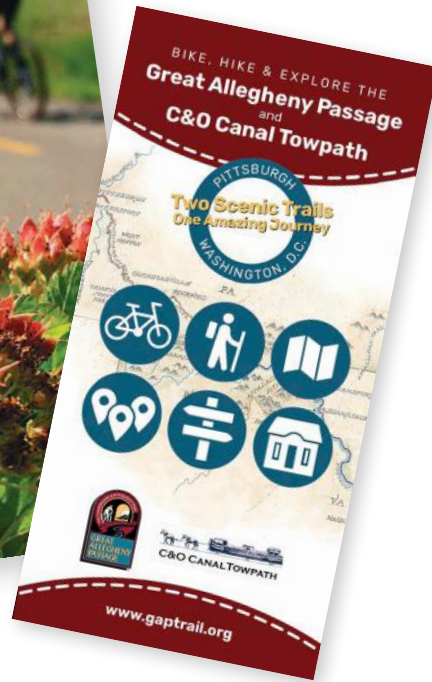


Great Allegheny Passage Conservancy

2025 Print Media Kit

Promote Your Business to Visitors to the C&O Canal Towpath and Great Allegheny Passage





Get Your Business in Front of Potential Customers!

Reach Multiple Audiences

Trail town businesses and national brands promote their services and gear in *TrailGuide* and the *Two Scenic Trails* brochure, targeting motivated, monied outdoor adventurers from among all 50 states and dozens of countries.

Reach customers looking for all these amenities:

- Hotels, B&B's, guesthouses, campgrounds, and hostels
- Restaurants, cafés, bakeries, coffee shops, grocers, breweries, wineries, and ice cream parlors
- Outfitters, bike shops, day- and multi-day bike rentals, canoe and kayak rentals
- Shuttle services, custom trip designers, guide-led excursions, and packaged tours
- Four-season resorts with overnight packages geared toward bicycle tourism
- Museums, gardens, heritage sites, galleries, and destination marketing organizations
- Camping gear, bicycles, tents, panniers, hiking boots, and backpacks
- Manufacturers of bicycles and bicycle accessories, including lights, gear, footwear, panniers, helmets, hydration systems, and shipping services.

Advertise in TrailGuide:

The Official Guide to Traveling the C&O Canal Towpath and Great Allegheny Passage

TrailGuide is the trusted, signature resource for anyone planning a visit to the Great Allegheny Passage or C&O Canal Towpath. It details attractions, provides trip-planning tools, charts, and packing checklists, as well as parking tips. Each book includes a fully-detailed two-sided, removable, weatherproof map with updated icons for town amenities, updated mileage and elevation charts, and locations of parking and intersecting trails, perfect for trip-planning. Travelers look first to TrailGuide to locate available accommodations and destinations.

Reach a Motivated, Moneyed Audience

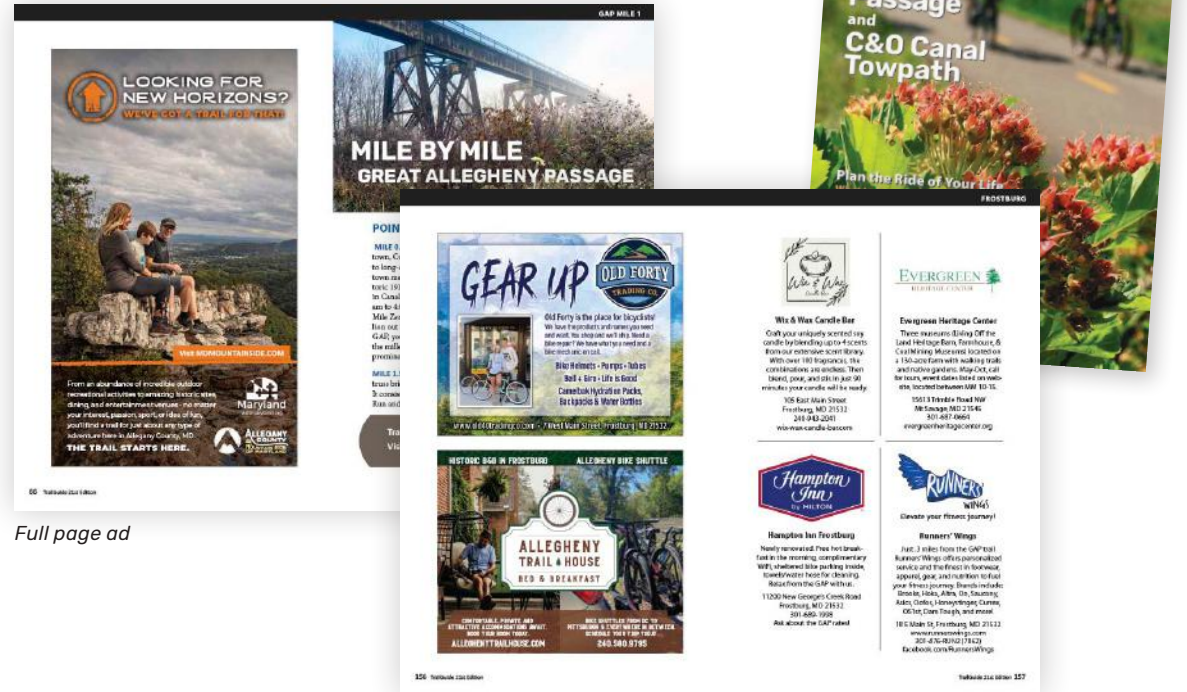
By advertising in TrailGuide, you're getting in front of an audience that's likely to plan a multiday adventure and pay for a high level of services:

- Bicyclists in the 45–64 year old cohort make up more than half of all overnight trips on the GAP, and they come from all 50 states from dozens of countries.
- Overnight travelers on the GAP recently reported spending **\$496 per person per trip**, primarily on lodging, restaurants, custom tours, bike rental, and shuttle services
- The GAP receives around **one million visits a year**, with **70,000 to 100,000 overnight bicycle travelers**.

Options for Every Business, Brand, or Service

With TrailGuide, no matter how you advertise, you're seen as a supportive, trail-facing business ready to welcome customers off both trails. We have an option to suit your goals:

- Prominent cover locations give your brand or business high visibility to everyone
- Half- and full-page ads include photography and give you **creative control** over how your business or destination is portrayed
- Clean, **easy-to-read** quarter page ads organized by town make your business stand out
- Multiple indexes **help travelers find you** by business type, trail mile marker, or alphabetically



Full page ad

Half page & quarter page ads

Targeted Distribution

Annually, **over 6,500 customers** from all over the country buy TrailGuide directly from us via gaptrail.org. We distribute another 1,500 for sale among over 100 retail locations, including REI, bike shops, and trailside visitor centers.

Reach Even More Customers

Advertising in both TrailGuide and the Two Scenic Trails brochure can provide you a discounted rate. Email Dionne Brelsford, Director of Business Partnerships, at dbrelsford@gaptrail.org for details and availability.

TRAILGUIDE AD PLACEMENT EXAMPLES



Half pages & quarter pages



Full page & quarter pages



Half pages next to text



Full page next to text



Full page next to section opener

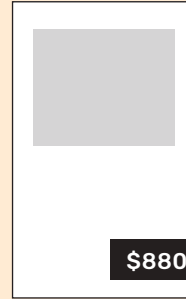
TRAILGUIDE AD DIMENSIONS



\$460

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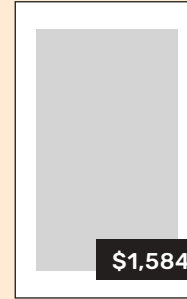
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\$880

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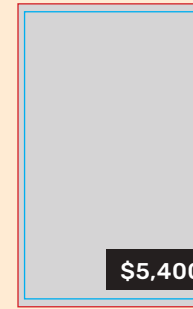
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\$1,584

Full Page

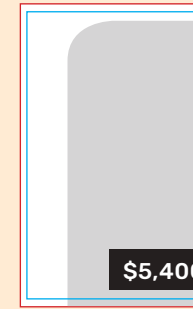
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\$5,400

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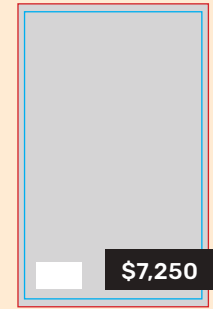
5.125" w x 8.5" h
300 dpi
Plus .125" bleed
CMYK



\$5,400

Inside Back Cover

3.875" w x 8.25" h
300 dpi
Plus .125" bleed
CMYK



\$7,250

Back

5.25" w x 8.375" h
300 dpi
Plus .125" bleed
CMYK

TRAILGUIDE AD CREATIVE SPECS AND RATES

Quarter Page	\$460	Town Section	Provide a description of your business with up to 150 characters (including spaces), your business logo, business name, address, phone number, and website address.
Half Page	\$880	Town or Guide Sections	Descriptive photo, bold headlines, clear copy about your business. We recommend no type smaller than 9 points.
Full Page	\$1,584	Town or Guide Sections, or Title-Facing*	Descriptive photo, bold headlines, clear copy about your business. We recommend no type smaller than 9 points.
Inside Front Cover	\$5,400	Inside Front Cover*	Descriptive photo, bold headlines, clear copy about your business. We recommend no type smaller than 9 points.
Inside Back Cover	\$5,400	Inside Back Cover*	Descriptive photo, bold headlines, clear copy about your business. We recommend no type smaller than 9 points. Design is printed on pocket holding the official trail map.
Back Cover	\$7,250	Back Cover*	Descriptive photo, bold headlines, clear copy about your business. We recommend no type smaller than 9 points. Please leave space for barcode in lower left corner.

* Limited availability

Two Scenic Trails Brochure

Advertise in Two Scenic Trails:

Introducing New Audiences to the GAP and C&O Canal Towpath

The *Two Scenic Trails* brochure showcases 333 miles of spectacular scenery stretching from Washington, D.C. to Pittsburgh. The Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Canal Towpath connect historic landmarks and offer breathtaking vistas while tracing the path of America's westward expansion. It gives a bird's eye view of both trails in their larger geographic context, and includes connecting cities, highways, waterways, state and national parks, intersecting trails, and points of interest. More detailed trip-planning maps are available at gaptrail.org or in *TrailGuide*.

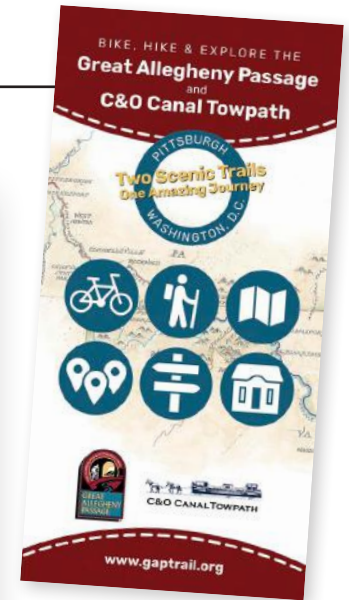
Reach Tourists Looking for an Experience

By advertising in *Two Scenic Trails*, you're reaching people looking for a vacation destination or a weekend getaway. We distribute the brochure for free so that cycling, hiking, and camping enthusiasts will consider the Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Canal Towpath for their next excursion.

Families, groups, and individuals from across the nation and around the world travel to Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. to visit these trails. A through trip from one city to another is often seen as a lifelong dream. Our free brochure is available to tour guides, at visitor centers, in welcome pavilions, at festivals and biking events all to get the word out broadly. We reach people with the time and money for a vacation—a perfect opportunity for you to tell them about your products and services.



The Great Allegheny Passage side of brochure, fully unfolded



Broad Visibility

We distribute **over 30,000 copies** among **over 150 locations** in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C., and Iowa, including visitor centers, bicycle and outdoor recreation events, businesses, **plus over 100 bike shops** in major cities in Illinois, Michigan, New York, Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana, Delaware, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and Ontario.

Reach Even More Customers

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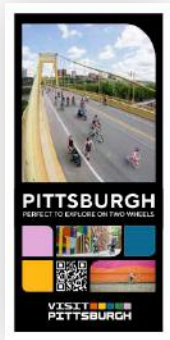
TWO SCENIC TRAILS AD PLACEMENT EXAMPLES



1/3 panel



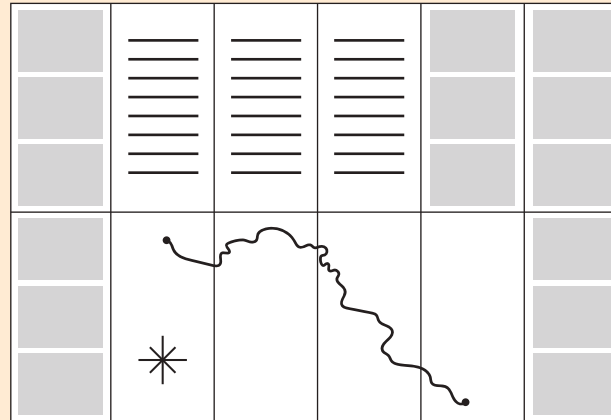
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Back cover panel

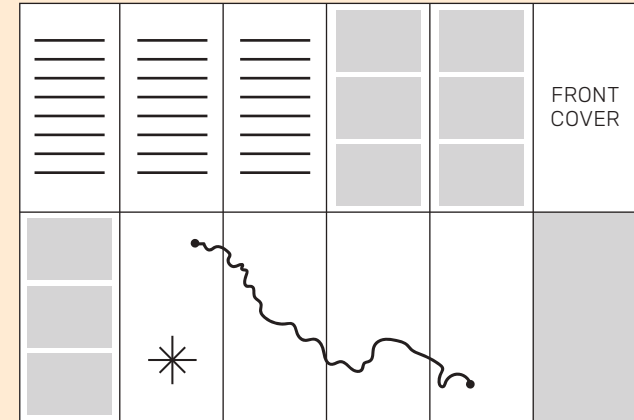
BROCHURE AD DIMENSIONS

SIDE 1 C&O Canal Towpath Map and Highlights



1/3 Panel
3.5" w x 2.35" h
300 dpi
No bleed
CMYK

SIDE 2 Great Allegheny Passage Map and Highlights



Full Panel
3.5" w x 7.625" h
300 dpi
No bleed
CMYK

Back Cover Panel
4" w x 8.125" h
300 dpi
Plus .125" bleed
CMYK

BROCHURE AD CREATIVE SPECS AND RATES

Panel Type	Rate	Specifications
1/3 Panel	\$1,095	Descriptive photo, bold headlines, clear copy about your business. We recommend no type smaller than 9 points.
Full Panel	\$2,600	Descriptive photo, bold headlines, clear copy about your business. We recommend no type smaller than 9 points.
Back Cover Panel	\$4,000	Descriptive photo, bold headlines, clear copy about your business. We recommend no type smaller than 9 points.

Limited availability for all ad locations

Events and Expos

Advertise at Events and Expos:

The GAP Conservancy Will Distribute Your Brochure at Our 2025 Event Booths

In 2025, the GAP Conservancy will be attending and tabling at eight events and expos. For just \$175, our team will distribute your business's brochures at our booth during the following events:

- **2025 Philly Bike Expo**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 8-9, 2025
- **2025 National Bike Summit**
Washington, D.C.
March 11-13, 2025
- **2025 TD Five-Boro Bike Expo**
New York City, New York
May 1-3, 2025
- **2025 Pittsburgh Marathon Health & Fitness Expo**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 2-4, 2025
- **2025 Rush to Crush Cancer**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 18, 2025
- **2025 RAGBRAI Expo**
Sioux City, Iowa
July 19, 2025
- **2025 Pittsburgh Open Streets (3 weekends during summer)**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 10, June 28, and July 26, 2025
- **2025 Pedal Pittsburgh**
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 24, 2025



This lineup may change slightly depending on factors including weather, scheduling, vendor space, and travel costs.



“Advertising in *TrailGuide* is really all we need to keep our phone ringing with inquiries and bookings all season!”

Greg and Rhona Stocksedale, 2 Wheel Escapes, West Newton, Pennsylvania

About the Great Allegheny Passage

The Great Allegheny Passage is a spectacular 150-mile path between Cumberland, Maryland and Pittsburgh, and offers world-class bicycling and hiking adventures. With stupendous mountain views from 16 bridges and with easy travel through four tunnels, the GAP was the first path named to the National Rail-Trail Hall of Fame. Each year, travelers visit the GAP from all over the United States and around the world, and drive an estimated \$121 million in economic impact in the region. The Great Allegheny Passage receives national press attention, with recent stories in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USAToday*, *National Geographic*, and *Fodor’s Travel*. With over a million visits annually, it’s the country’s premiere long-distance bicycle tourism adventure.

About the GAP Conservancy

The Great Allegheny Passage Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which coordinated the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage, and now stewards its ongoing care and enjoyment. We promote traveling the GAP and its sister trail, the C&O Canal Towpath, and seek the flourishing of trail towns and the joy of travelers along the entire Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. journey.

Advertiser Deadlines

TRAILGUIDE & TWO SCENIC TRAILS BROCHURE

Reserve ad space by
August 22, 2025

Submit ad materials for ad prepared by GAP Conservancy by
August 29, 2025

Press-ready files due by
September 12, 2025

Final ad payment due up front by
September 30, 2025



Act Now!

Contact Dionne Brelsford, Director of Business Partnerships & Events at dbrelsford@gaptrail.org.
P.O. Box 228, Homestead, PA 15120 | gaptrail.org

Print Advertisement Agreement Form

Full Business Name

Contact Name (First & Last)

Address, City, State, ZIP

Phone

Email Address

Email or mail a signed print advertisement agreement by August 22, 2025 to Dionne Brelsford at dbrelsford@gaptrail.org.

QUESTIONS:

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TRAILGUIDE

TWO SCENIC TRAILS BROCHURE

DESIGN SERVICES

Quarter Page - \$460

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Ad Design - \$150

The GAP Conservancy's design team can produce your business's advertisement.

All ad materials must be submitted to the GAP Conservancy no later than **August 29, 2025**.

EVENTS AND EXPOS

Tabling at 8 Events - \$175

PAYMENT DUE DATE AGREEMENT

All *TrailGuide* and *Two Scenic Trails* brochure ad payments are due by **September 30, 2025**, in advance of going to print.

Please make all checks payable to GAP Conservancy

Mail: GAP Conservancy, P.O. Box 228, Homestead, PA 15120

Email Dionne Brelsford at dbrelsford@gaptrail.org to run a credit card (fee applies).

Authorization Signature

Date