

## Opening Day for Trails!



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Trail User,

**This Saturday marks the "Opening Day" for Trails!** We know you have been enjoying the trails of our beautiful Susquehanna Greenway corridor all year long, but Saturday is a celebratory day for enjoying those trails as the weather warms. So whether you are a paddler, hiker, walker, biker, roller blader, stroller, or just an all around outdoor enthusiast we've got you covered with trails, parks, and preserves to get you started this season.

We'll see you on the Greenway,  
Your Susquehanna Greenway Team

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### Congratulations to York & Lancaster Counties!

*Susquehanna Heritage Area Receives National Designation*



As of March 12, 2019, President Donald Trump signed S.47, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, a major national conservation bill that includes designation of Lancaster and York Counties as the Susquehanna National Heritage Area. This makes the Susquehanna National Heritage Area America's 55th National Heritage Area! Learn more about the

## Explore the West Branch

At a little over 228 miles long, the West Branch stretches from Cherry Tree to Sunbury. The waters of the West Branch flow through northern hardwood forests of oak, cherry, maple, and remnants of the great white pine and hemlock forests of settlers' times. It contains some of the most remote sections of the Greenway.



### Land Trails

**David S. Ammerman Trail**, Clearfield County (10.5 miles): Rail trail from Clearfield to Grampian with scenic views of water, farmland, and forests along the West Branch.



## Water Trail

**Watsonstown to Lewisburg** (8.5 miles): Starting in Watsonstown, paddle past trees, fields, and small islands, stop for a lunch break at the Milton State Park launch, and continue downriver under a railroad bridge to end in Lewisburg.

Water Trail Manager:  
Susquehanna Greenway

Partnership



## Parks & Preserves

**Milton State Park**, *Northumberland County* (82 acres): Located on an island in the Susquehanna between Milton and West Milton, the park has three hiking trails, scenic views, soccer fields, picnic tables, charcoal grills, and a playground.

*Photo: David. S. Ammerman Trail*

*This list is not exhaustive; click below for additional trails, parks, & preserves.*

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## Explore the North Branch

This stretch of the river is characterized by rolling meadows, forests, and crop land, set amid seemingly endless mountains, offering abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation. It flows for about 181 miles in PA.



## Land Trails

**Luzerne County Levee Trail**, *Luzerne County* (12 miles): A system of interconnected paved trails built atop the flood protection levees in the Wyoming Valley; ideal for pedestrian biking and walking.



## Water Trail

**Bloomsburg to Danville** (12.5 miles): A quiet stretch of river starting in Bloomsburg, paddle past Bloomsburg Town Park, the historic Fort McClure House, mouth of Fishing Creek, abandoned Reading Railroad Bridge, North Branch Canal remnants, various islands, fields, and ending in downtown Danville.

Water Trail Manager: [Endless Mountains Heritage Region](#)

[National Heritage Area initiative here](#) or click below.

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## Get your tickets now!

*Island Hopper Sojourn*  
*August 3, 2019*



Island Hopping is easily one of the best ways to experience the Middle Susquehanna River Trail. With its abundant wildlife, breathtaking scenery, and network of islands the Middle Susquehanna offers so much for visitors to see and do.

So grab your kayak or your canoe and join the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) and Susquehanna River Trail Association (SRTA) on August 3, 2019 for the family-friendly Susquehanna Island Hopper sojourn!

Attendees will launch from the beautiful Isle of Que in Selinsgrove, PA and travel 12 miles down the River Trail stopping to enjoy the beauty and diversity of the islands. Early Bird Tickets are \$25 until May 31, 2019.

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## Call for Photo Entries!

*Our 8th Annual Photo Contest is underway*



## Parks & Preserves

**[Shikellamy State Park and Marina](#)**, Northumberland County (132 acres): Located at the confluence of the West Branch and North Branch of the Susquehanna River, the park offers an overlook of the river and a marina.

*Photo Credit: Cody Goddard; Levee Trail in Wilkes-Barre*  
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## Explore the Middle Susquehanna

This 54-mile stretch of river is adorned with over 400 islands between Sunbury and Harrisburg. Primitive campsites have been established on over 20 of these islands. Other features include the Millersburg Ferry, Rockville Bridge, birds, and wildlife.



## Land Trails

**[Hawk Rock Overlook](#)**, Perry County (2 miles): Trail takes visitors on one of the most iconic trails in the U.S., the Appalachian Trail, and rewards them with a stunning overlook of the Susquehanna River.



## Water Trail

**[Marysville to West Fairview](#)** (6 miles): Beginning in Marysville, paddle beneath the famous Rockville Bridge, past McCormick's Island (good picnic spot), birdwatch near Wade's Island (largest multi-species rookery in PA), and end at West Fairview. **Water Trail Manager:** [Susquehanna River Trail Association](#)



## Parks & Preserves

**[Wildwood Park & Nature Center](#)**, Dauphin County (210 acres): Features a shallow lake, 6 miles of trail, and a nature center with exhibits and information.

*Photo Credit: Dylan Schwartz; Hawk Rock Overlook*  
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## Explore the Lower Susquehanna



**PHOTO CONTEST**  
TREASURED TOWNS & LANDSCAPES  
of the SUSQUEHANNA

Show us your Susquehanna! What Susquehanna River Town or special scene do you treasure? Submit your original photographs and share your stories in our annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest! Deadline for Submissions is June 30, 2019. This year's categories include Landscapes, Bridges, Susquehanna Adventures, and River Towns. Cash Prizes will be awarded in each Category: \$150/ \$100/ \$50. To enter click the button below. Be sure to review our [Contest Rules](#) before submitting your photos.

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Running 53 miles from Harrisburg to the Mason-Dixon Line, the Lower Section passes through a tremendous diversity of natural and built environments, from industrial yards to bird habitats, including cutting through the heart of the Susquehanna Piedmont Gorge.



### Land Trails



**[Enola Low Grade Trail](#)**, Lancaster County (5.25 miles): Carved from steep riverside cliffs, this scenic trail features views of the Susquehanna River, Safe Harbor Dam, and an active Norfolk Southern freight line.



### Water Trail

**[Columbia to Lock 2 Boat Ramp](#)** (~5 miles): Paddling the Lower Section is more like lake paddling as the river widens. Begin at the launch near the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge and [Columbia Crossing River Trail Center](#). Paddle along the Lake Clarke portion of the river, spot bird life near the Conejohela Flats, and see the stone building of the Zimmerman Center for heritage.

Water Trail Manager: [Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area](#)



### Parks & Preserves

**[Susquehannock State Park](#)**, Lancaster County (224 acres): Situated on a wooded plateau with observations decks, the park offers amazing views of the Susquehanna and wildlife.

*Photo Credit: Brad Hepfer, Enola Low Grade Trail*

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Find trails in parks across the state, as well as hiking events and activities in your area with Pennsylvania Parks & Recreation Society's "Good for PA" online resources and tools.

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Get more information for planning your visit out on the Greenway. Read about our regional trails, parks, river towns, and explore the map on the Susquehanna Greenway website.

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### About the SGP



The mission of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is to envision, create and sustain a greenway along the Susquehanna River to enhance river towns and the lives of current and future generations.

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