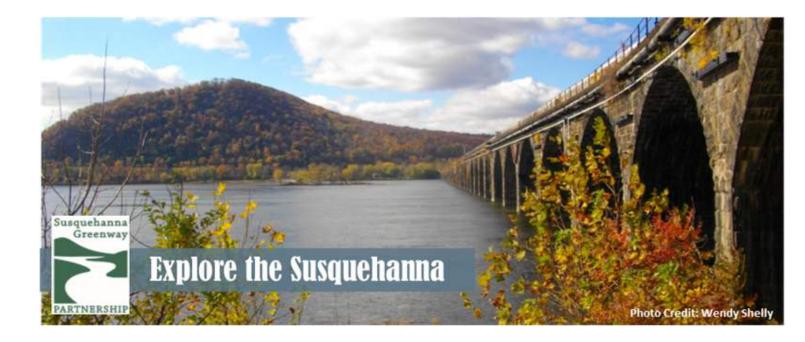
#### Susquehanna Trails to FALL in love with this Season

#### Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

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Alana,

Looking for trails to Fall in love with this season? With cool weather and warm colors in full swing, now is a perfect time to grab a friend and enjoy the outdoor beauty of the Susquehanna Greenway. These trails showcase scenic ridges, verdant valleys, wooded hills, and tranquil Susquehanna waters that are sure to steal some hearts. Take a look at our featured trails below, head out to the Greenway, and get ready to FALL in love!

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

## **Explore the North Branch**

### J. Manley Robbins Trail

County: Montour Length: 3.8 Miles

Trail Access Points: Hess Recreation Area

Trail Surface: Dirt, Grass, Gravel

Activities: Running, Hiking, Biking, Dog Walking

Difficulty: Easy

The J. Manley Robbins Trail is a short trail with a long history. Believed to be the oldest documented rail-trail in the country, this trail leads through a beautiful deciduous forest high above the Mahoning Creek. It is barely 1 mile long, but because it is now connected to an old Reading Railroad line, the trail makes a 3.8mile loop. The trail is particularly nice for jogging and dogs are welcome. To learn more about the Robbins Trail click below.









# **River Valley Ride Thank You!**

To our Participants, Sponsors, & Funders



Thank you to all who made this year's inaugural River Valley Ride possible! We were proud to showcase the connected trails of the greater Williamsport area amidst the beautiful scenery of the Susquehanna River.

Photos from the event are now available on our Facebook and Instagram. Please like, share, and feel free to tag yourself! Please also take a minute to fill out this survey and let us know how we did. Click below to see photos.

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## **Explore the West Branch**

## **Dale's Ridge Trail**

County: Union

Length: 2.3 Miles (loop)

Trail Access Points: Dale-Engle-

Walker Farmstead

Trail Surface: Natural Surface, Rock

<u>Activities</u>: Walking, Hiking, Birdwatching, Fishing <u>Difficulty</u>: Moderate

Located on the 137-acre Dale-Engle-Walker property, this trail has become one of Merill W. Linn

Conservancy's best known and most

popular. Taking hikers 160 feet above Buffalo Creek, the trail offers a stunning view of the Buffalo Valley. A wide variety of landscapes are seen along the trail, including the Buffalo Creek floodplain, a mature hardwoods forest, a pond, and open fields. It is also a great place for bird watching, as well as observing the many different kinds of wildflowers. An informational kiosk at the trailhead offers pamphlets with additional information about numbered signage along this trail. Learn more about the trail by clicking below.

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## Explore the Middle Susquehanna

#### **Fort Hunter Park Trail**

County: Dauphin Area: 40 Acres

Collective Trail Length: 2.6 Miles Trail Access Points: Fort Hunter

Mansion & Park
<u>Trail Surface</u>: Paved
<u>Activities</u>: Walking, Hiking,
Birdwatching, Historic Tours,
Playground, Dog-walking

<u>Difficulty</u>: Easy



#### **Don't miss Autumn colors!**

Check out this foliage prediction map



With colder weather, comes warmer colors! The red, oranges, and yellows of peak season are emerging. You won't want to miss it. Take a look at this foliage prediction map from <a href="SmokyMountains.com">SmokyMountains.com</a> for the entire United States. Whether you're in Pennsylvania or states abroad, this map will come in handy.

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#### **DCNR Wants to Hear from YOU!**

Provide Feedback on the 2020-2024 Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan



Every five years, states across the nation are required to produce a new statewide recreation plan to help guide their recreation policies, programs, and investments. PA DCNR has a draft plan for 2020-2024 in place and requests your recommendations, so that the plan can incorporate the feedback and insights of Pennsylvania residents, recreation enthusiasts, and those that provide outdoor recreation services and facilities. Both the draft plan and survey are available at the link below. The survey closes on Thursday, October 31st.

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Check Out These Trail Resources

Located along the Susquehanna River in Dauphin County, Fort Hunter Park offers around 40 acres of outdoor space that hosts a variety of activities to enjoy. Throughout history it has served as a war fort, a hub for frontier commerce, and an exclusive private estate. Now it is open to the public and preserved by the Friends of Fort Hunter. Visitors can enjoy outdoors activities such as taking a walk by the river or the old



towpath of the Pennsylvania canal. Birdwatching and observation of nature can be enjoyed at several natural areas along Fishing Creek, the Susquehanna River, and the old Pennsylvania canal. Those who wish to enjoy the river even more can put in a canoe, kayak, or small boat from the boat launch.

By summer 2020, visitors to the Harrisburg area will also have the ability to walk/bike between Fort Hunter Park and Wildwood Park (on the outskirts of Harrisburg) and vice-versa. The latest expansion to the Capital Area Greenbelt will connect these two parks in Harrisburg. The expected completion date for this latest connection is May 2020. Click below to learn more.

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#### Explore the Lower Susquehanna

## Trails of Susquehannock State Park

County: Lancaster Area: 224 Acres

Collective Trail Length: Over 5

Miles

Trail Access Points: Park Road Trail Surface: Natural Surface Activities: Walking, Hiking, Picnicking, Horseback Riding

Difficulty: Varies

This 224-acre park in Lancaster

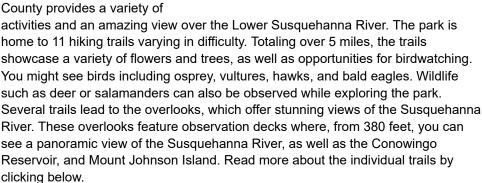


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Find trails in parks across the state, as well as hiking events and activities in your area with Pennsylvania Parks & Recreation Society's "Good for PA" online resources and tools.

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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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