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Become Part of the Connection



From Elissa Garofalo, D&L President/Executive Director

Dear Friends –

When you step outside – into the community in which you live, into nature – there is a greater opportunity to connect. To experience beautiful places, their stories and rich history. To connect

National Canal Museum Debut

A refreshed National Canal Museum opened its doors to the public on June 7, 2014.

The National Canal Museum is the only museum in the country dedicated to telling the story of America's historic towpath canals.



The museum offers 14 exhibits, many of which are interactive and detail canal life in the 19th and 20th centuries. Visitors can operate pulleys, levers and other simple machines used by workers of the canal system.

Dennis Scholl, Director of Education and Museum Services, has improved the informative tours to provide a more realistic

interpretive take on history.

The museum offers rides on the Josiah Whit II, the only mule-drawn canal boat ride in Pennsylvania. Our mules, Hank and George, pull the boat a long the Lehigh Canal while authentically-dressed crew members describe the history of the regional canals.

Celebrating National Trails Day

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor celebrated National Trails Day at various locations along the trail on June 7 and June 8.



Packets of locally-made trail mix were distributed to walkers, bicyclists and runners along the D&L Trail to celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Events were held in Carbon County, the Lehigh Valley, and Bucks County and included activities ranging from bike riding to bird watching, exploring pond life through microscopes, gardening programs for children, a free canal boat ride and museum tour, and kayaking the canal.

National Trails Day Event Schedule

Conversations on the Canal: Dinner Cruise

Four history-based dinner cruises aboard the mule-powered Josiah White II canal boat have been scheduled for July, August, September, and October.



An event highlight is a trip inside Lock 47 at Abbott Street in Easton, where the Josiah White II canal boat is lowered and raised the same way coal-laden canal boats were nearly 200 years ago.

to the things you care about. We are here to help you experience those connections.

We are the D&L, a multi-use trail spanning 165 miles from the mountains of northeast Pennsylvania, along rivers and through the Lehigh Valley and Bucks County.

We are in your backyard, winding through towns, on main streets and through parks. We are passionate about preserving the environment, sharing the culture of our region and positively impacting our communities. But the D&L isn't just a trail.

We are a diverse and multi-faceted organization with the ability to connect you to unique experiences in nature and the environment, community and economic impact, health and recreation, history, preservation, and education.

The unique convergence of these complementary focus areas makes us a reliable resource, able to connect you to experiences you feel good about.

We connect you to nature – to streams, trees and hillsides that replenish the soul and celebrate life.

We connect you to communities – where you form lasting relationships and opportunities that positively impact your local economy.

We connect you to health and fitness – by providing an accessible, safe, and exciting trail that's ideal for recreation.

We connect you to history and education – by helping to preserve

Each cruise has a different theme:

July - Conversations on the Canal: Life on the Old Lehigh Navigation

- Passengers were immersed into the life of the old Lehigh Canal through stories, songs, and picnic cuisine based on 19th century recipes.

[Life on the Old Lehigh Canal Cruise Details](#)

August - Conversations on the Canal: Big Industry & Big Bands

- Passengers experienced the Lehigh Valley's rising industries and waning canals during the musical heydays of vaudeville, jazz, blues, big band swing, and a swanky hors d'ouvres dinner from the Roaring '20s

[Big Industry & Big Bands Cruise Details](#)

September - Conversations on the Canal: Harvest Season

- This dinner cruise will be held on September 27 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm.
- Passengers can experience life on the canal during the harvest season and enjoy bluegrass music and food prepared from "farm to table."

[Harvest Season Cruise Details](#)

October - Conversations on the Canal: Our Anthracite Heritage

- This dinner cruise will be held on October 4 from 4 pm to 6:30 pm
- Passengers will be taken back in time to the days when King Coal ruled the anthracite region of Northeast Pennsylvania. Passengers will enjoy a dinner of traditional Polish and Slovak foods commonly found in coal country "patch towns" of Carbon and Luzerne counties.

[Our Anthracite Heritage Cruise Details](#)

Trail Update

The Delaware & Lehigh National



and share the stories and culture of our region.

We listen to our trail users and create great experiences for them. We listen to our communities and engage in projects that improve their quality of life.

We focus on tangible results that make a difference for you and the people around you.

We promise inspiration – great relationships, memorable experiences and meaningful connections.

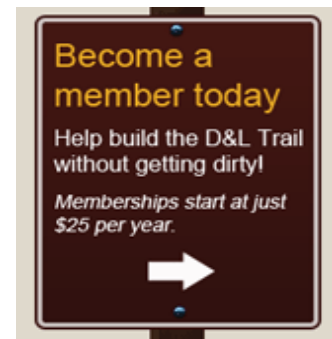
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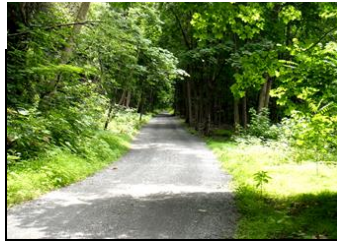
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Heritage Corridor continues to work with its partners in Carbon County to become the first of five counties to complete the D&L Trail.



The design for the Carbon Connectivity Project has recently begun. A state grant was received by Carbon County and is being administered by Scott Everett on behalf of the D&L.

The Carbon Connectivity Project, when complete, will link the D&L Trail between Weissport and Lehighton. The connection will be from Bridge Street to the trail. There will be an American Disability Act pedestrian crossing at Route 895 in East Penn Township and an 0.8 mile section of trail will be built from Route 895 to the East Penn Boat Launch.

The D&L and Carbon County are working together to seek funding for the Carbon County Pedestrian Bridge at Jim Thorpe. We are all hopeful the funds will be restored and the project can remain on track for the start of construction in 2015.

Meet Up with Us!

Join us for a meet up!

We have created this group to help guide you along the D&L Trail and learn different areas that the trail connects you to.



Our Meet up group is for anyone interested in biking, walking, running, hiking, meeting new people, and exploring new areas. This group will explore different sections of the D&L Trail and surrounding towns, which runs from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol passing through Carbon County and the Lehigh Valley.

[Meet Up with us!](#)

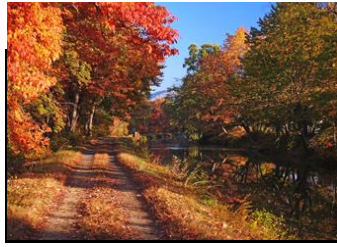
Upcoming Fall Events

Trust 5k Run/Walk:



Saturday, September 6

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and Mauch Chunk Trust Company are proud to announce the 2nd Annual Trust Run/Walk 5k on the D&L Trail. The event will be held Saturday, September 6th in Jim Thorpe, PA starting at 8 am. All of the proceeds for this event will benefit restoration and maintenance of the D&L Trail.



[Register Here](#)

National Talk Like a Pirate Day

Saturday, September 20

In honor of National Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 19, anyone who attends a canal boat ride dressed and speaking like a pirate will receive half price admission to the canal ride and museum.

[Event Details](#)

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[Cruise Details](#)

Fall Color Cruise:

Sunday, October 5

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, October 12

2-4:30 p.m. Passengers can enjoy the fall foilage along the Lehigh Canal along with learning the history of the canal during the fall season.

[Event Details](#)

Haunted Hugh Moore Park:

Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25

Thursday, October 30

Friday, October 31

7-9 p.m. Join us for a spooky 19th-century Halloween celebration in Easton's Hugh Moore Park.

[Event Details](#)

D&L Heritage Run/Walk Half Marathon:

Sunday, November 2

This year we are hosting a Half Marathon Run and Walk. The half marathon walk will be the first in the region! This unique course uses the D&L Trail as it flows alongside the Lehigh River. All proceeds benefit the completion and maintenance of the D&L Trail.

[Register Here](#)

Bike for the Bridge:

Saturday, November 8

Join us for the last ride of the season on the D&L Trail. All proceeds of this event benefit the completion of the D&L Trail and building the pedestrian bridge to connect downtown Jim Thorpe to the Lehigh Canal Towpath and Weissport. This event is supported by Pocono Biking and the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Event Details Coming Soon!

For more information on any of the upcoming events, please contact:

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Our Mission: To enrich the communities within the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor thru actions and partnerships that conserve the resources, tell the stories and enhance the quality of life for residents of the Corridor.