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PA Sojourn Brings 300 Cyclists to D&L Trail

EASTON - Three-hundred cyclists will spend five days traveling more than 160 miles of the scenic and historic D&L Trail during the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's 2018 Pennsylvania Sojourn.

More than just a ride, the PA Sojourn demonstrates connectivity, economic development, historic preservation, and natural beauty that is the D&L Trail. This journey will bring cyclists through five Pennsylvania counties as they travel along the "spine," and heart, of the D&L National Heritage Corridor - immersing themselves in the rich tapestry of the trail that winds through the vibrant towns it touches.

On Sunday, June 10, riders will start their journey at Black Diamond Trailhead in Mountain Top, Luzerne County, and then bike 35 miles southeast along the Lehigh River for an overnight stay in Jim Thorpe. Participants will enjoy lunch between 10:30 a.m. and noon in White Haven before continuing on the bike ride to Jim Thorpe.

On Monday, June 11, riders will participate in the dedication of the Mansion House Bridge in Jim Thorpe. The ceremony - including opening remarks, United Veterans unfurling of the flags, and the historic first crossing of the long-awaited Mansion House Bridge by RTC Sojourn bicyclists - will start at 9:15 a.m. Following the dedication, cyclists will travel to Canal Street Park in Northampton for lunch.

Following Monday's lunch at Canal Street Park, Sojourners will bike to Hugh Moore Park in Easton for dinner and additional remarks by local dignitaries. Cyclists are expected to arrive between 3-5 p.m. at the park.

On Tuesday, June 12, cyclists will travel 38 miles south along the Delaware River through Bucks County and then cross over into Frenchtown, New Jersey, and continue on the Delaware and Raritan Trail before crossing back over the Delaware River to Washington Crossing State Park. After a rest day in the Washington Crossing area, cyclists will embark on the final leg of their journey on Thursday, June 14 - biking 37 miles on the D&L Trail back to Hugh Moore Park.

This is a great opportunity for participants to experience the history, culture and beauty of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and for residents to put out the welcome mat.

Local media is cordially invited to attend the festivities. Photo and video opportunities are available at each location.

For a full itinerary of Sojourn events, visit <https://www.railstotrails.org/experience-trails/sojourns/> .

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ABOUT THE DELAWARE & LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that preserves historic pathway that carried coal and iron from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol. Today, the D&L Trail connects people to nature, culture, communities, recreation and our industrial heritage.