DAWKINS LINE RAIL TRAIL REGULATIONS

- Respect adjoining private property.
- Trails are managed as part of the natural environment. Visitors must be prepared to meet and accept nature on its own terms.
- Stay on designated trail.
- Trail is open from sunrise to sunset.
- Do not hike, bike, or horse ride alone.
- Help preserve the trail's natural resources.
- Be considerate of all user groups.
- Pets allowed on leash only.
- Pack out what you pack in, including cigarette butts.
- Riders should dismount and lead horses across bridges and trestles
- Walking is the only acceptable gait for horses.
- Helmets not required for bikers and equestrians, but recommended.

The following activities are prohibited:

- Rappelling and rock climbing
- Collecting or digging for artifacts
- Carving or damaging rocks & trees
- Pulling of horse buggies or carriages
- Hunting or disturbing wildlife
- Picking flowers or harming plants
- MOTORIZED VEHICLES

All horses brought onto Dawkins Line Rail Trail shall test negative to a USDA approved test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within the previous 12 months & a copy of this test shall accompany the animal.

Call 911 for emergency assistance.

The Jane Beshear access point is off Rte. 7 at intersection of Rte. 867.
Royalton access point is off Rte. 7 behind the Royalton Church.
The Swamp Branch access is off KY Rte. 825 in Johnson County.
The Jenny's Creek access is off Rte. 825 near US 23.

Dawkins Line Rail Trail
HWY 825
Swamp Branch, KY 41240
Phone: 502-564-8110

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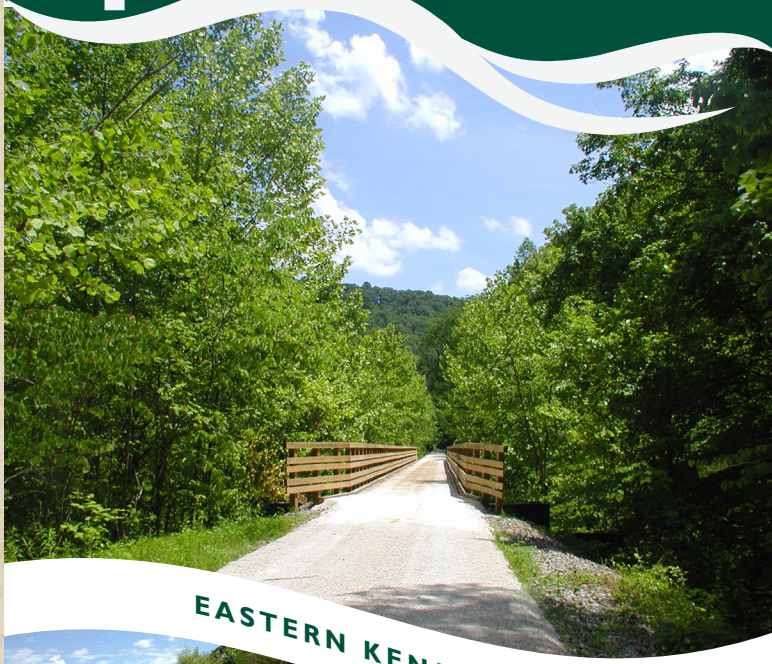

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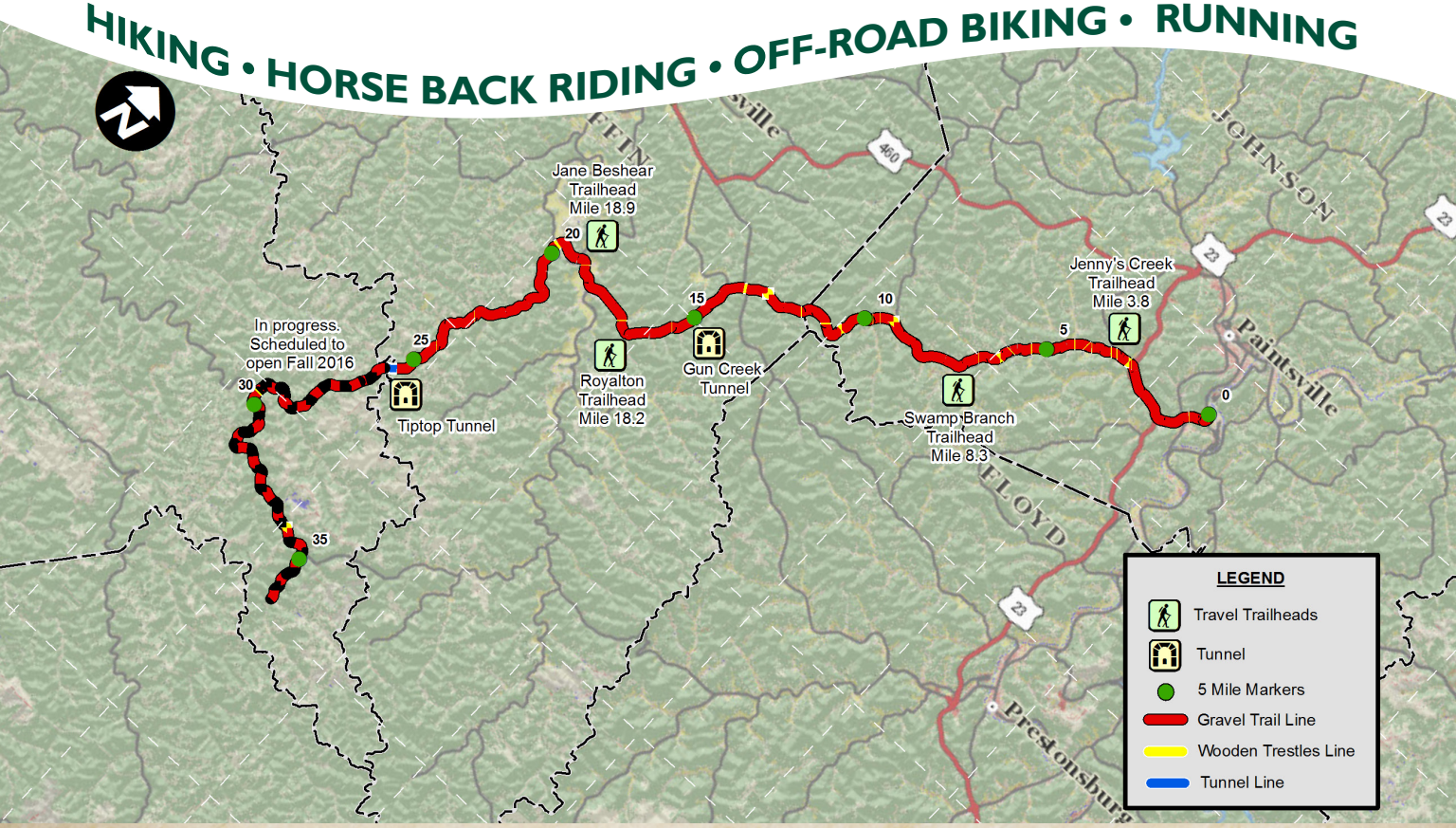

History

The Dawkins Line Rail Trail is joining many other adventure tourism attractions in the region supported by outdoor enthusiasts as the longest rail trail in Kentucky.

The first 18-mile leg of the trail, stretching from Hagerhill in Johnson County to Sublett in Magoffin County, is now open to hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. This section features 24 trestles and the 662-foot Gun Creek Tunnel. Parking is available at Jenny's Branch, Swamp Branch, Royalton, and Jane Beshear trailheads.

When completed, the Dawkins Line, managed by the Kentucky Department of Parks, will be 36 miles long and will wind through Johnson, Magoffin, and Breathitt counties.

A lodge, restaurant, and campground at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park (606-889-1790) is about 14 miles south of the future Jenny's Branch trailhead, or a marina and modern campground awaits just 13 miles NE of the the Swamp Branch trail head at Paintsville Lake State Park (606-297-8486).

The project has support from several trail organizations and is expected to help expand the local tourism economy. The trail name comes from the Dawkins Lumber Company, which developed the rail line in the early 1900s for timber harvesting and transportation. For more details, visit parks.ky.gov.

Coordinates

Royalton 37 40.572N 083 01.305W
Gun Creek Tunnel 37 41.510N 082 58.851W
Jenny's Creek Trailhead 37 47.0945N 82 50.1596W
Swamp Branch Trailhead 37 44.213N 082 54.018W
Jane Beshear Trailhead 37 40.873N 083 01.949W
Tiptop Tunnel 37.608479N 83.061604W