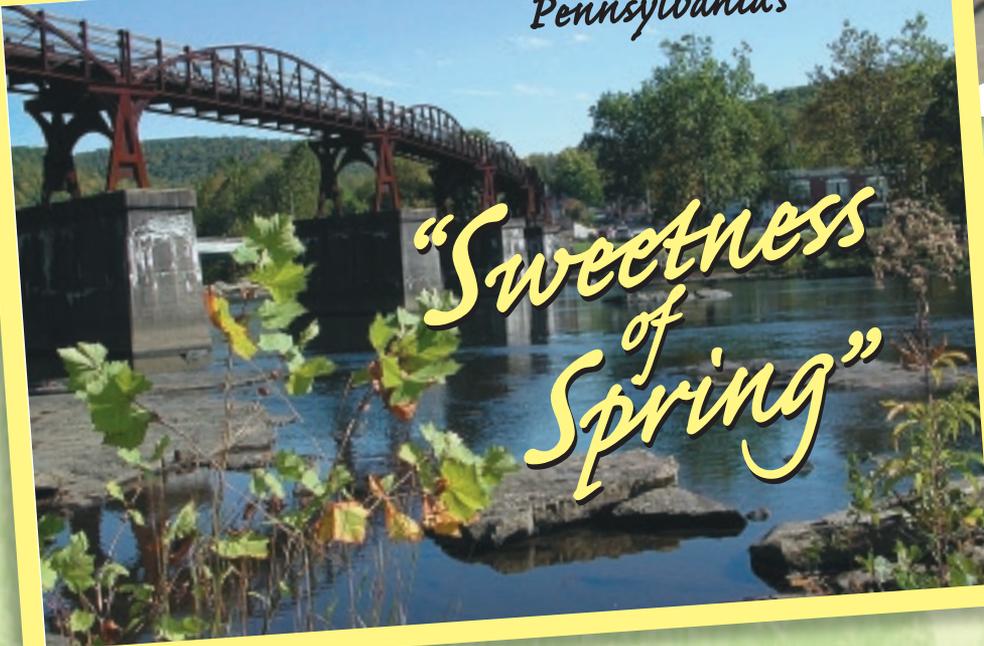
Pedal Power in Florida



TRAILBOOK

Pennsylvania's

"Sweetness of Spring"



Do you think your rail-trail should be a Hall of Fame contender? Write Karl Wirsing at karl@railstotrails.org or Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Attn: Magazine/Greetings From, 2121 Ward Place, NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20037 and describe what makes your favorite rail-trail shine brightest.

◀ GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE

Pancake lovers beware: You might lose control of your senses this spring at the annual Pennsylvania Maple Festival (www.pamaplefestival.com) in Meyersdale, just off the rail-trail. Follow the syrup scent to Festival Park, where the celebration includes car and quilt shows, a parade, live entertainment, all-you-can-eat hotcakes and sausage and, of course, a host of tributes to the grand tradition of maple production. The festival runs March 29–30 and April 2–6.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6–12. For specific event details, call 814.634.0213.

Length & surface: 150 miles; asphalt ♦ **End points:** Cumberland, Md., and McKeesport, Pa. ♦ www.atatrail.org