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Celebrating National Trails Day along the D&L Trail

EASTON, PA – The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) will be celebrating National Trails Day at various locations along the D&L Trail on Saturday, June 1, 2019. American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® is the country's largest celebration of trails with events taking place in every state across the country. Regionally, events are planned in Carbon County, the Lehigh Valley, and Bucks County.

Event Schedule along the D&L Trail for June 1, 2019:

Carbon County – *Jim Thorpe, PA* – Look for our tent at the D&L Trailhead in Downtown Jim Thorpe and find out more about the Mansion House Bridge Phase II project and how Carbon County will be the first to complete their portion of the D&L Trail.

Carbon County – *Lehighton*, PA - 9th Annual Charity Bike Ride to benefit St. Luke's Hospice. There is a 20- or 30-mile course option and both will start from the Lehighton Trailhead of the D&L Trail. Visit www.tailonthe trail.org to register. The \$40 entry fee covers participation bag, event shirt, and rental bike if needed.

Lehigh County – Slatington, PA Trailhead – Experience one of the friendliest trailheads on National Trails Day by bike or foot, visit our D&L tent for a trail map, and see what a trail-friendly town is all about.

Lehigh Valley – *SteelStacks in Bethlehem, PA* – Step Outdoors Lehigh Valley is a free family festival celebrating all things outdoors. Filled with hands-on activities, this event is designed to introduce children and their families to the wonders of nature. Activities include hiking, biking, archery, birding, fishing, nature photography, and more. Look for the Get Your Tail on the Trail tent with some fun activities and get your photo taken with our mascot Della the Mule.

Easton – *The National Canal Museum*, a Smithsonian affiliate, and the Josiah White II canal boat open for the season in Hugh Moore Park. The museum is debuting a new special exhibition *What the Rivers Saw: Mapping 200 Years of the D&L Corridor's Living Landscape*, which explores the changes in landscape and development within the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. Museum visitors will also have the chance to enjoy the museum's current art exhibition *Frank Wyso: Colors in Bloom*, a collaboration with the WYSO Foundation. Museum hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The canal boat has rides at 12, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. daily.

Bucks County – *Riegelsville,* PA – Join the D&L and the Borough of Riegelsville for this easy family friendly ride on the Delaware Canal section of D&L Trail. Bring your own bike and gear for the 17-mile ride at a relaxed pace on the flat trail suitable for all level of riders. Plan to meet at the trailhead and leave at 10am for the two-hour ride. Parking lot beside the new trailhead – 715 Durham Rd. Riegelsville, PA. For questions, please contact the Trail Programs Manager, or call 610-923-3548, ext. 234.

ABOUT THE DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

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

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