

**EXPLORE THE SUSQUEHANNA** 

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# **BEFORE YOU EXPLORE**

# **GEAR UP FOR THE GREENWAY!**



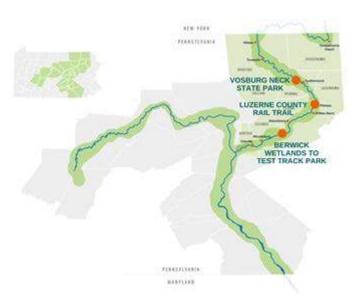
We are SO EXCITED to announce some new merchandise at the SGP online shop! From fun, quirky themes to classic quotes, we've got t-shirts to suit any personality. The best part? A portion of the proceeds will support projects right on the Susquehanna Greenway! That means improvements for your favorite parks and trails!

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This stretch of the river is characterized by rolling meadows, forests, and crop land, set amidst seemingly endless mountains, offering abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation. It flows for 181 miles from the Pennsylvania border to the confluence with the West Branch near Sunbury, and includes the Great Bend where it dips back into PA from NY.

Highlights along the North Branch include the Standing Stone near Towanda, the French Azilum and Marie Antoinette Overlook, Wyalusing Rocks, Berwick's Susquehanna Riverlands, and remnants of the North Branch Canal.





#### LUZERNE COUNTY RAIL TRAIL

Luzerne County (1.9 miles)
Located in Pittston, this urban recreation trail offers stunning views of the Susquehanna
River and connections to history with a memorial to the Knox
Mine Disaster of 1959.

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#### BERWICK WETLANDS TO TEST TRACK PARK

Columbia/Luzerne Counties (7.75 miles) Beginning at an environmental preserve, this route offers a chance to see aquatic bird species and wildlife, river islands, and a piece of WWII history at Test Track Park.

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#### VOSBURG NECK STATE PARK

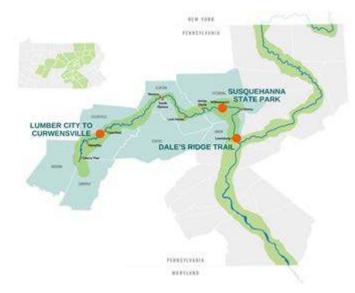
Wyoming County (669 acres)
Located on a scenic oxbow
bend in the Susquehanna
River's North Branch, Vosburg
Neck State Park boasts 8 miles
of trails amidst scenic
woodlands, plus kayak/canoe
access to the Susquehanna.

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## **EXPLORE THE WEST BRANCH**

The West Branch of the Susquehanna River flows 228 miles from Cherry Tree, PA in Indiana County to Northumberland, PA in Northumberland County. The waters of the West Branch link a variety of landscapes including the PA Wilds, Lumber Heritage Region, and several state parks and forests.

Land and water trails meander through northern hardwoods and hemlock forests, past remnants of early settlements and the former hub of the logging era, and through charming river towns.





#### **DALE'S RIDGE TRAIL**

**Union County** (2.3 miles) This trail is host to many landscapes, including the Buffalo Creek floodplain, a mature hardwoods forest, a pond, and open fields.



# LUMBER CITY TO CURWENSVILLE

Clearfield County (6.7 miles)
This half-day trip is an easy
route, ideal for paddlers of all
ability levels. It is a great trip for
those seeking a leisurely day on



#### SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK

Lycoming County (20 acres)
Complete with a boat launch,
pavilion, restrooms, picnic
tables, and outdoor grills, this
park is a wonderful riverside

It is also a great place for bird watching, as well as observing the many different kinds of wildflowers.

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open water, scenic views of Curwensville Lake, and it is perfect for groups that may have paddlers of varying experience.

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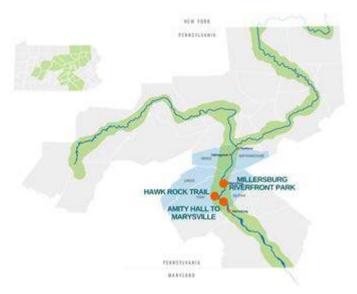
respite. It is also home to the Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat which offers river cruises on the West Branch.

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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, which are great for any overnight river adventure. The Appalachian Trail also crosses over this section of the river. The area where the river slices through the mountain range in 5 places is known as the Susquehanna Gaps and is a National Natural Landmark.

Other features include the Dauphin Narrows Statue of Liberty, the Millersburg Ferry, Rockville Bridge, Fort Hunter Park, birds, and wildlife.





# HAWK ROCK ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Perry County (2 miles) This short hike 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. Be on the lookout for hawks soaring at the overlook.

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# AMITY HALL TO MARYSVILLE

Perry & Dauphin Counties (11 miles) This route highlights islands abundant with birds and wildlife, a glimpse of the Statue of Liberty, and some river rapids at the Dauphin Narrows. Due to these rapids, this itinerary is a trip best suited for paddlers with moderate experience.

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#### MILLERSBURG RIVERFRONT PARK

Dauphin County (20 acres)
Host to stunning river views and home to the Millersburg Ferry, this park offers a picnic area and numerous benches and swings, making it the perfect place to take a leisurely stroll or bike ride and watch the river pass by.

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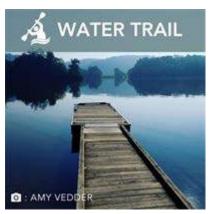
#### **EXPLORE THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA**

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 habitat, including cutting through the heart of the Susquehanna Piedmont Gorge.

Due to an abundance of dams, parts of the Lower Susquehanna widen significantly into lakes, including Lake Clarke, Aldred Lake, and the Conowingo Reservoir.









#### **MASON-DIXON TRAIL**

York County (30 miles) A multistate trail, 30 miles traverse the Susquehanna River between Wrightsville and the Norman Wood Bridge, teeming with flora, fauna, and unique geology as well as many scenic viewpoints and many historic and cultural points of interest.

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#### **MUDDY CREEK LOOP**

Lancaster & York Counties (8.7 miles) This out-and-back paddle explores the upper part of Conowingo Reservoir in Pennsylvania. This section of the Susquehanna River is much like a lake due to the backflow of the Conowingo Dam.

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### SUSQUEHANNA RIVERLANDS STATE PARK

York County (1,044 acres)
Located at the confluence of
Codorus Creek and the
Susquehanna River, this park
boasts 2.5 miles of waterfront
views. Along this expanse, a
notable feature of the park is
the many rock outcropping
vistas overlooking the river.

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NOTE: These recommendations are not exhaustive. To explore more parks, trails, and paddling itineraries, click the button below or explore our <u>interactive map</u>.

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#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**



# SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: June 21, 2024 - NOW OPEN

Submit your original artwork to the Susquehanna Greenway Art Contest! The prompt: What do you love most about the Susquehanna River? The winner will have their art featured on a water bottle and sticker, to debut as a fundraiser at the Susquehanna Greenway Outdoor Expo. Plus, 5 water bottles and 10 stickers to share with friends & family, and a \$100 cash prize!

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#### **13TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST**

DEADLINE: July 31, 2024 - NOW OPEN

Submit your original photographs and share your stories in our annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest for a chance to win cash prizes! Categories include Susquehanna Landmarks, Adventures, River Towns, & Wildlife. Submissions will be accepted until July 31. Enter today!

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#### SUSQUEHANNA SOJOURN SERIES: NORTH BRANCH

June 1 - SPOTS ARE LIMITED

SGP is partnering with the Endless Mountains Heritage Region to offer a 12-mile paddle on the Susquhanna River's North Branch from Oakland to Hallstead in celebration of the recent Oakland Dam removal.

REGISTER TODAY



# SUSQUEHANNA SOJOURN SERIES: MIDDLE SECTION

June 29 - SPOTS ARE LIMITED

SGP is partnering with the Susquehanna River Trail Association to provide a 6-mile paddle along the Susquehanna River's Middle Section from Fort Hunter to City Island.

**REGISTER TODAY** 

#### **ABOUT THE SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY**



The Susquehanna Greenway is a connected corridor of paddling, walking, and biking trails, boat launches, conserved lands, and communities that runs along the Susquehanna River in PA.



The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to advancing the vision of the Susquehanna Greenway. SGP works with

partners to grow the network, inspire people to engage with the outdoors, and transform communities into places where people want to live, work, and explore.





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