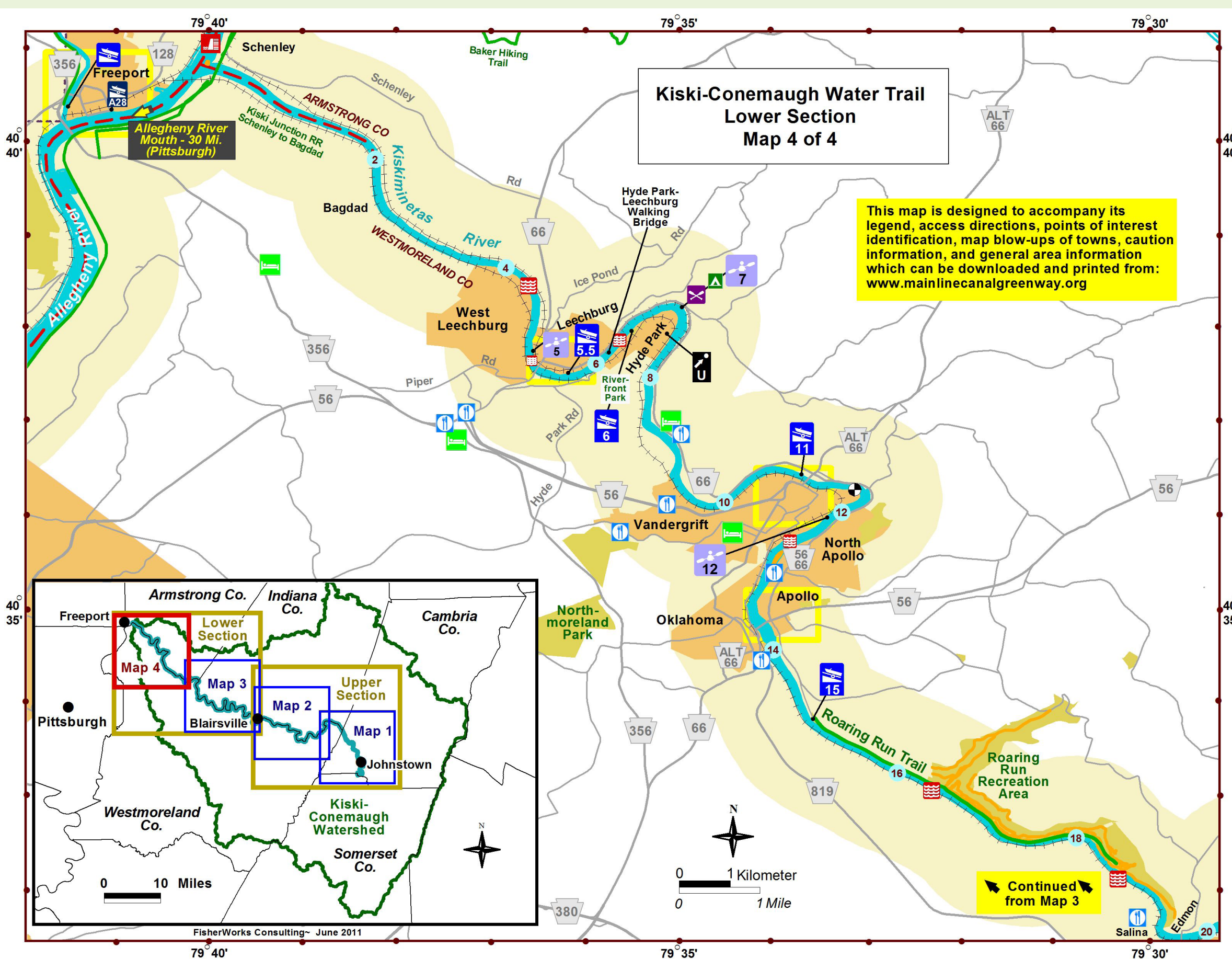


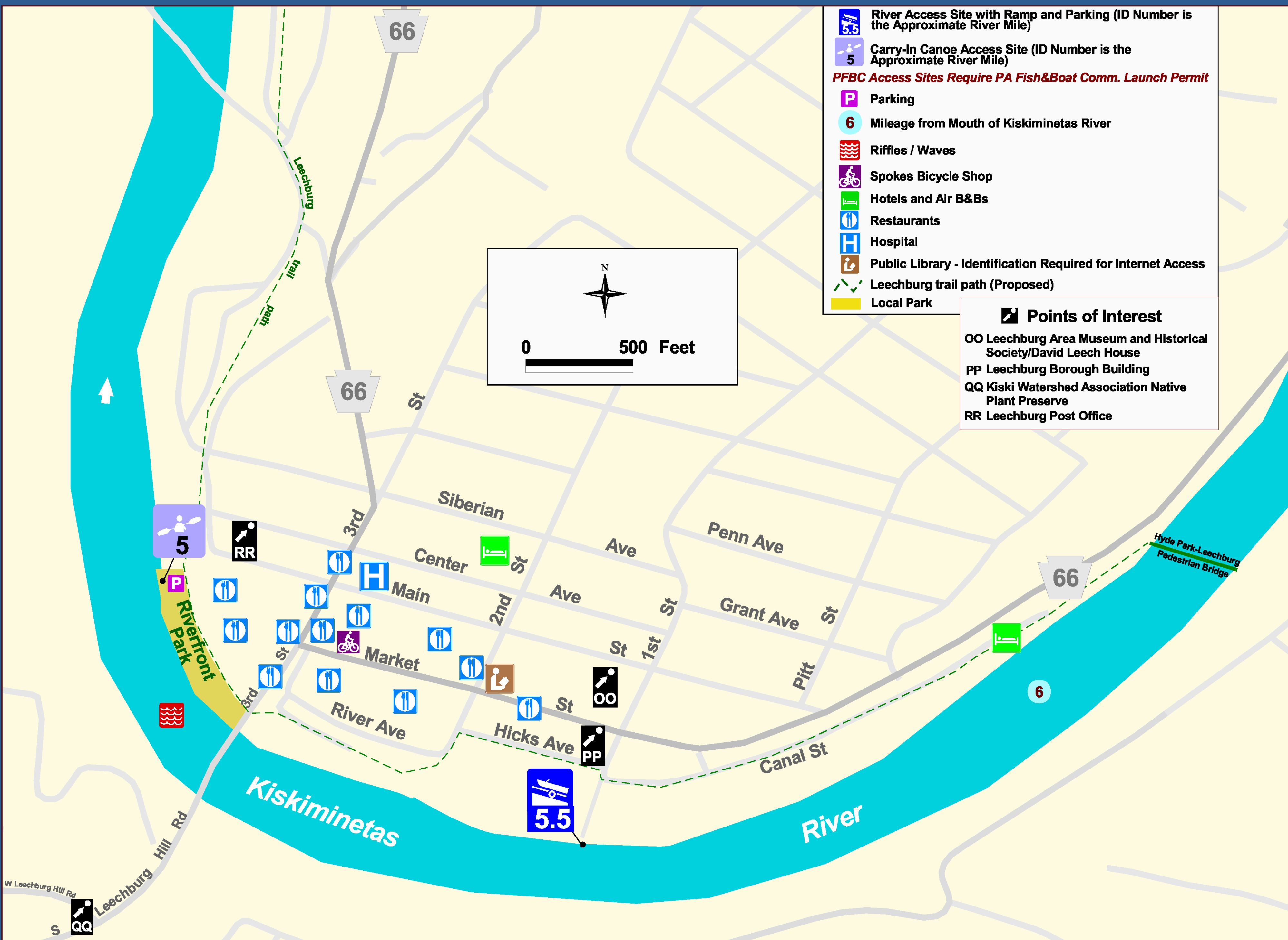
PITTSBURGH-TO-HARRISBURG MAIN LINE CANAL GREENWAY™

Welcome to Leechburg!



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Patented in 1783 by Native American chief White Mattock and then known as “White Plains,” Leechburg, Pennsylvania, began as a small hamlet. Early settlers had come here to produce salt from the brine-rich wells they dug. It was briefly known as “Friendship” in the 1820s due to the overwhelming hospitality that the residents extended to the surveyors of the Pennsylvania Mainline Canal. Civil engineer David Leech arrived in “Friendship” in 1827 with a contract to build a lock and the largest dam on the Western Division of the Canal. He purchased the land and laid out the town by 1829. Leechburg grew as a “canal town” until the closing of the canal at that place in 1865.

In 1872, it was reinvented as a coal and steel town. Leechburg would become one of the first producers of tin plate in America and the first to use natural gas in steel and iron production. The town grew to a population of 5,000 people and was the location of many steel mills and foundries. The Leechburg area’s steel days would slowly begin to wane in the 1970s and officially ended in 2016. Today’s Leechburg boasts a Market Street with a variety of dining options, Riverfront Park with canoe and kayak access, a museum, and of course, the Hyde Park Walking Bridge as favorite destinations of residents and visitors.

For more information on local events or attractions, visit:



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