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D&L to Celebrate National Trails Day on June 3

EASTON (June 2) – The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) invites the public to celebrate National Trails Day along the D&L Trail on June 3. American Hiking Society’s National Trails Day challenges people to hit the trail, make new friends, and find an adventure. Events will take place along the D&L Trail from Jim Thorpe to Bethlehem.

D&L Trail – Jim Thorpe North Trailhead (Jim Thorpe, PA): Explore the D&L Trail in Lehigh Gorge State. There are 36 miles of D&L Trail alongside the Lehigh River between Jim Thorpe and the Black Diamond trailheads. The D&L will be at the trailhead with updates on the trail, Carbon County Pedestrian Bridge construction, and trail maps.

Weissport Founder’s Day (Weissport, PA): Weissport was founded by Colonel Jacob Weiss, a soldier in the Revolutionary War and a local affluent businessman. Weissport’s Founder’s Day will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on June 3. The event includes festivities that celebrate both the 150 years of Weissport’s 1867 incorporation as a borough and the 1792 founding of the borough. Stop by the D&L Table to pick up a trail map, National Canal Museum brochure, and more.

Lehigh Gap Nature Center, (Slatington, PA): Celebrate National Trails Day with Lehigh Gap Nature Center and the D&L. Enjoy family-friendly activities, including a Butterfly Safari, Life in a Pond, and Birding Around the Osprey House. The day will culminate with a hike up Translater Lane to the top of the mountain by dusk. Bring your sense of adventure! Stop by the D&L table to pick up a trail map, National Canal Museum brochure, and more.

National Canal Museum, (Easton, PA): The National Canal Museum will open for the 2017 season. Take a ride on the Josiah White II Canal Boat, picnic in the newly improved Hugh Moore Park, explore the hands-on exhibits in the museum, and rent a bike or boat.

D&L Trail – Hugh Moore Park Trailhead (Easton, PA): Explore the D&L Trail in Hugh Moore Park. The D&L Trail passes through Hugh Moore Park as it follows the Lehigh River. The D&L will have an information table at the D&L Trail – Hugh Moore Park Trailhead to provide trail maps and advice on ways to get out and explore the trail.

D&L Trail – Sand Island Trailhead (Bethlehem, PA): Celebrate National Trails Day by giving back to the D&L Trail! Come out to help the D&L clean-up a popular section of trail between Sand Island Bethlehem and Freemansburg. Volunteers will meet in the parking area near the tennis courts on Sand Island. We will then hike along the trail and clean-up litter, clear branches and brush, and help maintain the trail. If you can only come for a bit, we’ll still

welcome the help! Please wear appropriate clothes, long pants and long sleeve shirts are best, closed toe shoes, and bring a water bottle.

Freemansburg Canal Education Center (Freemansburg, PA): Explore history on the D&L Trail. Visit the Freemansburg Canal Education Center and take a tour of the canal bed and mule barn. D&L Staff and volunteers will be there to answer questions and teach local history. Visitors can also follow the historic towpath on foot or on bike. The D&L will be at this location with an information table. Visitors can get a trail map, National Canal Museum brochure, and more.

StepOutdoors Lehigh Valley (Bethlehem, PA): Step Outdoors Lehigh Valley is a free family festival celebrating all things outdoors at SteelStacks in Bethlehem. Filled with dynamic presentations, hands-on activities and tons of fun, this event is designed to introduce children and their families to the wonders of the world around them. This year, guests will enjoy activities and presentations by more than 25 different organizations focusing on conservation, wildlife, and outdoor recreation. The D&L will have a table at the event. Visitors can get a trail map, National Canal Museum brochure, and more.

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 Philadelphia. Today, the D&L Trail connects people to nature, culture, communities, recreation and our industrial heritage.

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