

WESTERN MARYLAND RAIL TRAIL



BICYCLISTS AND ROLLERBLADERS ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HELMET!

THE PATH OF HISTORY

The Western Maryland Rail Trail follows the path of history. From the days of the Native Americans of centuries ago to the interstate highways of today, the Potomac River valley has always been an important transportation corridor. The National Road, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and the Baltimore and Ohio and Western Maryland Railroads made use of the Potomac River's route through the mountains. The historic town of Hancock, strategically

located at the foot of the Appalachians, has offered hospitality to travelers since colonists first started moving west. The paved Western Maryland Rail Trail, built on the abandoned Western Maryland Railway, offers a smooth, nearly flat ride through the mountains plus scenic vistas and a bit of history and geology for added enjoyment. Whether you're biking across the country or just out for a day or weekend, Hancock is still a great stopping place. Come visit us and see for yourself!

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