

# Lower Trail River Walk Route



- 1 Grannas Station
- 2 The Frankstown Branch Juniata River
- 3 Indian Chief Rock
- 4 Williamsburg Station

— Extension (additional 2 miles)

**P** Parking

 Start/Stop

..... Distance 2 Miles

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- 1 Grannas Station**

The Rails-to-Trails of Central Pennsylvania (RTTCPA) Headquarters Visitor Center is located here, at the Grannas Station trailhead at Ganister, in an old Pennsylvania Railroad freight station. Opening in 1859, the railroad took the place of the Pennsylvania Canal and this section nicknamed “Pennsy” was considered the Petersburg Branch railway, which was utilized until 1979 and completely abandoned by 1982. The land became overgrown and desolate until 1990 when RTTCPA purchased the property from T. Dean Lower. The trail was named in memory of Lower’s relatives. The Lower Trail would not have been possible without the great efforts of RTTCPA.
- 2 The Frankstown Branch Juniata River**

This is a 46.0-mile-long tributary of the Juniata River crossing the Lower Trail at three locations via abandoned railroad bridges. The Frankstown Branch forms at the village of Claysburg flowing to the east of Hollidaysburg where it continues along a southeasterly direction flowing through water gaps near Williamsburg and Alexandra before joining the Little Juniata River to form the main stem of the Juniata River.
- 3 Indian Chief Rock**

This is a unique geological feature located across the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River known as Indian Chief Rock. These vertically-tilted layers of light gray, limy Gatesburg Formation sandstone have been weathered over geologic ages into what some imagine as an Indian chief in full-length feathered headdress standing on the river bank facing the cliff.
- 4 Williamsburg Station**

This is one of six trailheads located along the Lower Trail. Each of the six stations along the Lower Trail offers parking, chemical toilets and picnic pavilions. The Lower Trail is part of the Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway, is an Audubon Important Birding Area and is a National Recreation Trail.