

CHANGE TO *THE LINK TRAIL GUIDE*
(Keystone Trails Association, 2006),
NOW THE STANDING STONE TRAIL
Sections 7 and 8
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Recently, a relocation of the trail from US 522 into Buchanan State Forest has been completed and there are changes to the blazing for the trail along US 522, Sinoquipe Road (SR 1011), and to the Ramsey Path in Dublin Township, Fulton County. These changes affect the south end of Section 7 and the north end of Section 8 as described in the 2006 *Guide*. Future plans will change the trail on both north and south ends of this relocation, check <http://www.hike-sst.org> for updates.

GUIDE, Section 7, Page 89 ff.

Mile 5.57: Southbound (SB) Standing Stone Trail (SST) turns right at trail register, to descend Ramsey Path on west side of Blacklog Mountain. SB SST combined blue and orange blazes. Former SB trail, straight ahead, is no longer blazed, but can be followed on State Game Lands (SGL) 81 compass southeasterly to the vicinity of Priceless Point (Mile 6.27 of 2006 *Guide*). Former trail is not maintained, and especially overgrown after Priceless Point. SB distances below continue on the current blazed SST.

Mile 6.04: SB SST may in future turn left near this point in a future relocation. Check <http://www.hike-sst.org> for updates.

Mile 6.15: SB SST enters private land, still following Ramsey Path, still combined orange and blue blazes.

Mile 6.57: SB SST turns left to follow Sinoquipe Road, SR 1011. Road is now orange blazed, changed from the former blue described in the 2006 *Guide*.

Mile 7.24: SB SST orange blazed continues straight on Sinoquipe Road at intersection with Boy Scout Road leading to Camp Sinoquipe.

Mile 8.78: SB SST orange blazed continues straight on Sinoquipe Road over Little Aughwick Creek. **Water** flows from farm country in two counties, and from the sewage treatment plant visible to east, so requires filtering and disinfection, or avoidance. Enter village of Fort Littleton.

Mile 9.09: SB SST turns left to follow US 522 North, Great Cove Road. US 522 south leads to PA Turnpike Exit 180 in 0.8 miles. A small restaurant and two convenience stores cluster near the interchange.

Mile 9.82: SB SST turns right on Sheepskin Hollow Road. End of Section 7. SST may in future cross US 522 slightly northeast of this point. Check <http://www.hike-sst.org> for updates.

GUIDE, Section 8, Page 93 ff.:

The trail no longer encounters Nine Mile Run and the dirt road to US 522. Additionally, Buchanan State Forest and three land owners have granted permission for a relocation that now eliminates 1.1 miles of road walking on US 522 as follows:

Mile 0.00: From US 522, the trail proceeds southbound on narrow paved Sheepskin Hollow Road. North on US 522, in 3.3 miles is the tiny village of Burnt Cabins, with a bar, post office (zip: 17215) and private campground with laundry and camp store nestled between a peaceful historic grist mill and the noisy Turnpike (no interchange).

Mile 0.21: SB SST passes straight under PA Turnpike/I-76 underpass, no interchange.

Mile 0.36: Turn left on level dirt road into private land and then proceed uphill. Limited **parking** on west side of Sheepskin Hollow Road, opposite the turn.

Mile 1.01: SB SST turns left on a flat drivable trail, intended originally for the never completed South Penn Railroad, also known as "Vanderbilt's Folly". See pages 15-17 of the 2006 *Guide* for the history of this feature. This encounter with the "Folly" on relocated SST is approximately one mile southwest of the former crossing, which was Mile 2.40 in the 2006 *Guide*.

Mile 1.40: At a culvert, SB SST turns right on trail and quickly enters Buchanan State Forest. Rise gently then follow inside State Forest boundary, paralleling Scrub Ridge.

Mile 2.44: After descending slightly into the "Narrows" and crossing Ninemile Run (**water**, undeveloped watershed but filtering still recommended), encounter wide trail/old road. Old trail to left/compass north is former SST route, beyond the gate visible just to left (mile 2.87 of Section 8 in 2006 *Guide*) now abandoned on private land.

Old road to right/compass south leads to flat area and campsites on State Forest land (mile 2.95 in 2006 *Guide*). Continuing south on SST, subtract 0.40 miles from each subsequent point in the 2006 *Guide*.

Future SST route, under construction, will rise along the north flank of the Narrows and traverse the valley to slab up the west side of Cove Mountain, re-joining the old route at summit of Cove Mountain (mile 4.45 in 2006 *Guide*). Check <http://www.hike-sst.org> for updates.