

## §5 Port Clinton to PA-183

SB	NB	LOCATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0.0	14.4	South Street	40.57933	-76.02757
2.5	11.9	via SGL road from Mountain Road	40.55204	-76.05415
5.2	9.2	via SGL road from Northkill Road	40.53770	-76.12354
6.4	8.0	via SGL road from Northkill Road	40.53770	-76.12354
6.7	7.7	via SGL road from Northkill Road	40.53770	-76.12354
9.3	5.1	via Sand Spring Trail	40.53770	-76.12354
9.3	5.1	via Tom Lowe Trail	40.53770	-76.12354
9.3	5.1	via SGL road and Tom Lowe Trail from Northkill Road	40.52703	-76.12912
13.9	0.5	via SGL road	40.52535	-76.21721
14.3	0.1	via path from SGL road	40.52535	-76.21721
14.4	0.0	PA-183	40.52697	-76.22354

### §§ Mp 0.0/14.4: South Street

**Orient:** In Port Clinton, §4 and §5 meet on the pedestrian walkway along the Railroad Boulevard bridge over the Schuylkill River. Nearby parking is permitted at the town's baseball field on South Street. From I-78/US-22 at exit 29: follow PA-61 north for 2.2 mi to left onto Broad Street into Port Clinton; follow Broad Street for 0.2 mi to left onto South Street into ball field—look for large sign on right side of Broad Street directing visitors to parking area.

**Park:** Room for a dozen cars on grass along outfield fence. Perhaps be wary of parking near field during practices or games. Alternatively, there is room for several cars along north shoulder of Broad Street just beyond intersection with South Street.

**Connect:** From intersection of Broad Street and South Street: head east for a few yards to AT {40.579986, -76.026663} at Railroad Boulevard, on right. For AT northbound, continue on Broad Street towards bridge over Little Schuylkill River and turn right onto Penn Street beyond. For AT southbound, turn right onto Railroad Boulevard towards bridge over Schuylkill River and continue into train yard.

### §§ Mp 2.5/11.9: via SGL road from Mountain Road

**Orient:** The AT at Auburn Lookout passes close by an SGL road that connects to an SGL parking lot 1.2 mi south. The road to the lot branches north from Mountain Road [PA-810] between PA-61 in Hamburg and I-78/US-22 in Shartlesville. From I-78/US-22 at exit 29 in Hamburg: follow PA-61 north for 0.9 mi to left onto Lowland Drive; follow Lowland Drive for 0.5 mi to right onto Mountain Drive; follow Mountain Drive for 2.3 mi to right onto SGL road, at SGL sign. Or from I-78/US-22 at exit 23 in Shartlesville: follow Mountain Road for 4.3 mi to left onto SGL road. From Mountain Drive, continue on gravel road for 0.2 mi to left into lot, just before a gate.

**Park:** Room for dozens of cars in SGL lot on west side of road.

**Connect:** Follow road uphill for 1.2 mi to gate in large clearing at crest; continue briefly on footpath from left of gate to AT {40.56027,-76.06011} at Auburn Lookout, signed a few steps to the right. For AT northbound, turn right. For AT southbound, turn left.

**Note:** • The road from the lot to the clearing and beyond is open to vehicles from mid September to mid January (as posted), and parking is permitted then in the clearing. • The road turns southwest at the clearing and continues to the SGL parking area on Northkill Road; see Mp 5.2/9.2, below. The

road is one way between these two parking areas. • The AT crosses the road at Mp 3.3/11.1 {40.55534,-76.07523} and again at Mp 5.2/9.2, below. Roadside parking is possible along grassy shoulders at both crossings.

### §§ Mp 5.2/9.2: via SGL road from Northkill Road

**Orient:** The AT crosses an SGL road that connects to an SGL parking lot at the end of Northkill Road in Shartlesville. From I-78/US-22 at exit 23: follow Mountain Road north for 0.3 mi to left onto Forge Dam Road; follow Forge Dam Road for 1.1 mi to right onto Northkill Road, at SGL sign; continue on Northkill Road for 0.2 mi into lot at end of pavement, just before gate.

**Park:** Room for two-dozen cars in SGL lots straddling Northkill Road at its terminus.

**Connect:** From gate: follow SGL road northeast for 1.1 mi to right at T-intersection onto another SGL road, unsigned but obvious; continue east on second SGL road for 0.9 mi to AT {40.54741,-76.10108}; not signed. For AT northbound, turn right—going south—onto footpath. For AT southbound, turn left—going north—onto footpath.

**Note:** Parking may also be possible near the crossing during hunting season; see note for Mp 2.5/11.9, above.

### §§ Mp 6.4/8.0: via SGL road from Northkill Road

**Orient:** The parking area for Mp 5.2/9.2, above, also provides access to Mp 6.4/8.0 and Mp 6.7/7.7. Two old forest roads diverge from a common point on the SGL extension of Northkill Road to meet the AT at these mileposts. The old road meeting Mp 6.4/8.0 is somewhat overgrown, and its intersection with the AT is somewhat obscure (especially from the AT).

**Connect:** From gate: follow SGL road northeast for 1.4 mi to a second gate, where the road turns left (west) at a right angle; at gate, turn right onto old forest road; continue east on increasingly overgrown trace for 0.2 mi to AT {40.55680,-76.11065}. The AT is not signed here, but blazes are visible in both directions. For AT northbound, turn right—going south—onto footpath. For AT southbound, turn left—going north—onto footpath.

**Note:** The KTA map labels this connector to Mp 6.4/8.0 as Conner Spur Trail. The ATC guide does not mention this connector.

### §§ Mp 6.7/7.7: via SGL road from Northkill Road

**Orient:** The parking area for Mp 5.2/9.2, above, also provides access to Mp 6.7/7.7.

**Connect:** From gate: follow SGL road northeast for 1.4 mi to a second gate, where the road turns left (west) at a right angle; continue north on old forest road beyond gate for 0.1 mi to AT {40.55877,-76.11516}, signed to left. For AT northbound, turn right onto old forest road. For AT southbound, turn left onto footpath.

**Note:** The KTA map labels this connector to Mp 6.7/7.7 as Old Stage Coach Road Trail. The ATC guide does not name this connector.

### §§ Mp 9.3/5.1: via Sand Spring Trail

**Orient:** Sand Spring Trail also connects the AT and the SGL lot on Northkill Road; see Mp 5.2/9.2, above.

**Connect:** From gate: follow SGL road for 100 yd to trailhead on left (west) side of road, signed; follow blue-blazed Sand Spring Trail for 2.0 mi to AT {40.54192, -76.14966}, signed. For AT northbound, turn right. For AT southbound, turn left.

### §§ Mp 9.3/5.1: via Tom Lowe Trail

**Orient:** Tom Lowe Trail also connects the AT and the SGL lot on Northkill Road; see Mp 5.2/9.2, above.

**Connect:** From gate: follow Northkill Road south for about 100 yd to trailhead on right (west) side of road, signed; follow orange-blazed Tom Lowe Trail for 2.9 mi to its terminus at Sand Spring Trail {40.54179,-76.14745}, signed; turn left onto blue-blazed Sand Spring Trail and continue for 0.1 mi to AT, signed. For AT northbound, turn right. For AT southbound, turn left.

### §§ Mp 9.3/5.1: via SGL road and Tom Lowe Trail from Northkill Road

**Orient:** An SGL road connects Northkill Road to Tom Lowe Trail midway. From I-78/US-22 at exit 23: follow Mountain Road north for 0.3 mi to left onto Forge Dam Road; follow Forge Dam Road for 1.1 mi to left onto Northkill Road, at SGL sign; continue on Northkill Road for 0.4 mi to pullout at gate on right (west) side of road.

**Park:** Room for a few cars straddling gate. There is also a large SGL lot on the west side of Northkill Road 0.2 mi northeast of this pullout.

**Connect:** From gate: follow SGL road for 0.5 mi to unsigned merge with orange-blazed Tom Lowe Trail {40.52814,-76.13669}, here about 1.2 mi from the trailhead on Northkill Road; follow Tom Lowe Trail straight ahead (west) for 1.7 mi to its terminus at Sand Spring Trail, signed; turn left onto blue-blazed Sand Spring Trail and continue for 0.1 mi to AT, signed. For AT northbound, turn right. For AT southbound, turn left.

### §§ Mp 13.9/0.5: via SGL road

**Orient:** The AT crosses an SGL road that leads 0.3 mi southwest to an SGL parking lot on PA-183; see Mp 14.3/0.1, below.

**Connect:** From gate at terminus of SGL road: follow SGL road uphill for 0.3 mi to AT {40.52734,-76.21444}, signed. For AT northbound, turn right. For AT southbound, turn left.

### §§ Mp 14.3/0.1: via path from SGL road

**Orient:** The AT crosses PA-183 in Strausstown 3.1 mi northwest of I-78/US-22 at exit 19. An SGL lot 0.3 mi south of the crossing provides easy and spacious parking. From I-78/US-22 at exit 19: follow PA-183 N for 2.8 mi to right onto gravel driveway; bear right into lot (to right of gate for SGL road). The lot is not visible from the road; look for gravel driveway and brown SGL sign near end of guardrail.

**Park:** Room for a boatload of cars in huge SGL lot.

**Connect:** From gate at terminus of SGL road: follow service road uphill for about 170 yards to unmarked path on left {40.526290, -76.215845}, just before reaching third concrete drainage block; follow path (loosely parallel to PA-183) for 0.3 mi to AT {40.527296, -76.221011}. For AT northbound, turn right. For AT southbound, turn left.

**Note:** Alternatively, it is possible to walk along the curving berm of busy PA-183 for 0.3 mi from the lot to the AT crossing.

### §§ Mp 14.4/0.0: PA-183

**Orient:** The AT crosses PA-183 in Strausstown 3.1 mi northwest of I-78/US-22 at exit 19. There is room for a few cars at the crossing. From I-78/US-22 at exit 19: follow PA-183 N for 3.1 mi to crest,

shortly after the two-lane roadway expands to four lanes; look for pull-off on west side of road. There is a gate at the pull-off, and there is an AT sign on the east side of the road.

**Park:** Room for 8–10 cars along tight shoulder on west side of road and straddling gate. See Mp 14.3/0.1, above, for additional, easier parking.