Welcome to the 165-mile D&L Trail!

Use this guide to explore the 59-mile Delaware Canal Region of the D&L Trail as it travels from the City of Easton between the Delaware Canal and the Delaware River to Bristol. The D&L Trail is a multi-use path that follows the routes of three historic transportation systems: the Lehigh Navigation Canal, the Delaware Canal, and the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Stretching 165 miles through eastern Pennsylvania from Williams-Barns to Bristol, the D&L Trail is the spine of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, one of 49 National Heritage Areas in the United States.

The Delaware Canal Region is the most historic of the three D&L regions with hundreds of landmarks to explore. The success of agriculture and the appeal of the land to gentrified farmers helped preserve the rural aesthetic of the region. The fertile river valley retains elements of the agrarian life and by the earliest Americans, such as covered bridges and fields of houses. As the trail winds its way south through historic sites and communities, it reaches densely populated Southwestern Pennsylvania. Here, trail users can find dozens of connections to other trails. The D&L Trail can be used in combination with the DE&K Trail in New Jersey to do loops around the Delaware River. The D&L Trail is also part of Philadelphia’s 72-mile Circuit Trails, providing users the ability to bike from the trail to Center City.

For more adventure and history, pick up our other two maps and explore the Lehigh Valley and Anthracite regions of the D&L Trail.

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Washington Crossing Upper

Washington Crossing

During the night on December 25, 1776, General Washington and 2,400 Continental Army troops crossed the Delaware River under the cover of darkness and snow. The courageous move helped win the Battle of Trenton, a pivotal conflict of the American Revolution. Visit the upper section of the park to see Bowman’s Hill Tower and the Thompson-Nardy House. Visit the lower section of the park to access the visitor’s center and downtown 19th-century buildings. Use the General Washington Memorial Bridge to cross the Delaware yourself.

Washington Crossing Lower

Washington Crossing, PA

Yardley

Yardley is truly representative of American and Pennsylvania history. The original land was purchased from William Penn by William Yardley in 1682. Since then, the town has served as a major haven on the Underground Railroad and for Union troops during the Civil War. The historic town now serves as a bedroom community for commuters to Philadelphia, Trenton, and Princeton. Use the SEPTA West Trenton line to access this landmark town.

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District

Downtown Easton is just across the Third Street Bridge from Easton. Use this guide to explore the 59-mile Delaware Canal Region of the D&L Trail. See the D&L Trail Lehighton Valley Region map for more information.

Delaware Canal Region

Delaware Canal State Park

Delaware Canal State Park may be the most unique State Park in Pennsylvania. This 59-mile park allows trail users to enjoy the historic towpath of the Delaware Canal as it passes through a number of activities that can be enjoyed along the canal trail in the town, such as paddling, photography, biking, hiking, and bird watching.

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