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The D&L Trail runs for more than 140 miles through Eastern Pennsylvania, from just north of Philadelphia to Mountain Top in the Poconos Region. It follows historical canal and railroad routes at the core of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, where natural resources and human ingenuity combined to power the nation's Industrial Revolution.

Delaware Canal State Park Segment: 58 miles

The southern section of the D&L Trail from Bristol to Easton passes through the linear Delaware Canal State Park for nearly 60 miles. This is the longest section of trail, with only minor interruptions. The crushed-gravel

surface follows the towpath that dates to the early 1800s, when Bristol was chosen as the terminus of the canal that carried huge shipments of anthracite coal to drive regional industries.

Travelers through here will find canal locks, aqueducts, and other historical structures and homes. Between Bristol and Morrisville, the trail passes near Levittown, an early example of the modern American suburb. Dining and lodging are available in many towns along this route. The tree-lined waterway supports bald eagles, herons, and ospreys, as well as smaller bird species and other wildlife. Walleye, bass, and shad thrive in the Delaware River.

Technically, the starting point for the trail begins at Bristol Lions Park (100 Basin Park, Bristol, Pennsylvania); however, a gap currently exists between the park and the trailhead at Jefferson Avenue (near Prospect Street), making the Jefferson Avenue trailhead an excellent starting point.

Several short gaps occur in the first 9 miles to Morrisville: in Tullytown by Levittown Town Center; at Tyburn Road in Morrisville; at the CSX rail corridor, just farther north of Tyburn Road; and at Lincoln Highway/Bridge Street in Morrisville. The gaps at Tyburn Road and at the CSX corridor are expected to be resolved by the end of 2019, though fixing the gaps at Tullytown (incomplete but passable) and at Bridge Street (not passable) is expected to take longer. Trail users can detour on the road around the Bridge Street gap.

Along the D&L Trail, Washington Crossing Historic Park, a major attraction, lies 8 miles up from Morrisville. It marks the spot where General George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware on Christmas night in 1776 for a successful surprise attack on British forces.

As the trail arrives in New Hope, cross PA 32/River Road/Main Street, and take a sidewalk for about 300 feet to a short flight of steps back up to the canal path. The trail goes through



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States: Pennsylvania

Counties: Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton

Length: 144.7 miles

Trail end points: Lehigh St at Woodlawn Ave (Mountain Top) to 603 Jefferson Ave. (Bristol)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Ballast, Crushed Stone, Dirt, Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Wheelchair Accessible, Mountain

Parking & Trail Access

The D&L Trail runs between Lehigh St at Woodlawn Ave (Mountain Top) and 603 Jefferson Ave. (Bristol), with parking available at both endpoints.

Additional parking is available at:

- 501 Main St (White Haven)
- Canal Street Park, 1400 Canal St (Northampton)
- 39 New St (New Hope)

There are numerous parking options along this route, see the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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