

**SECTION 3: SR 1004 TO PA ROUTE 36
ASHCOM TO YELLOW CREEK
EVERETT & SGL 73**

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The southern trailhead is located on SR 1004/Ashcom Rd, a paved road through the gap in Tussey ridge just west of Everett and south of the turnpike. There is minimal parking along SR 1004 0.3 km east of the trailhead. Parking may be found in Everett itself. The northern trailhead is on PA 36 just west of New Frontier Restaurant east of Loysburg. There is a fairly large pullout along the highway here along the Game land boundary.

There is intermediate access from a side trail (the start of a pending relocation) to a SGL parking area behind Everett Area Business Park, and also a side management road to an SGL parking area off a lane leaving SR 1005 at the head of Snake Spring Valley. Features of this section are the Earlston Furnace Cinder Piles, small town America in Everett Borough, largest town directly on MST, and remnants of the abandoned Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad.

There is no known water source along this entire section but there may be seeps along the bench north of Snake Spring Valley. Near the south end MST is very close to the Raystown Branch but this river water requires filtration and disinfection. Get water at commercial establishments in Everett. Section 3 opened in 2001 and relocated partially in 2010. Future relocations are planned so check <http://www.hike-mst.org> for updates.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

From the trail head in SGL 97 the trail proceeds west along SR 1004 and turns north at Cornell Road passing over the turnpike. It squeezes on trail passing remnants of the Earlston Furnace and railroad grades between the PA Turnpike and the Raystown Branch on the Weicht Bridge and turns east along the levee at the north side. It turns north again at Spring St. passing through downtown Everett. Trail then turns west on Third St. passing under US 30 and proceeds on abandoned grade of Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad and follows a jeep road out to Mt. Dallas Road (T 455). At west end of Mt. Dallas Road it follows US 30 across a short bridge before turning north on Snake Spring Valley Rd. (SR 1005) for a little less than 3 km. Rising along a farm lane, MST regains ridgetop footpath with views and rocks. (An alternate route through Everett, for now follows PA 26 north to Everett Area Business Park, proceeding west on Industrial Blvd then through a log yard to reach an SGL parking area and a teep trail slabbing up the east side of Tussey on SGL 73 to reach the ridgetop.) It then follows the maintenance road along the bench on the west side of Tussey and down to a crossing of Yellow Creek. A new bridge or relocation is planned here so check <http://www.hike-mst.org> for updates. The trail then proceeds along PA 36 to reach the next corner of SGL 73.

SR 1004 TO PA ROUTE 36 (Ashcom TO Yellow Creek) Detailed Description

NorthBound km	Features/Directions	SouthBound km
0.00	NB: Proceed west/left on paved Ashcom Road (SR 1004). Limited roadside parking on south side of Ashcom Rd 0.3 km east of trail.	
	SB: Turn right/southeast at obscure junction with steep old logging road into SGL 97.	29.30
0.57	NB: Turn right on Cornell Rd.	

	Cross over PA Turnpike, I-70/I-76 - no exit.	
	SB: Turn left on Ashcom Road (SR 1004). Watch for fast moving trucks from nearby quarry.	28.73
1.02	NB: Turn right at signed junction onto mowed Huntingdon & Broad Top RR bed, shortly entering woods, watch for blazes at junctions of old grades and ATV trails.	
	Dead end on Cornell Rd, parking not recommended, do not block driveways to Trail neighbors. Private land, stay on trail.	
	SB: Turn left on Cornell Rd.	28.28
2.00	NB: Watch blazes carefully in the upcoming moonscape.	
	Pass between old concrete abutments in the woods, intimately close to Raystown Branch Juniata River. Private land, no camping, no fires.	
	SB: Watch for turns in woods on intersecting grades/ATV trails.	27.30
2.35	NB: Blazes pass into woods road on Turnpike side of piles.	
	Earlston Furnace Cinder Piles. More on these strikingly unique remnants of Everett's industrial past: http://www.staceman.net/forgotten/earlston.html Blazes are difficult to spot in the white dunes, stay between the PA Turnpike and the Raystown Branch. Private land, no camping, no fires.	
	SB:	26.95
2.81	NB: Turn left on Black Valley Rd (SR 1029).	
	Muddy crossing of Black Valley Run, farm/septic runoff. Private land, no camping, no fires.	
	SB: Turn right/downhill on trail into woods at signed junction where Black Valley Rd curves sharply left.	26.49
2.97	NB: Turn left again on SR 1029.	
	SB: Turn right on Black Valley Rd.	26.33
3.11	NB: Turn right on levee. Views of river and Tussey Ridge to west. Route marked with posts. Pass ramp in back of Everett Foodliner, full grocery.	
	Cross Ellis R. Weicht Bridge over Raystown Branch Juniata River, sidewalk east side of bridge.	
	SB: Turn left onto bridge.	26.19
3.86	NB: Turn left down steps to Spring St. Cross South St.	
	Steps in levee at Spring Street.	
	SB: Climb steps onto levee and turn right. Views of river and Tussey Ridge to west. Pass ramp in back of Everett Foodliner, full grocery. Route marked with posts.	25.44
4.03	NB: Continue north on Spring St (PA 26) passing Foundry, 1st and 2nd Streets.	
	Cross Main St/Business US 30 at traffic light, the old Lincoln Highway. Sheetz convenience store, Carolyn Court Motel and Marteen's Family Restaurant on the corner. Numerous stores and services including PO (15537) east on Main St. Planned relocation in this area, check http://www.hike-mst.org for updates.	
	SB: Continue on Spring St (no longer PA 26) past South St.	25.27
4.40	NB: Turn left on 3 rd St. and pass Squirrel Hill St. At top of hill pass a fire plug, ignore a private drive and continue across grade of Huntingdon and Broad Top.	
	SOUTH END OF ALTERNATE ROUTE - 2.2 km shorter - see description at end of section.	
	SB: Turn right on Spring St (PA 26) and pass 2nd, 1st, and Foundry streets.	24.90
4.75	NB: Turn left on road and pass under US 30.	
	US 30, Bud Shuster Bypass, roars overhead.	

	SB: Turn right on 3rd St., head downhill to east.	24.55
5.04	NB: Jog left then right onto old railroad grade. Proceed along the base of Mt. Dallas with views of cliffs above.	
	SB: Jog left onto road and pass under US 30.	24.26
6.28	NB: Turn left down hill to US route 30, turn right, then 100 meters bear right on Mt. Dallas Rd.	
	SB: Bear left on Huntingdon and Broad Top RR grade.	23.02
6.53	NB: Continue ahead on paved Mt. Dallas Rd. (T 455).	
	SB: Bear left along edge of US Route 30 and in 100 meters go left up hill to old railroad bed.	22.77
7.14	NB: Bear right on US 30 and cross bridge.	
	SB: Bear left on Mt. Dallas Road. (T 455).	22.16
7.30	NB: Turn right on Lower Snake Spring Road (SR 1005).	
	SB: Turn left on US 30 and cross bridge over Snake Spring Valley Run.	22.00
8.58	NB:	
	Cross bridge on SR 1005 over Snake Spring Valley Run.	
		SB: 20.72
8.75	NB:	
	Detweiler Rd to west at Valley Mill. Cross bridge on SR 1005.	
		SB: 20.55
10.04	NB: Turn right off SR 1005 on dirt farm lane.	
	Private land, stay on trail, no parking.	
	SB: Turn left onto Lower Snake Spring Rd (SR 1005).	19.26
10.34	NB:	
	Pass through electric fence in active cattle pasture on private land. Make sure fence is secured before continuing.	
		SB: 18.96
10.59	NB: Trail bears to the right on logging road.	
	SB: Trail bears to the left on farm lane.	18.71
11.60	NB: Leave logging/farm road. Trail turns to the right.	
	SB: Trail turns left and merges with logging/farm road.	17.70
11.89	NB: Trail switchbacks to the left and climbs upward.	
	SB: Continue descent as the trail switchbacks to the right.	17.41
12.06	NB: Reach the summit of Tussey Ridge and turn left. Shortly enter SGL 73.	
	SB: Turn right and descend.	17.24
13.30	NB:	
	Junction with orange rectangle blazed Blue Triangle Trail steeply dropping to east. NORTH END OF ALTERNATE ROUTE - 2.2 km shorter - see description at end of section.	
		SB: Soon leave SGL 73. 16.00
15.54	NB:	
	View to the east.	

		SB:13.76
17.60	NB:	
	Pass through power line cut with views to both the east and west.	
		SB:11.70
18.49	NB:	
	Junction with unblazed Dunkard Path to east. Although Dunkards practice baptism by immersion that doesn't occur anywhere near this dry ridgetop. Path to west enters posted private land.	
		SB:10.81
18.92	NB: Reach top of climb.	
	Very rocky section of the trail on private land interlude between tracts of SGL 73	
		SB: Begin a short descent over rocks.10.38
21.16	NB: Begin descent from Tussey ridgetop.	
		SB: End of climb to the top of the ridge.8.14
21.48	NB: End of steep descent.	
		SB: Begin climb to the top of Tussey ridge.7.82
22.21	NB: Trail merges with grassy woods road from the left.	
	Junction with management road. West 0.6 km to gate and SGL 73 parking area, which is 1.8 km east on gravel lane from SR 1005. Clearings just north of trail junction, both sides of management road.	
		SB: Bear left off grassy woods road.7.09
23.61	NB:	
	Grassy road junction on both left and right. Continue straight.	
		SB:5.69
23.74	NB:	
	Continue on gated management road. Possible seasonal parking accessed by lane to west from Church View Road (SR 1005).	
		SB:5.56
23.95	NB:	
	Tree planting by Wild Turkey Federation. Straight on management road.	
		SB:5.35
24.40	NB: Keep right, uphill, at fork in road.	
		SB: Road from right.4.90
24.84	NB:	
	Tree planting by Wild Turkey Federation. Straight on management road.	
		SB:4.46
26.47	NB: Start downhill.	
	View across Yellow Creek gap. Possible relocation in this area, check http://www.hike-mst.org for updates.	
		SB: Top of hill.2.83
27.72	NB: Bear left.	
	Junction trail to east with large orange blazes leading to adjacent private land (not present route of MST)	
		SB: Bear right.1.58
28.11	NB: Switchback to right and cross SGL boundary.	
		SB: Switchback to left, enter SGL 73 and continue climbing.1.19

28.15	NB: Reach Yellow Creek. A new bridge is proposed for this location to carry MST over the creek. Check http://www.hike-mst.org for updates. Until then follow blazed detour through Loysburg.	
	PA Route 36, fast traffic. Loysburg (PO 16659, no other services) 1 km west.	
	SB: Turn left and cross Yellow Creek if possible. A new bridge is proposed for this location. Follow blazed detour route through Loysburg (2 km longer) in the meantime.	1.15
28.66	NB: Keep left on old route of highway.	
	SB: Far end of old highway. Continue along PA 36, crossing when opportunity permits. At next bend proceed on OUTSIDE of guide rail.	0.64
28.98	NB: Far end of old highway.	
	SB: Bear right on old highway.	0.32
29.30	NB: Left, climbing stone steps at next corner of SGL 73.	
	Fair amount of parking along highway. New Frontier restaurant 0.2 km east. Possible relocation in this area, check http://www.hike-mst.org for updates.	
	SB: From foot of stone steps at corner of SGL 73 bear right along edge of PA 36.	0.00
	ALTERNATE ROUTE THROUGH EVERETT See Map 301-306 - 2.2 km shorter than blazed main trail. Check http://www.hike-mst.org for updates as the relocation progresses.	
0.00	NB: Continue straight north on Spring St (PA 26), unblazed.	
	Junction of 3rd and Spring Streets in Everett Borough.	
	SB: Continue straight south on Spring St (PA 26), blazes resume.	6.68
1.50	NB: No more sidewalk, follow road shoulder.	
	Cross under US 30 Bud Shuster Bypass. Unblazed. Huntingdon & Broad Top RR bed parallels highway to west here but divided into scattered private tracts and not followable.	
	SB: Favor sidewalk when it begins on west side of PA 26.	5.18
3.50	NB: Turn left on Industrial Blvd.	
	Entrance to Everett Area Business Park, unblazed. Blue Triangle Hardwoods mill is in the front of the industrial park.	
	SB: Turn right on PA 26.	3.18
4.90	NB: Bear right uphill, blacktop shortly ends.	
	Cul-de-sac in front of industrial building. No blazes.	
	SB: Bear hard left on paved Industrial Blvd.	1.78
5.25	NB: Might look like an easy left as opposed to a hard left.	
	Straight at junction of dirt lanes.	
	SB: Head downhill.	1.43
5.40	NB: Look to the left. It seems like you've gone too far the wrong way. You probably haven't.	
	Pass through wood yard. Watch yourself if equipment is operating here and stay out of reach until operator acknowledges your presence.	
	SB: Keep going straight downhill following the lane.	1.28
5.55	NB: Orange rectangle blazes begin.	
	SGL 73 boundary corner on dirt lane. East end of marked Blue Triangle Trail.	
	SB: No more blazes until 2 blocks from downtown Everett.	1.13
5.65	NB: Bear left slightly and enter woods, climbing steeply.	
	SGL 73 public parking area at end of dirt lane behind business park.	
	SB: Downhill on dirt lane, savoring the last few blazes.	1.03

6.33	NB: Climb even more steeply.	
	Scully Squeeze rock formation in woods.	
		SB: Descend steeply. 0.35
6.68	NB: Right on MST.	
	West end of orange rectangle blazed Blue Triangle Trail, junction with MST.	
		SB: Turn left, descending steeply slabbing down the mountainside. 0.00