

# Irish Flat Walking Trail

## Schuylkill Haven

**BACKGROUND:** Wayne Bowen, former Schuylkill Haven councilman, was instrumental in developing the Irish Flat Walking Trail, located at Schuylkill Haven Borough Island Recreational Park. From SR 61 in Schuylkill Haven, turn onto SR 443 (Dock Street). Go approximately 0.3 mile and turn right onto Fritz Reed Avenue. Cross the Broadway Bridge over the Schuylkill River. Parking is available on the left along the recreation fields.

**INFORMATION:** The Irish Flat Walking Trail is a one mile gravel trail that is relatively flat. The trail is a relaxing walk around 23 acres of land.

Picnic tables and benches are interspersed as you begin your walk along the Schuylkill River. You will also be walking around the recreational park areas which include fields for playing baseball, T-ball, softball, flag football, midget football, and soccer. The recreational park has a large pavilion that will accommodate approximately 300 people for organized events.

**CONTACT:** The trail is maintained by the Schuylkill Haven Island Park Commission, a non-profit organization, and the Borough of Schuylkill Haven. Contact the Mayor's office at 570-385-3450 or Borough Hall at 570-385-2841 during regular business hours for additional information.

**AREA ATTRACTIONS:** Gas stations, restaurants, and grocery stores are available a few blocks from the walking trail. Nearby Bubeck Park and Stoyer's Dam can be enjoyed by people of all ages. In the summertime, pavilions can be rented for family gatherings. There is also a playground and walking path. In the winter, ice skating on Stoyer's Dam is very popular. The Walk-In Art Center is located on nearby Parkway.

**EVENTS:** Annual community events include Wine, Walk & Wander, Schuylkill Haven Family Night & Fireworks, Island Fest, and Borough Day. The Schuylkill River Sojourn, held the first week of June, is a 112 mile guided canoe and kayak trip on the Schuylkill River that begins in Schuylkill Haven and ends in Philadelphia.

### GPS COORDINATES:

Lat 40°37'58.64" N Lon 76°10'26.30" W

**RECOMMENDED GEAR:** Comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots are recommended.

