

Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

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Boy Scout Service Opportunities



Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Spans Five Eastern PA Counties

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor includes five Pennsylvania counties: Luzerne, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks. The Corridor is recognized as the birthplace of the 19th century Industrial Revolution in America and contains hundreds of historic and natural sites.

The 165-mile D&L Trail is the "spine" of the Corridor and follows the paths of the Lehigh and Delaware canals and railroads that carried anthracite coal from mines to markets. The Lehigh River originates in the northern forests of the Corridor and flows south and east until it empties into the Delaware River at Easton. Much of the D&L Trail follows these two scenic rivers.

The Corridor is also a Pennsylvania State Heritage Area.



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D&L TRAIL IS A PERFECT PLACE FOR SCOUT VOLUNTEERS

The Delaware & Lehigh (D&L) Trail meanders from Wilkes-Barre in Luzerne County to Bristol in Bucks County. It links the present to the past, offering visitors a multitude of opportunities to view spectacular scenery, learn history about the Corridor's settlement and development, and get great exercise by walking, running, hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing. The D&L Trail is ever-changing, with new segments opening every year and others receiving improvements that make them more user-friendly. Keeping the trail in tip-top shape requires lots of volunteer work. Volunteers who maintain the D&L Trail are called **Trail Tenders**; people of all ages who appreciate the trail and understand the importance of trail stewardship. Scouts can become Trail Tenders, too. You and your adult leaders can take part in litter cleanups, repair drainage problems, patch trails, clean and replace trail signs, control invasive plants, and undertake a variety of other trail enhancement projects. It's a great way to provide service to your community and the visitors who travel the D&L Trail.



Scouts such as these from White Haven have provided valuable services to the D&L Trail. Some have designed trail enhancement projects to earn Eagle Scout awards.



HOW CAN YOU BECOME PART OF THE TRAIL TENDERS?

There are opportunities for Scouts of all ages to become involved with the D&L Trail. Since the trail winds from Luzerne to Bucks counties, Scouts from Minsi Trails, Northeastern Pennsylvania and Bucks County councils can take part.

These are just some project ideas for Scouts along the D&L Trail. We'll be happy to listen to your ideas. Contact us today!

CUBS and their leaders can organize trail cleanups and establish bluebird trails and plant wildflowers.



BOY SCOUTS are perfect cleanup organizers and can identify invasive plants and learn how to get rid of them. The Heritage Corridor has five specific service opportunities for Eagle Scout candidates.



VENTURING crews can initiate historic preservation projects and other long-term trail enhancements.

