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Welcome to the Delaware Canal Region of the D&L Trail

Use this guide to explore the 59-mile Delaware Canal Region of the D&L Trail as it travels between the Delaware Canal and the Delaware River from the City of Easton to Historic Bristol Borough. The D&L Trail is a multi-use path that follows the routes of three historic transportation systems that carried coal and iron from mine to market: the Lehigh Navigation Canal, the Delaware Canal, and the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Stretching 165 miles through eastern Pennsylvania from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol, the D&L Trail is the spine of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, one of 55 National Heritage Areas in the United States.

The Delaware Canal Region has an amazing history with hundreds of landmarks to explore. The success of agriculture and the appeal of the land to gentlemen farmers helped preserve the rural aesthetic of the region. The fertile river valley retains elements of the agrarian life led by the earliest Americans, such as covered bridges and fieldstone houses. As the trail winds its way south through historic sites and communities, it reaches densely populated southeastern Pennsylvania. Here, trail users can find dozens of connections to other trails. The D&L Trail can be used in combination with the D&R Trail in New Jersey to do loops around the Delaware River. The D&L Trail is also part of Philadelphia's 750 miles of 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.

Additional information is available at:
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Easton



City of Easton & Forks of the Delaware

Downtown Easton is just across the Third Street Bridge from the D&L Trail and the Forks of the Delaware Trailhead. Here, the Lehigh River empties into the Delaware River and the D&L Trail enters Delaware Canal State Park. Cross the bridge to see museums, theaters, shops, and restaurants.

See the **D&L Trail: Lehigh Valley Region** map for more information.



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Delaware Canal State Park

Delaware Canal State Park may be the most unique State Park in Pennsylvania. This 59-mile linear park allows trail users to enjoy the historic towpath of the Delaware Canal as it passes through beautiful agrarian scenes and bustling colonial towns. The park follows the mostly intact Delaware Canal as it runs south through fields and over 19th-century aqueducts. There are a number of activities that can be enjoyed along the canal and in the river, such as paddling, photography, biking, hiking, and bird watching.



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Virginia Forrest Rec. Area

Delaware Canal Region Partners

Delaware Canal State Park | www.dcnr.state.pa.us
Official website for Delaware Canal State Park
Friends of the Delaware Canal | www.fodc.org
Local trail news & trips
Circuit Trails | www.circuittrails.org
Regional trail network for Southeastern Pennsylvania
East Coast Greenway | www.greenway.org
Multi-state trail co-aligned with D&L from Morrisville to Bristol
Southeastern PA Transportation Authority | www.septa.org
Train connections and schedules



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New Hope



Town of New Hope

As a destination for artists, musicians, writers and others seeking a respite from daily life, New Hope provides a rewarding sanctuary. Wander the streets to find artistic treasures, delectable meals and refreshing drinks in the shops, restaurants and pubs along Main Street and tucked into side streets and alleys. As evening sets in, music pours into the streets, the curtain goes up at the iconic Bucks County Playhouse, and energy surges through the town.

While strolling the streets, look carefully to find the Revolution-era architecture from the original bustling settlement that boasted grist and lumber mills, taverns and shops. The New Hope Historical Society is located at the elegant 18th century Georgian-style Parry Mansion at 45 South Main Street in the heart of New Hope's historic district.



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Washington Crossing Upper





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Washington Crossing Lower

Washington Crossing

During the night on December 25, 1776, George 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-Neely House. Visit the lower section of the park to access the visitor's center and dozens of 19th-century buildings. Use the General Washington Memorial Bridge to cross the Delaware yourself!



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Yardley



Town of 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 America as a safe haven on the Underground Railroad and fed 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 the town and D&L Trail here.

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Morrisville

Morrisville, Where Many Trails Meet

Morrisville is another town rich in history, but what sets this town apart is its connections. Morrisville may provide access to more trails than any other town on the D&L Trail. Trail users can use the Calhoun Street Bridge to cross the Delaware to do a loop on the D&R Trail or connect to the East Coast Greenway, an ongoing trail project designed to connect Maine to Florida via 3,000 miles of trail. Users can also access the trail using the SEPTA Trenton or River Line and stopping at the Trenton Transit Center stop.



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Bristol



Bristol & D&L Trail Southern Terminus

Established in 1681, Historic Bristol Borough has been a commercial hub for more than 300 years. Through centuries of change, the Delaware River has been a constant influence on this river-front town. Bristol is where the Delaware Canal meets the navigable tidal waters of the Delaware River and marks Mile 0 of the D&L Trail. The town itself provides an authentic downtown experience of local shopping, dining, and relaxation along the Delaware River.

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