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Welcome to the Lehigh Valley Region of the D&L Trail

Use this guide to explore the Lehigh Valley region of the D&L Trail as it travels from Lehigh Gap through Allentown and Bethlehem on the way to Easton. The D&L Trail is a multi-use path that follows the route of three historic transportation systems that carried coal and iron from mine to market: the Lehigh 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 51 National Heritage Areas in the United States. The Lehigh Valley is the most urbanized of the three D&L regions as it travels through the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton. The Valley was a world leader in iron, steel, cement, and slate production, due largely to the red mineral resources and infrastructures provided by the Lehigh Canal and, later, the Lehigh Valley and New Jersey Central Railroads. Today, visitors can enjoy arts, music, culture, history, sports, and the National Canal Museum. The D&L Trail is also the spine of THE LINK, Lehigh Valley’s growing network of multi-use trails.

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

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See the D&L Trail Anthracite Region map for more information north of Lehigh Gap.

Allentown Lehigh Canal Park

Heading east from Allentown Canal Park, you arrive in Bethlehem, former home of Bethlehem Steel, an American industrial icon. In Bethlehem, the D&L Trail follows the towpath through Sand Island Park, where you will see the iconic Bethlehem Steel blast furnaces. Access is available to Main Street and the South Side via the New Street Bridge with ample shops and restaurants on both sides of the Lehigh River. Both Allentown Canal Park and Bethlehem Sand Island are Lehigh River Water Trail access points.

Continue east on the D&L Trail to visit the canal town of Freemansburg and the City of Easton.

Bethlehem Sand Island

Freemansburg

Hugh Moore Park

After crossing the Lehigh River on the one-lane bridge, the D&L Trail travels through Easton’s Hugh Moore Park. The main trail turns northeast passing a bike skills course, while a D&L Trail spur takes visitors upriver to the National Canal Museum and Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor headquarters. Here you can explore the history of the Lehigh and Delaware Canals through interactive exhibits in the museum, tour the Lockmaster’s House, and ride on the Joss Wham, one of the last mule-drawn canal boats in the world. This trail follows the canal barge route along the Lehigh River back to the Lehigh River Water Trail access points. Continue on the D&L Trail to reach Allentown.

Hugh Moore Park & National Canal Museum

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 Flats, where the Lehigh River flows into the Delaware River and the D&L Trail enters Delaware Canal State Park. Visit downtown to see museums, theaters, shops, restaurants and America’s oldest continuously operating farmers’ market. See the D&L Trail Delaware Canal Region map for more information along the Delaware Canal.

For National Canal Museum information and hours: canalmuseum.org or 610-925-3548.