

# Carter County Trails

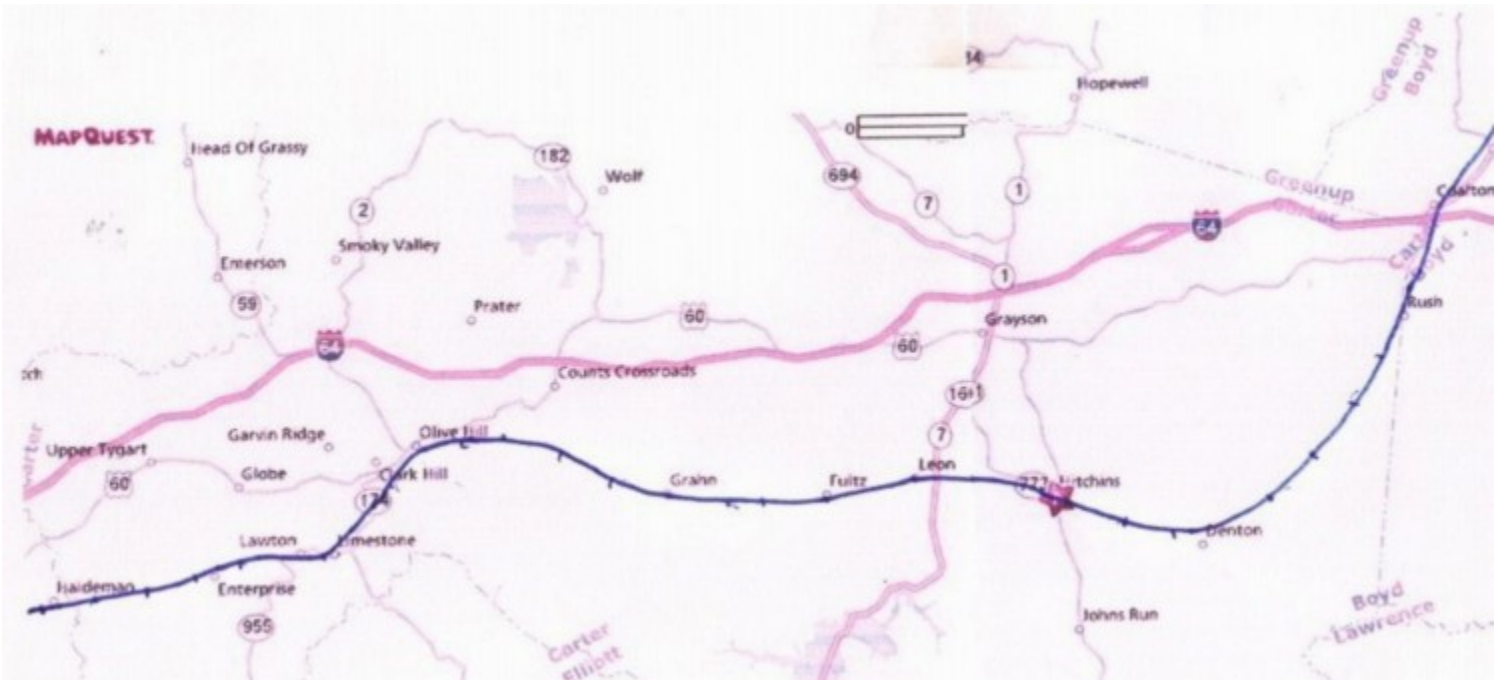
## Guidebook

We hope this guidebook will enhance your use of our Carter County trails.

Carter County has trails for an hour of healthy exercise, an afternoon of vigorous hiking, or several full days of vigorous exploration. There are trails for walkers, hikers and equestrian users. This guide is intended to help you find the trails that will give you the greatest enjoyment during your visit to Carter County.

The principle arterial trails follow the right-of-way of the former C&O / CSX railroad from the western border of Carter County at the historic community of Soldier, to the town of Rush on the east. These trails traverse a variety of landscapes and each trail segment offers its own unique experience of Carter County's natural and historic beauty.

Our Carter County trails are a work in progress. Some trail segments are little more than cleared paths through the forest, others are paved, landscaped and offer a variety of facilities for camping, boating and fishing. Some sections are still in the planning and acquisition stage and are still privately owned. This guide will help you identify those trail segments that are available for use at the time of publication. New sections of trail are being added on a regular basis, so if there is any question about the availability of a particular trail segment, please contact our trail Hot Line, 606-286-1717.



# Olive Hill Trails

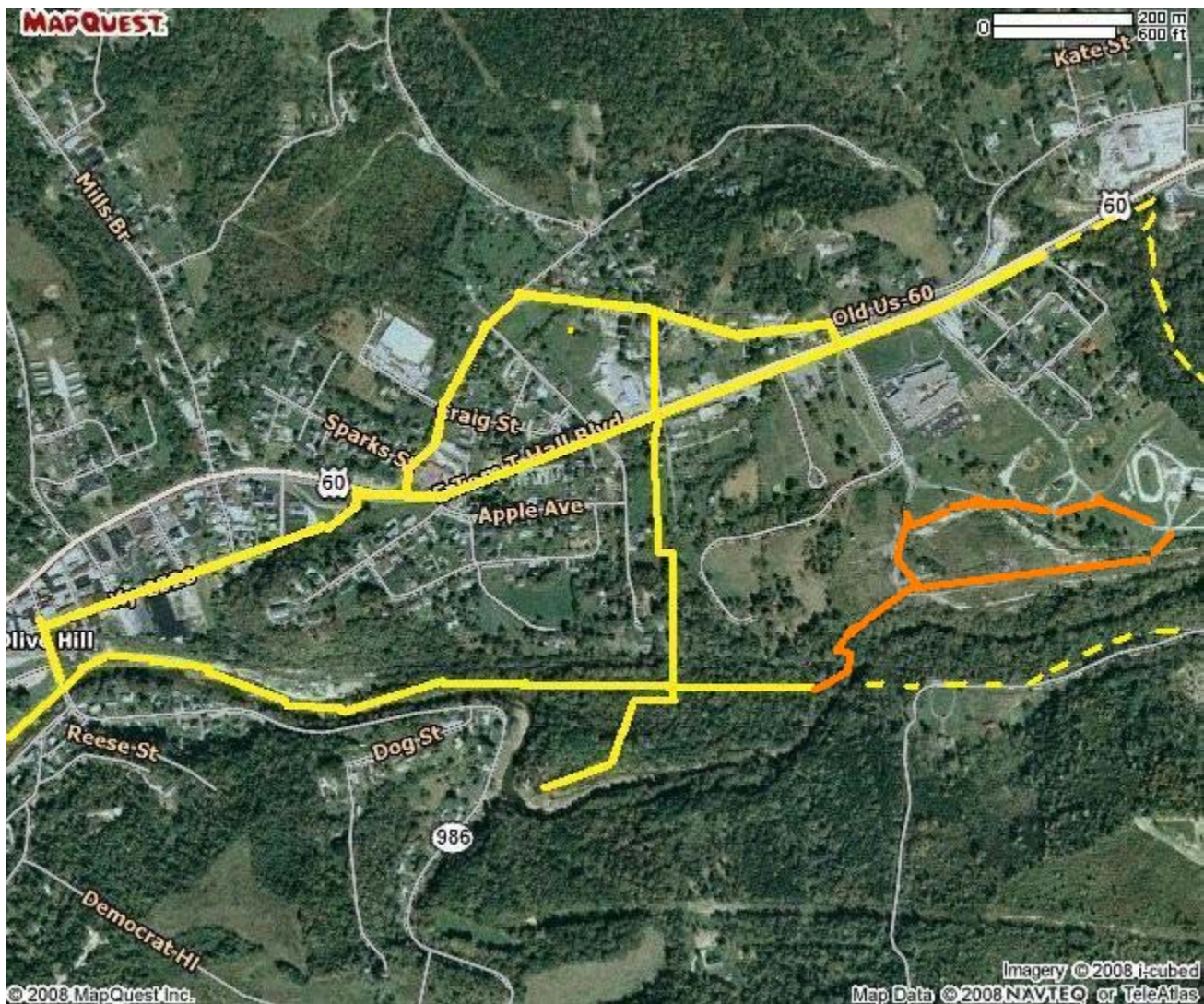
## The Downtown Loop

Olive Hill is a community of some 2,100 residents. It has a long history that includes fire brick manufacturing, mining and timber harvesting. The old C&O/CSX Passenger Depot is a principle trailhead for trails throughout Carter County.

The Olive Hill Downtown Loop Trail begins at the Depot. A short walk north along Cross street leads on to Railroad St. The Trail then follows railroad St. east to UD Rt. 60, "Tom T. Jones Blvd.". The trail follows US 60 east and ends at Greenhill Canyon (see "Greenhill Canyon Trail"). Returning to the west, the trail crosses US 60 to the north and follows the path of "Old Route 60" as it runs west. This trail involves very moderate changes in elevation, is paved and is best suited to walking and Biking.

The Brookside Park Trail begins at the Depot and proceeds east past the First national Bank. It continues east past the Olive Hill Water Treatment Plant and into the Brookside Park. In the park there are many side trails that lead to quiet meadows, and old cemetery, picnic areas and vista points. The trail ends at the point where the old C&O/CSX Railroad crossed Tygart Creek. A bridge across Tygart Creek is in the planning stage as of this date. An alternate loop takes the visitor from the mid-point of the Brookside Park Trail due north along Cold Springs Road to Old US Route 60. The Cold Springs Trail passes through a short tunnel beneath the former C&O /CSX Railroad right-of-way.

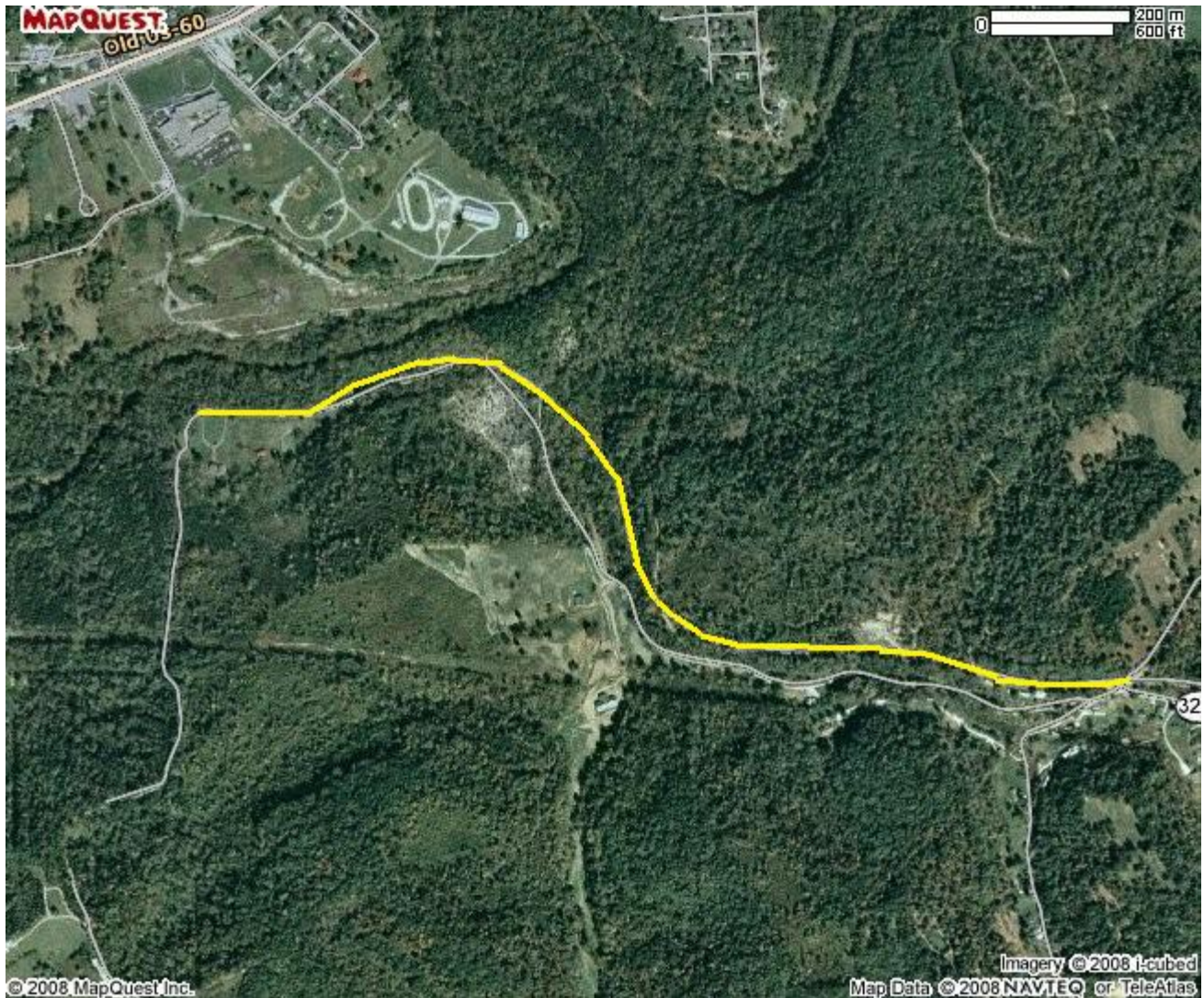
The Shrine Park trail begins at he stables and parallels the Tygart Creek until intersecting with the Brookside Trail.



# The Sammons Hollow Trail

The Sammons Hollow Trail segment begins at the Tygart Creek, just east of Olive Hill, and runs west to Three Pines Road.

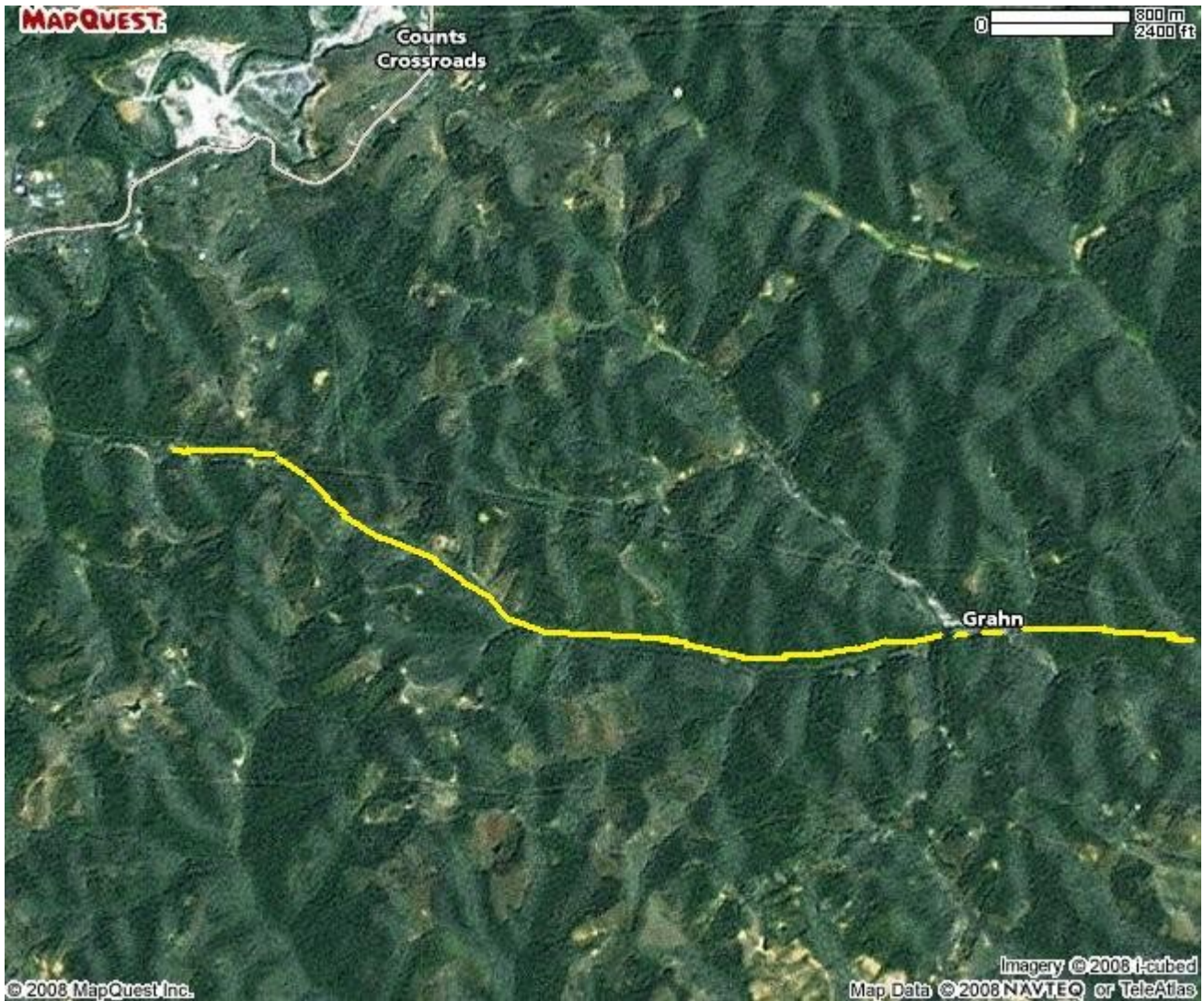
This trail follows the old C&O/CSX Railroad right-of-way. The trail is wide, level and is appropriate for hikers, bikers and equestrian users of all abilities. The trail is approximately two miles in length.



# Three Pines – Grahn

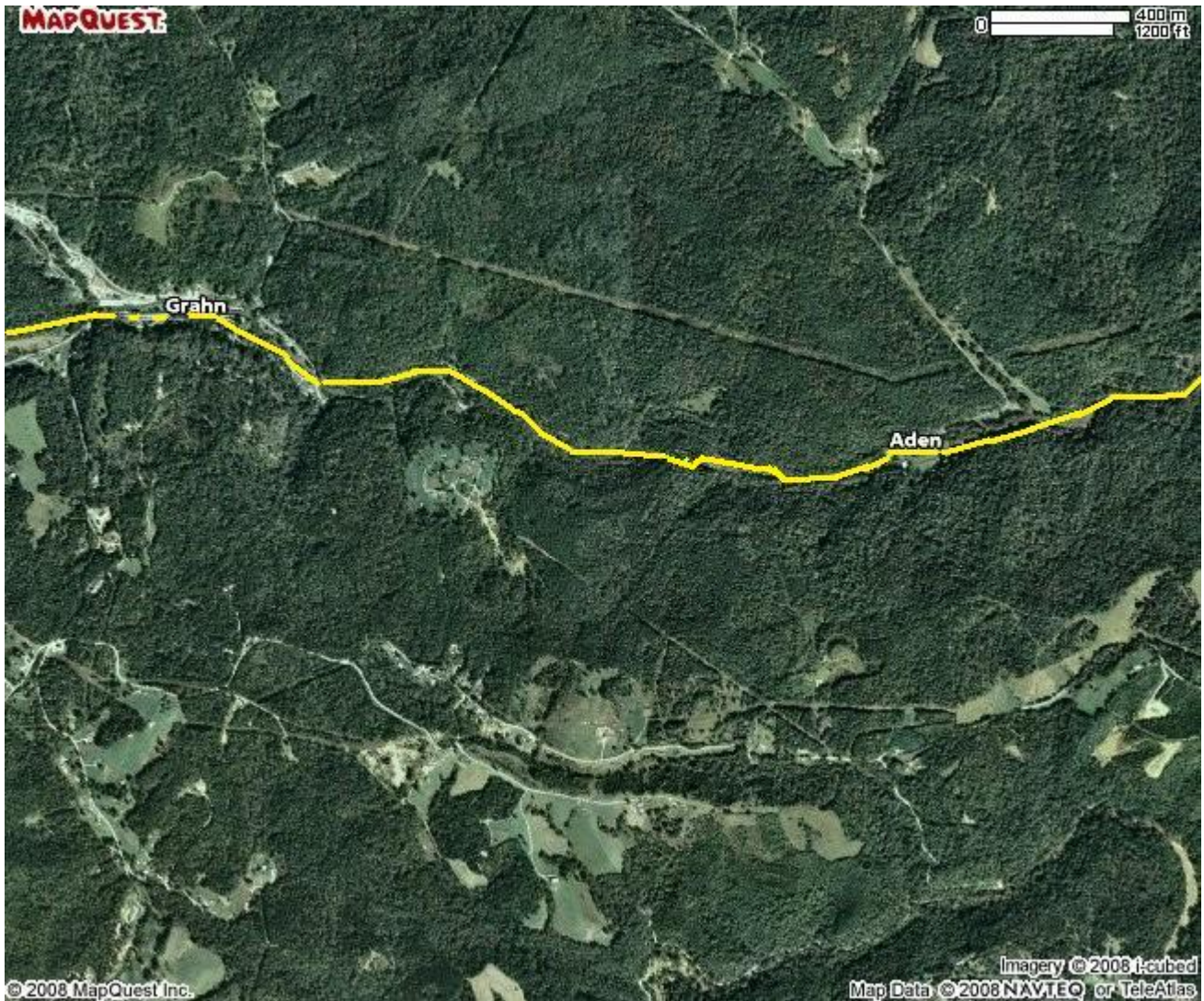
## “The Little Sinking Creek Trail”

The trail follows the elevated C&O/CSX Railroad right-of-way across Three Pines Rd. east past Mountain Top, along the Cory Rd. The trail passes many handsome limestone cliffs, verdant meadows and wooded areas and enters Grahn near the famous Louisville Fire Brick Plant.



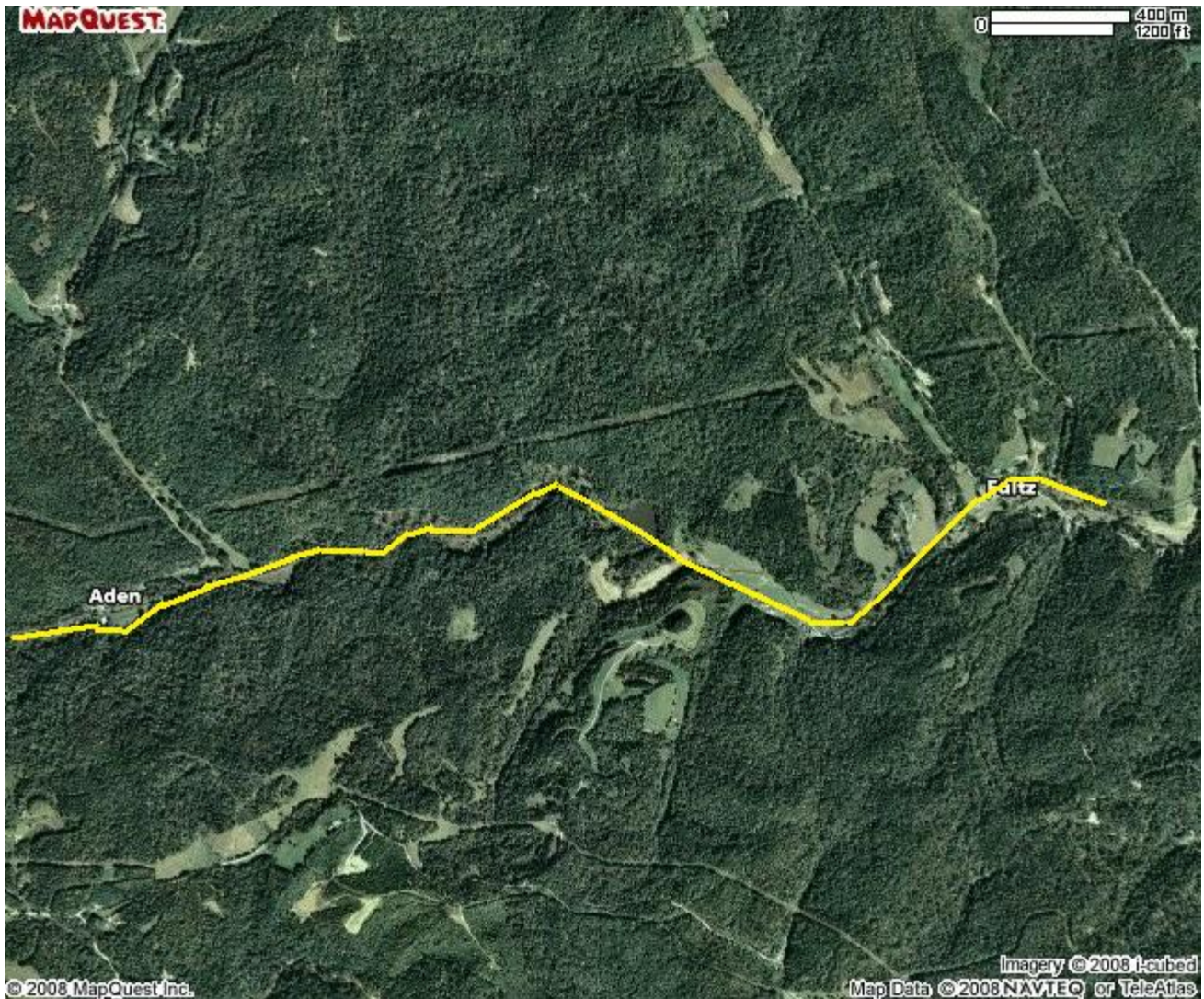
## The Grahn – Aden Trail

The Grahn – Aden trail begins near the historic Louisville Fire Brick plant in the community of Grahn. It proceeds east along a raised rail bed until it leaves the developed area of town. It then runs east some two miles, passing over several bridges and near the old Aden (“Needles Eye”) Tunnel to the area of the old Aden Depot. Note that it is unsafe to use the Aden Tunnel and entrance into it is strictly forbidden.



# The Aden – Fultz Trail

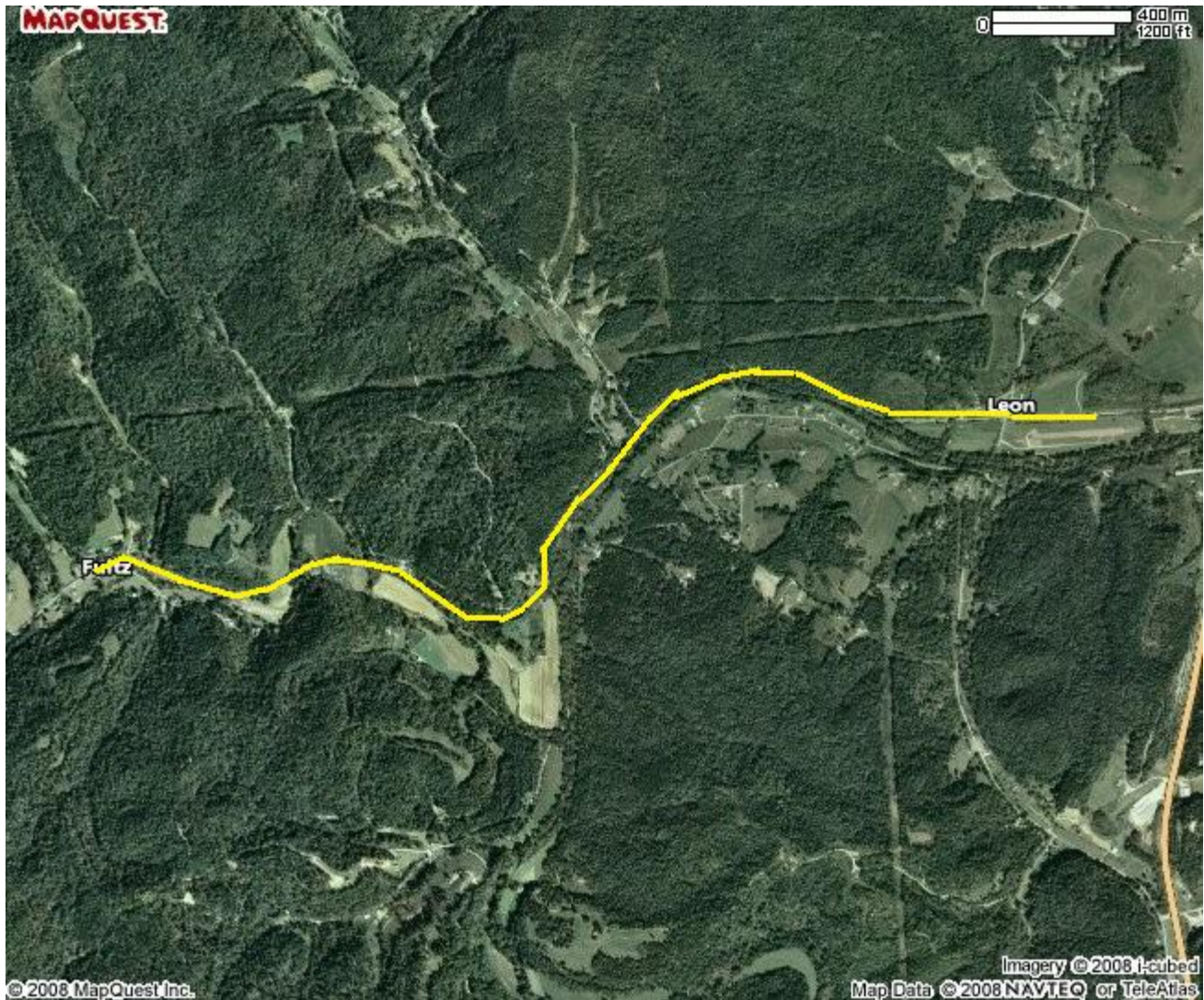
The Aden – Fultz Trail is about two miles long and passes over two small bridges and past two lovely isolated ponds. There are many lovely meadows along the trail and limestone rock cliff faces that re quite remarkable.



## The Fultz – Leon Trail

The Fultz – Leon trail passes through the small communities of Fultz Fork, Fultz, Four Mile and Leon.

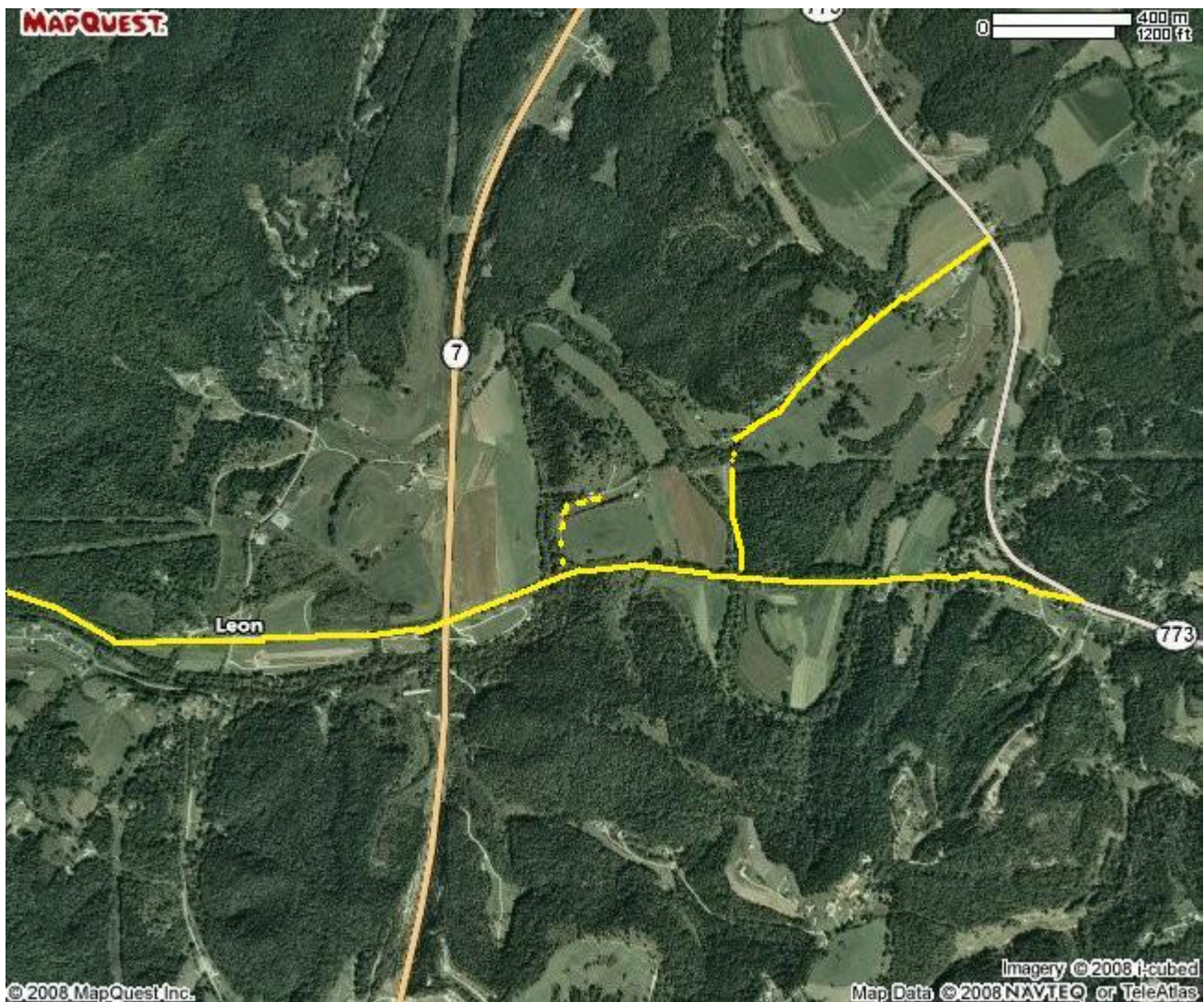
Much of this trail segment follows along the Fultz Road and Old Fultz Road. Trail markers will keep you on track. The trail is fully paved between Four Mile and Leon. This trail segment is approximately two miles in length.



## The Leon – Goodale Trail

The Leon – Goodale Trail passes over three old railroad trestles, each 150' in length. There is easy access to the banks of the lovely Little Sandy River at several points. There are picnic, restroom and canoe launching facilities at several points along the trail. The trail shares the old C&O/CSX rail bed with EK Railroad Drive, but there are sections of trail which parallel the road roadway through pleasant wooded areas.

This trail segment intersects with the Hill Road Trail (undeveloped) and the Vincent Road Trail.





# The Goodale – Hitchins Trail

The Goodale – Hitchins trail is about 1.5 miles in length and ends near the “Hitching Post Restaurant”.



## Olive Hill Trails



Olive Hill Depot



# Sammons Hollow

## Three Pines to Grahn



Cherokee Springs Cavern



# Grahn to Aden



# Aden to Fultz



# Fultz to Leon



# Leon to Goodale





## Goodale to Hitchins



This is looking east along the original Rt. 773. This is from the intersection with Rt. 1444. The trail will not use this part of the old Rt. 773.