# Region



## Welcome to the Anthracite Region of the D&L Trail

Use this guide to explore the Anthracite Region of the D&L Trail as it travels from the City of Wilkes-Barre through the Pocono Mountains to Jim Thorpe and Lehigh Gap. 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 about 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 49 National Heritage Areas in the United States.

The Anthracite Region is the most forested of the three D&I regions with hundreds of natural areas to explore. In this region alone, users can access 38,000 acres of State Park, 128,000 acres of State Game Lands, 25,000 acres of State Forest, and countless lakes and streams. Also along the D&L Trail are many quaint towns where trail users can stop to explore history, culture, food, and more. From the riverfront of Wilkes-Barre and the cascading waterfalls of Seven Tubs Recreation Area, to the magnificent views of the Lehigh Gorge and vibrant downtown of Jim Thorpe, the Anthracite Region tells the story of America's industrial past in a beautiful natural setting.

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

Additional information is available at: www.delawareandlehigh.org

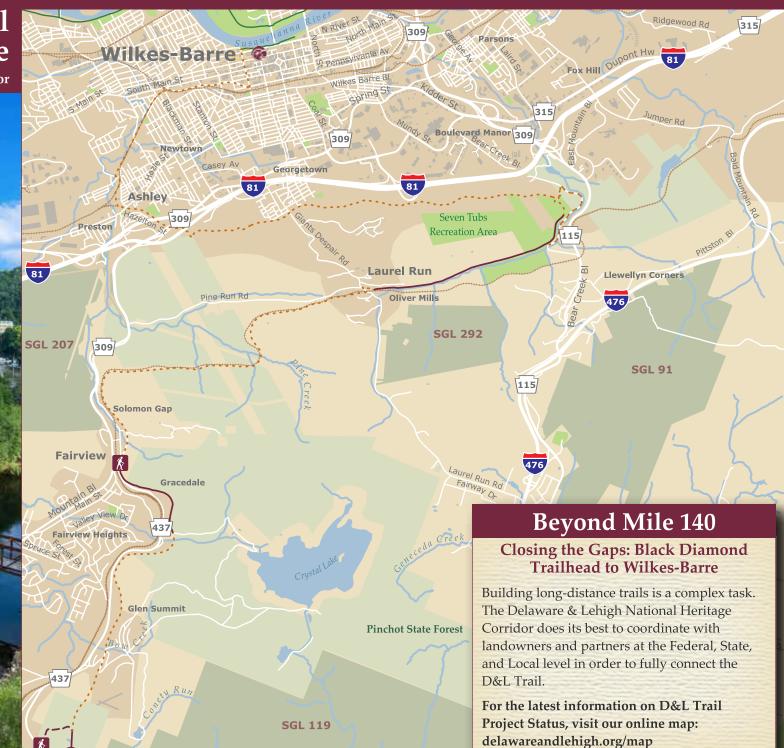












Jim Thorpe

Jim Thorpe

Asa Packer Mansion

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

# White Haven

## Rockport

### Lehigh Gorge State Park

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The Lehigh Gorge section of the D&L Trail runs along the Lehigh River from White Haven to Glen Onoko. This 22-mile stretch of near-wilderness is home to breathtaking mountain and river views as the Lehigh River carves its way southward. Along the shore, cyclists, rafters, hikers, cross-country skiers, and even snowmobilers can admire the remains of the railroad and canal locks. Both Jim Thorpe and White Haven are home to professional outfitters that can provide the best equipment to enjoy a trip by bike or boat through the Lehigh Gorge, complete with shuttle service.

Visit the Glen Onoko Trailhead of Lehigh Gorge State Park to see an abandoned railroad tunnel where coal-carrying cars once passed through the mountain. This trailhead also marks the closest access point for the scenic Nesquehoning Trestle.





Glen Onoko



Lehigh Gap Nature Center

Lehigh Gap

**Nature Center** 

Visitor Center



White Haven served as the junction of the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad and the Upper Grand section of the Lehigh Canal, where coal and iron transferred for shipment south to Mauch Chunk and beyond. This small town is the northern gateway to Lehigh Gorge State Park and the entry point for thousands of cyclists using the D&L Trail and paddlers entering the Lehigh River. The town is located just off Interstate 80, minutes from Hickory Run State Park, Nescopeck State Park, and the Lehigh River's Francis E. Walter Dam.

Visit the White Haven Community Library, located in the estored Lehigh Valley Railroad Engine Repair Shop for more nformation on the town's history. Also nearby is the 29-ton Union Pacific Caboose and Lehigh Canal locks 28 and 29, par of the Upper Grand section of the Canal.

Lehighton

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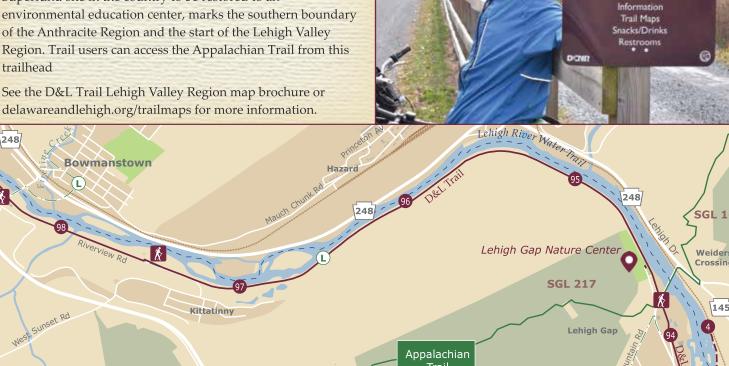
Canal Side Guest House

Mario's Pizza

#### **East Penn** Weissport to Lehigh Gap

This section of the D&L Trail parallels one of the most intact segments of the Lehigh Canal. Water still flows through the canal here, making this section popular for fishing, kayaking, and stand-up paddle boarding. Just after Weissport is Lehighton, founded in 1746 by Moravian missionaries. Here, users can find the half-mile Lehighton spur trail to access downtown Lehighton. Lehigh Gap Nature Center, the only Superfund site in the country to be restored to an environmental education center, marks the southern boundary of the Anthracite Region and the start of the Lehigh Valley Region. Trail users can access the Appalachian Trail from this

See the D&L Trail Lehigh Valley Region map brochure or



#### Historic Jim Thorpe

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Jim Thorpe's charm is rooted in the marriage of heritage and outdoor recreation. The downtown, a National Historic District, is home to two national historic landmarks: The Asa Packer Mansion and St. Mark's Episcopal Church, both a short walk from the D&L Trail. Take a break from recreation to tour the town, eat at one of the many restaurants, ride the historic train, or stay the night at a Victorian B&B. A dedicated bicycle and pedestrian bridge leads from the train station to historic Lehigh Canal Lock 1 and beyond to Weissport, Lehighton, and the Lehigh Valley.

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