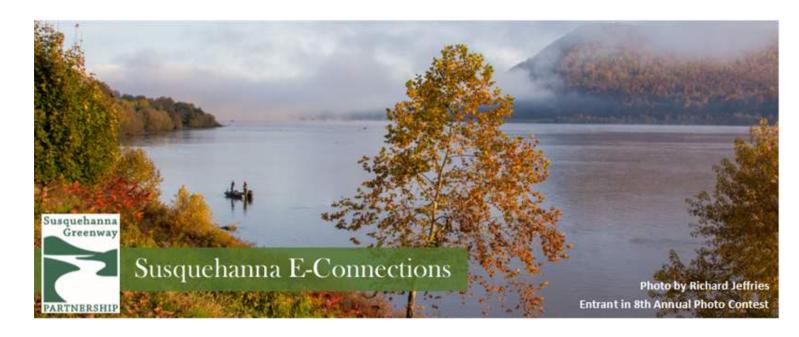
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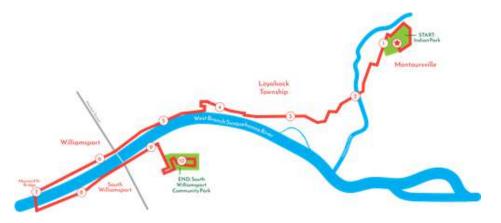


# It's PA Trails Month

Join Us for the 2019 River Valley Ride

In celebration of PA Trails Month, join us on September 28th for the 2019 River Valley Ride. This 10.5-mile bike ride will showcase the connected paths of the greater Williamsport area, beginning in Montourville's Indian Park and ending at the South Williamsport Community Park.





Tickets are only **\$5 for the full ride** and **\$3 for the 1-mile youth ride**. Each ticket includes a frozen treat from Aaron's Water Ice, Shuttle of you and your bike to the start

Win Cool Prizes!

Raffles to be Drawn at the end of the 2019 River Valley Ride



Each registrant for the River Valey Ride will recieve one free raffle ticket to be drawn at the conclusion of the ride. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased online with registration or at the event. Prizes include:

- Marty's Bike Shop gift card
- Bruster's Ice Cream gift cards
- Dick's Sporting Goods gift card
- Mini football helmet signed by Hines Ward of the Pittsburgh Steelers
- A sauce case from Buffalo Wild Wings
- Mountaintop Inn & Provsions gift card

in Indian Park, access to the partner village to learn more about other biking and trail opportunities in Lycoming County, and access to a raffle to benefit SGP at the conclusion of the ride.



A Special Thank You to our Grant Funders & Sponsors.



We would also like to thank Jerry & Joy Walls for their generous contribution to this event.

## **Congratulations Photo Contest Winners**

And thank you to everyone who entered!

Please join us in congratulating all of our winning photographers of the 8th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest. With over 400 entries, it was a very competitive year, and our judges 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. Click here to view all winners.

#### Landscapes



Mark Boyd Photo taken at Pinnacle Overlook

Susquehanna Adventures

#### **River Towns**



Edward Boardman Photo taken in Towanda, PA

#### **Bridges**

#### A Prescription for Better Health

Do you know the health & wellness benefits of our greenway trails?



Photo by Jeremy Quant Article by Alana Jajko

There's no question about it—the riverside, bicycle, and pedestrian trails of the Susquehanna Greenway are valued assets to our communities.

These trails offer opportunities to run, walk, bike, connect with the outdoors, catch up with friends, view wildlife, explore through photography, fish... and well, you get the idea. They offer a smorgasbord of opportunities to improve both your physical and mental wellbeing.

So in honor of PA Trails Month, let's learn a little more about the health and wellness benefits associated with these treasured Susquehanna Greenway trails.



A Year of Great Work at SGP Check out our 17-18 Annual Report







Phillip Mapstone Photo taken on the West Branch Christin Campbell Photo taken at the Rockville Bridge



### **Meet the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Team** Say hello to SGP's Staff, AmeriCorps Member, & Intern

SGP is bringing in the Fall season with some fresh faces and shifts in our staff. Say hello to some new and old faces as we continue our efforts, inspiring you to engage with the outdoors and transforming our communities into places where you want to live, work, and explore!



Executive Director

#### Sam Keller



2019-2020 AmeriCorps Greenway & Trails Assistant

#### Alana Jajko

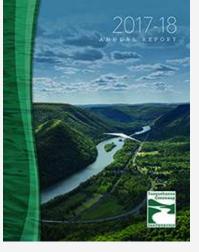


Director of Communications & Outreach

#### **Kelsey Weaver**



2019 Fall Media & Communications Intern

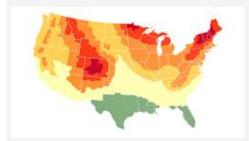


In 2017 & 2018, our work and the efforts of our partners made important strides in advancing our vision of a Greenway that connects open spaces along the Susquehanna River, inspires people to engage with the outdoors, and transforms communities into places where people want to live, work, and explore.

To recognize these accomplishments and share all of this great work with you, we've put together our 2017-2018 Annual Report. Click below to read all about this past year's progress.



#### Happy Autumnal Equinox! Celebrate National Fall Foliage Week



Looking forward to breezy, fall days? With National Fall Foliage Week beginning on September 29th, there's no better time to prepare for cooler weather and warmer colors. The red, oranges, and yellows of peak season will be emerging soon. You won't want to miss it!

Keep an eye on this foliage prediction map from <u>SmokyMountains.com</u> for the entire United States. Whether you're in Pennsylvania or states abroad, this map will come in handy.



#### Jenn Ulmer



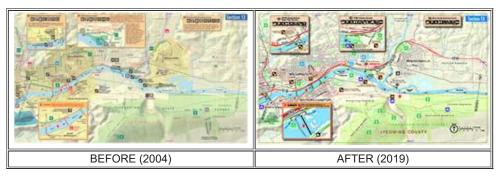
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Trails

## West Branch Water Trail Map Update

It's in the works!



As the state-designated Water Trail manager for the West Branch of the Susquehanna River Water Trail, SGP works to communicate information on access points, amenities, hazards, points of interest, etc., to YOU, the paddling public. Last season, our staff conducted a water trail access and launch inventory, and this year we're bringing it all together to update our *Susquehanna River Water Trail - West Branch* map, which is going on 15 years old! We are very thankful for the assistance and expertise of our volunteer Brian Swisher of Swisher Studio for his help in completing this project. We can't wait to bring this great resource to you! In the meantime, check out our online map of the Susquehanna Greenway and Water Trail below.



### Island Hoppers!

Another Successful Susquehanna Sojourn



A big thank you to all who attended and participated in this year's Susquehanna Island Hopper sojourn. We were proud to showcase the beautiful islands and scenery of the Susquehanna River, and were so happy that more than 100 of you 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! We had a wonderful time out on the Greenway, and hope to see you again next year!



#### **River Town Spotlight** Discover Selinsgrove & the Isle of Que



With another successful sojourn under our belts, we couldn't be happier to recognize Selinsgrove, whose beautiful Isle of Que served as our launch point for the 12-mile paddle.

Watch as we explore the history and valuable assets of this Susquehanna Greenway River Town. Historic photos credited to the <u>Charles</u> L. Fasold Photo Collection.



# **River Towns**

### Get out on the Greenway in Lewisburg

New Resource Available in this Susquehanna Greenway River Town

Looking for an easy way to get out on the river? The <u>Lewisburg Neighborhoods</u> <u>Corporation</u> has recently introduced the Lewisburg Public Paddle program. Located at Lewisburg Landing, a set of kayaking equipment is available for public use in exchange for just \$15 or two hours of volunteer time per year! Click below for more details on this wonderful new resource.







The best way to celebrate PA Trails Month is to get out on the Greenway and explore! Visit our Trails page to find opportunities for walking and hiking near you.



Bloomsburg Wants to hear from YOU

Walk Bike Connectivity Master Plan for the Town of Bloomsburg

The Town of Bloomsburg is creating a Walk, Bike, Connectivity Master Plan and invites the community to participate in the planning process. The public is encouraged to attend public meetings, take the online public opinion survey, and give virtual feedback via WikiMapping. The Connectivity Master Plan will analyze existing pedestrian & bicycle infrastructure, and propose improvements to increase overall safety & connectivity in Bloomsburg and to neighboring communities. Public meetings will be held:



- Public Meeting #1: Tuesday September 17th, 2019 at 7:00pm
- Public Meeting #2: Wednesday October 30th, 2019 at 7:00pm
- Public Meeting #3: Tuesday January 21st, 2020 at 7:00pm
- Public Meeting #4: Wednesday April 29th, 2020 at 7:00pm

For more information and to give your input, click below.



# **Partner News**

### New Ferry Successful in the Lower Susquehanna

Free boat tours were a hit this past season

The Susquehanna National Heritage Area conducted a pilot season of free pontoon boat river discovery tours on the Susquehanna River this past season. Each tour was guided by experienced onboard guides and ended at the dock at the <u>Zimmerman</u> <u>Center for Heritage</u> which is four miles away to Wrightsville. Adventurers rode for just over an hour on the Lake Clarke area of the river. The onboard guides shared information on the river's natural and cultural history and wildlife sights. Read more about their success by clicking below.



### **Upcoming Events**

September 20-28, 2019 164<sup>th</sup> Annual Bloomsburg Fair

September 21, 2019 Sunbury: Brews on Lake Augusta

September 28, 2019 Wrightsville: Dam Bridge Challenge

October 5, 2019 Sheshequin Path Half

October 6 - November 2, 2019 Harrisburg: Fall Foliage Dinner Cruises

October 11-13, 2019 Renovo: Flaming Foliage Festival

October 13, 2019 Lewisburg: UnPAved Gravel Road Race

October 15, 2019 Columbia: Underground Railroad Crossings on the Susquehanna Lecture

October 18-20, 2019 Williamsport: Fall Train Rides

October 19, 2019 Williamsport: Annual Mummer's Parade

October 26, 2019 Williamsport: Haunted Hiawatha Cruise



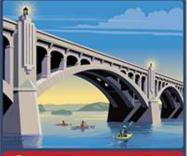
### **DCNR Survey Results** 2020-2024 PA Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan Survey Report

In its quest to build an outdoor recreation plan that will serve all Pennsylva nians, DCNR put together an online survey that was shared with YOU, the public,



to acquire input for the 2020-2024 PA Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The results are in! Click below to see the final report on your opinions, experiences, and overall feedback.

Read More >>



SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA November 13, 2019 Columbia: Tadpole Time

\*This list of events is not exhaustive.\* Visit our <u>online events calendar</u> for more information.

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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