Reflection:

1. In retrospect, what could you have done better to reduce the time you spent solving this assignment?

   I spent a lot of time trying to create the optimal path as an array list but kept running into issues. I decided to create the Trail object to better control and store the optimal path. I also ran into issues because I was afraid of using casting. This fear caused issues because the only solution to fixing my code was a cast, but I tried to use the least number of casts possible. I also had trouble creating new test files but eventually got all files running through the parser smoothly.

2. What could the Principles of Software staff have done better to improve your learning experience in this assignment?

   I thought all material needed to excel at this homework was covered clearly in class.

3. What do you know now that you wish you had known before beginning the assignment?

   I wish I had a better understanding of generics and casting, but eventually got comfortable with using these skills in the homework.