

# Schunnamunk Meadows Trail



The Schunnamunk Meadows Trail will meander over gently rolling hills along the Moodna Creek at Schunnamunk State Park. The trail expands recreational access, and creates an accessible, four-season outdoor recreation experience in the western Hudson Highlands to accommodate walkers, runners, hikers, bikers, anglers, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers.

## Location

Town of Cornwall, Orange County

## Trail Length Vision

2.7 miles total in two phases

## Communities to be Served

Cornwall, Salisbury Mills, Washingtonville, Blooming Grove, Chester, Cornwall-on-Hudson, and Newburgh.

## Trail Will Connect With

Schunnamunk Rail Trail, Orange County Heritage Trail, the Hudson River, Salisbury Mills-Cornwall Train Station, and Storm King Art Center.

## Immediate Funding Goal

- \$400,000 for OSI to complete work to finish the first 1.7 miles of the trail.



Greg Miller

Moodna Viaduct

## OSI History

OSI created Schunnemunk State Park in 2003 and has steadily added more of the incredible surrounding lands to the park over the past 20 years. Permanently protected by OSI and transferred to New York State Parks, the northern meadows offer breathtaking views of Schunnemunk Mountain and the picturesque Moodna Viaduct – the second-highest and longest steel railroad bridge east of the Mississippi River.

## Impact

The Schunnemunk Meadows Trail will establish a new gateway, destination, and connection into Schunnemunk State Park for park users. The project will open access to the most recent additions to the park, connecting some of the most scenic and treasured open spaces in the western Hudson Highlands. Envisioned as a graceful carriage road, the Meadows Trail will provide a family-friendly, broadly accessible recreation opportunity.

## Current Projects

- OSI is leading the initiative to design and build the Schunnemunk Meadows Trail that would provide tremendous recreational opportunities with incredible scenic views.
- OSI is working on land acquisitions to extend the emerging Schunnemunk Rail Trail toward Storm King Art Center, the City of Newburgh, and Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson.
- OSI is entering year five of a 10-year stewardship agreement with New York State Parks and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIPC) to actively manage the lands surrounding Schunnemunk Mountain.
- OSI has completed a new steel frame trail bridge in collaboration with the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (USMA) Cadets in preparation for the future Schunnemunk Meadows Trail.

## Trail Partners

New York State Parks, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, USMA Civil Engineering Cadets, and the Orange County Soil & Water Conservation District.

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