

The 72 mile long **North Bend Rail Trail (NBRT)** is located in north central West Virginia, between Interstates 77 and 79. The trail nearly parallels Route 50 between Parkersburg and Clarksburg, which provides very easy access. Thanks to the rugged terrain in this area, the NBRT contains numerous points of interest including twelve tunnels and many bridges.

The NBRT project, begun in 1991, was formally a spur off the CSX system. Today, the rails and original ballast are gone. The NBRT folks have slowly developed the trail starting from four "model sections" which were then connected to form the current trail. Thus, you can expect the trail conditions to change from one area to another. The recent 1996 acquisition between Parkersburg and Walker is still under development and thus is not passable in some sections.

