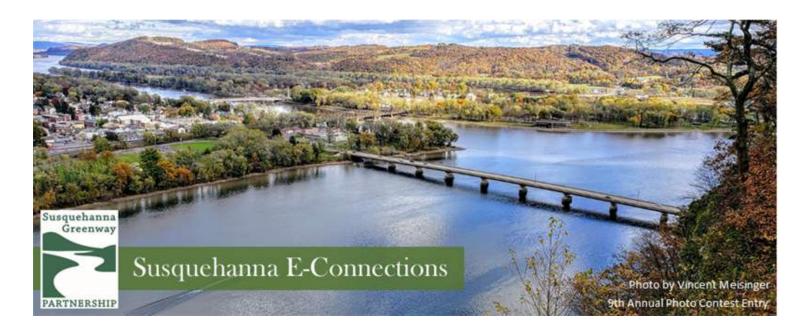
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Education & Outreach



Event Recap; Pop-Up Paddle

Another Successful Susquehanna Sojourn



A big thank you to all who participated in our Susquehanna Pop-Up Paddle event on August 8th. We were proud to showcase the beautiful West Branch Susquehanna River, and were so happy that 70 paddlers could join us!

Photos from the event are now available on our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Please like, share, and feel free to tag yourself!

Get Your Tickets: Another Paddle is in the Works!

Susquehanna Pop-Up Paddle: Fall Edition

We had so much fun during our August Susquehanna Pop-Up Paddle that we are planning to hit the river again this Fall!

again this Fall! The Susquehanna Pop-Up Paddle: Fall Edition will be a one-day 12-mile float that takes paddlers from Montgomery to Milton State Park with a picnic lunch stop in Watsontown. It's a great opportunity to explore the Greenway and the West Branch Susquehanna River Water Trail.

Due to COVID-19, numbers will again be limited, so be sure to secure your spot soon. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$15/child 12 and under.

Our August paddle sold out in just one week, so don't wait!



Congratulations 9th Annual Photo Contest Winners

And thank you to everyone who entered!

Please join us in congratulating all of our winning photographers from the 9th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest. With 758 entries, this year set a new SGP record! That being said, it was also our most competitive year yet; our judges certainly had their work cut out for them. Thank you to all who submitted and shared their scenes, adventures, and stories!

1st Place winners in each category are shown below. <u>Click here</u> to view all winners.

Landscapes

River Towns



Terry Dickmyer Photo taken in Wrightsville, PA Michael Yatsko Photo taken in Harrisburg, PA

Wildlife

Susquehanna Adventures



Matt Gutelius Photo taken in Lewisburg, PA



Mark Boyd Photo taken in Conestoga, PA We've also posted a video recap, which can be viewed <u>here</u>.



Rise of Paddling in PA Effects of COVID-19 on Outdoor Recreation



This year has brought with it an unprecedented change in lifestyle for us all. The COVID-19 pandemic has had this effect not only on individuals, but also on businesses and organizations who have had to shift their operations to a 'new normal.' It's not all bad though, as one particular area of interest has ascended to new levels: kayaking.

Click below to learn what kind of impact this increase has had on our region.



Great American Outdoors Act Passed & Signed Historic Act to Support Parks & Trails

VIEW ALL WINNERS HERE



The West Branch Paddle Club Accepting Members

Start earning perks for your paddles TODAY!



Calling all West Branch Susquehanna paddlers! Don't pass up this chance to start earning perks for your paddles. The West Branch Paddle Club is a program that encourages exploration of the Susquehanna River Water Trail - West Branch. The program divides the water trail into four segments, which paddlers can report online to receive commemorative pins, stickers, event discounts, discounts on club membership, and more!

For the non-paddling fans of the West Branch, this is also a great opportunity to support the water trail and stay up-to-date on the latest West Branch news. Click below to learn more.





The United States House of Representatives made history by <u>passing</u> <u>the Great American Outdoors Act</u> (GAOA) to fully and permanently fund the <u>Land and</u> <u>Water Conservation Fund</u> (LWCF). The Act passed with bipartisan support and was sent to the President's desk, where it was signed into law on August 4, 2020.

Click below to learn more about what this means for our parks and trails.



Find Trails Near You! Visit our SGP Trails page for itineraries



Get out on the Greenway and explore! Visit our Trails page to find opportunities for walking and hiking near you.



Visit the SGP Shop Support your Water Trail with these

Looking for an Island Getaway?

Camp on the Middle Susquehanna River Islands

Sleep under the stars on the Middle Susquehanna Water Trail with a unique Susquehanna River adventure: river island camping! Check out SGP's newly released video to learn all about it.

A big thank you to retired outfitter and local storyteller Jim Charles, as well as <u>Susquehanna River Trail Association</u> volunteer Scott Frost, for sharing their expertise on these unique features within the water trail and along the Susquehanna Greenway.

Click above or below to watch the video and learn how to plan your trip.





River Towns

awesome stickers and decals!

Get out on the Greenway in Lewisburg

Going the Social Distance Bike Ramble

This September, Walk It Bike It is teaming up with the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals group for an event called the Lewisburg Bike Ramble. The group is regional and they have picked the Lewisburg area for this activity for this social distance friendly event.

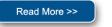
The idea is for participants to either recruit a quaran-team or go solo, ride <u>the route</u> anytime in September, snag some pics and tag the <u>Greater Susquehanna Young</u> <u>Professionals on FB</u> or <u>Instagram</u> and you'll be entered to win weekly prizes.

Click below to learn more about this initiative and other update from Lewisburg Neighborhoods.





Represent your favorite branches of the Susquehanna River by purchasing a logo sticker. The West Branch is available in both stickers and magnetic decals. The North Branch is available in stickers. All proceeds help to fund projects along the water trail. Click below to support the river & get yours today!





Registration for Pick-Up Pennsylvania Now Open

Access free materials and support to host Fall River Town Cleanups

The onset of COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation of many Spring cleanups surrounding the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. In order to encourage Fall cleanup opportunities and prevent litter from ending up in our waterways, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is coordinating a Pick Up Pennsylvania initiative from



September 1st- November 30th. To register a cleanup initiative for your River Town, simply click below and fill out the online form. All registered cleanups are eligible to receive free gloves, bags, and safety vests courtesy of PennDOT.



Partner News

Update: Shikellamy State Park Marina

Courtesy Middle Susquehanna RiverKeeper

Upcoming Events September & October

September 1, 2020 Floating Classroom Series on the Hiawatha: Waterfowl of the Watershed

September 12-13, 2020 <u>Hughesville: Balloonfest, Airshow, & So</u> <u>Much More</u>

September 15, 2020 Floating Classroom Series on the Hiawatha: Raptors on the River

October 10, 2020 Susquehanna Pop-Up Paddle: Fall Edition

October 22, 2020 Active Transportation Training Course

October 24-25, 2019 Williamsport: Fall Train Rides Two big transitions are in the works at Shikellamy State Park: (1) The longstanding marina building located at the confluence of the North and West branches of the Susquehanna River is being stripped down and (2) the park is conducting a search for a new park manager. For more details on these new park updates, click below.



This list of events is not exhaustive. Visit our <u>online events calendar</u> for more information. This list is also subject to change due to COVID-19.

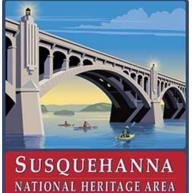


Do you have your Picnic Passport?

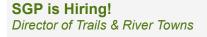
All you need for the ultimate Susquehanna picnic experience

Continuing into September, the Susquehanna National Heritage Area (SNHA) is offering the Picnic Passport – a safe, fun, and easy way to experience the Lower Susquehanna while supporting local businesses and SNHA's work to connect people to the river and its history.

For a minimum gift of \$50, you'll receive a Picnic Passport Pack that includes a guidebook with suggestions for picnic locations, menu options from area restaurants, and engaging information and stories about the river and its many attractions, plus a picnic blanket, coupons, and a Susquehanna River Water Trail Map & Guide. Click below for more details.









Join the team! We are hiring. DIRECTOR OF TRAILS & RIVER TOWNS



The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) seeks an energetic and strategic team player to assist with the continued development of our Trails and River Towns programs. Reporting to the Executive Director, this individual will have a unique chance to create the organizational systems and processes necessary for expanding the Susquehanna Greenway, supporting and growing its network of River Towns, and improving the user experience on the Susquehanna Greenway.

Get your Selfie Game on!

Visit the Lumber Heritage Region's Wayfinding Trail

Families and individuals love taking photographs of themselves in areas of natural beauty and interest. But often it is almost impossible to find a steady location or to know where the best shot is. The Lumber Heritage Region (LHR) has created a solution: smiles and selfie sticks at the ready!



Follow the totems around the LHR to

complete the LHR Wayfinding Trail. They've picked out the most interesting attractions in each of their 15 counties, so you can take sensational selfies to make your Facebook friends jealous. Plus, you can enter your photo into LHR's Selfie Trail Contest, which closes on November 16, 2020! Click below to learn more.



Join our Communications Team Intern & AmeriCorps Positions Available

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2020-2024 Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan *Finalized by the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources*

Every 5 years, states must produce a plan in order to remain eligible for federal grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Over the past 55 years, the Land and Water Conservation fund has provided over \$178 million in funding to Pennsylvania which is used for building parks and historic sites, conservation of rivers, lakes, wildlife, and also providing access to recreation, hunting, and fishing. DCNR has finalized Pennsylvania's next blueprint for delivering outdoor recreation services over the next five years. Click below to check it out.



SGP is also looking to fill two positions within our Communications program area. We are accepting applications for one Fall 2020 Media & Communications Internship with a deadline of September 13, 2020, and one 2020-21 Americorps Communications & Outreach Assistant with a deadline of September 25, 2020. Click below for more information on the positions and how to apply.





The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership envisions a Greenway that builds connections along the Susquehanna River, inspires people to engage with the outdoors, and transforms communities into places where people want to live, work, and explore.





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