EMERALD VIEW PARK SUGGESTED HIKES

**Suggested Hike No. 1: Greenleaf – The George & Guy Hike (2.5-mile loop)**

Park at the trailhead half way down Greenleaf Street. The Allegheny Land Trust holds a conservation easement on this section of woodland. Turn right (west) from the Greenleaf trailhead to head down a wooded switchback where you will be afforded sweeping views of the West End Village. The trail crosses Greenleaf Street (cross carefully). Once across Greenleaf Street, head left (northwest) all the way up Homer Street (don’t walk down Greenleaf Street) to rendezvous with the Emerald Trail at the end of the street. From there, continue on to The George & Guy trail which provides magnificent views of downtown Pittsburgh, the West End, North Shore and the Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers. After about 1 mile, the trail emerges into an open restoration and viewing area. Take a rest on the sitting stones and enjoy the view. Proceed up the gravel path to find Jim West’s Point of View sculpture (of George Washington and Seneca leader Guyasuta) on Grandview Avenue at Sweet Briar Street.

At the sidewalk, turn right (west) on Grandview Avenue and continue to the end of the street where it meets Republic Street. Turn left (south) onto Republic Street and follow it to the end of the road, at which point you will re-enter the park through a fenced trail entrance. This section will wind you back through lovely woodlands and over natural streams for about 0.5 mile until returning to the Greenleaf parking area.

**More to do:** Stop by the Duquesne Incline viewing platform and historical site located at the intersection of Grandview Avenue and Oneida Street.

**Suggested Hike No. 2: Olympia Park Hike (1-mile loop)**

Park at the southernmost end of Hallock Street in the parking area next to the playing field. Walk to the end of Hallock to enter the woodland trail. At the fork in the path, follow the trail to the old mine foundations, old mine drainage and over 200 year old oak trees.

At the next intersection, turn right to loop back to Hallock Street or turn left to exit the Park at Sweet Briar Street near the Fort Pitt Tunnel.

**More to do:** After your hike, stop for a beverage or a bite to eat at one of the businesses near the corner of Virginia Avenue and Bingham Street.

**Suggested Hike No. 3: Mount Washington Park Hike (1-mile loop)**

Enter the park on Norton Street (on-street parking only). Enter the trail between the basketball court and the stone building and proceed downhill. Bear left to drop down into one of Emerald View Park’s larger interior forests, switching back into a ravine that was once filled with tires and other refuse from the steel mill.

The MWCDC, working with volunteers, has removed nearly 100,000 pounds of garbage from this ravine over the last 6 years. From this ravine, cross through a marshy area where the trail then heads west, parallel to Route 51. The trail then heads north to the former site of the Steel Plant. To loop back to Norton Street, cross the old paved road and follow the wide Works Progress Administration (WPA)-constructed trail east to rejoin the trail back to Norton Street.

**More to do:** Head to the Shiloh Street/Virginia Avenue business district to have a treat at one of our many bars, restaurants and coffee/dessert shops.

**Suggested Hike No. 4: Saddle – Grandview Park Hike (Approximately 2 miles)**

Park at the saddle trailhead parking area halfway down East Sycamore on the right hand side. Past the entrance, follow the trail to the right to climb over the former location of coke ovens. When you reach a wide, grassy path, turn right and then left to continue climbing to William Street. Cross over William Street (carefully) to rejoin the trail, emerging in one of Emerald View Park’s signature restoration areas below Bigfield Field. Continue in an easterly direction below the fenced-in field to join up with the trails in the Grandview Park section of Emerald View Park, where the trails date back to the 1930s WPA and then renovated by the Emerald Trail Corp in 2012. Past the large set of stone steps on the right, turn left to descend a short set of stairs and continue on this lower trail. Exit the woods at Roscoe Avenue. Walk a short distance up Roscoe to rejoin the trail, turning right into the forest. At the “Y” in the bear trail to join a paved walkway and experience magnificent views from the Grandview Park bandstand.

To loop back to the trailhead, exit Grandview Park on Bailey Avenue and turn right. From Bailey Avenue, turn right onto Aline Street and enter the trail at Bigfield Field to retrace your steps to the parking area where you began.

**More to do:** Before heading back to your car, enjoy the view while having a picnic on the lawn or at the picnic tables at the Grandview Park bandstand.

**Grandview Scenic Byway Walk:** Grandview Avenue (Approximately 1.5 miles)

Emerald View Park and its surrounding neighborhoods have a rich history, closely tied to Pittsburgh’s industrial past and green future. Stroll along the Grand View Scenic Byway, between the Mount Washington Incline and Point of View Status on Grandview Avenue, where twelve interpretive signs tell stories of Pittsburgh’s and Mount Washington’s history.

Created in 2003, Emerald View Park is one of the most unique parks in Pittsburgh. The park was once home to one of the largest steel plants and now provides a park for the people of Pittsburgh. The park is home to the Mount Washington Incline and the Point of View Status, which is the highest point in the city. The park is also home to the Emerald Trail, which runs through the park and connects to other parks in the city. The park is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

To ensure you enjoy a wonderful experience at Emerald View Park, please follow all posted schedules. Public parking is also available in the park.

Visit www.EMERALDVIEWPARK.org for more information and to view the City of Pittsburgh Parks and Recreation schedules. To review the City of Pittsburgh Parks and Recreation schedules, visit www.cityofpittsburgh.net.

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