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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.

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 downtown, which features dining and specialty shops. A popular stop here for exploring local history is the Locktender's House (which serves as an interpretive center) and Lock 11.

From downtown New Hope, the trail follows the canal 35 miles to Easton, where it turns to head up the Lehigh River from its confluence with the Delaware.

Lower Lehigh River Segment: 16.7 miles

This section of the D&L Trail follows the path of the Lehigh



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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, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Wheelchair

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.

Parking is also 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 [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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