

# Anthracite Region



## Welcome to the D&L Trail!

Use this guide to explore the 71-mile Anthracite Region of the D&L Trail as it travels from the City of Wilkes-Barre through the Pocono Mountains to Jim Thorpe and Lehigh Gap. The D&L Trail is a multi-use path that follows the routes of three historic transportation systems: the Lehigh Navigation Canal, the Delaware Canal, and the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Stretching about 165 miles through eastern Pennsylvania from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol, the D&L Trail is the spine of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, one of 49 National Heritage Areas in the United States.

The Anthracite Region is the most forested of the three D&L regions with hundreds of natural areas to explore. In this region alone, users can access 38,000 acres of State Park, 128,000 acres of State Game Lands, 25,000 acres of State Forest, and countless lakes and streams. Also along the D&L Trail are many quaint towns where trail users can stop to explore history, culture, food, and more. From the riverfront of Wilkes-Barre and the cascading waterfalls of Seven Tubs Nature Area, to the magnificent views of the Lehigh Gorge and vibrant downtown of Jim Thorpe, the Anthracite Region tells the story of America's industrial past in a beautiful natural setting.

For more adventure and history, pick up our other two maps and explore the Lehigh Valley and Delaware Canal regions of the D&L Trail.

For additional information, please visit  
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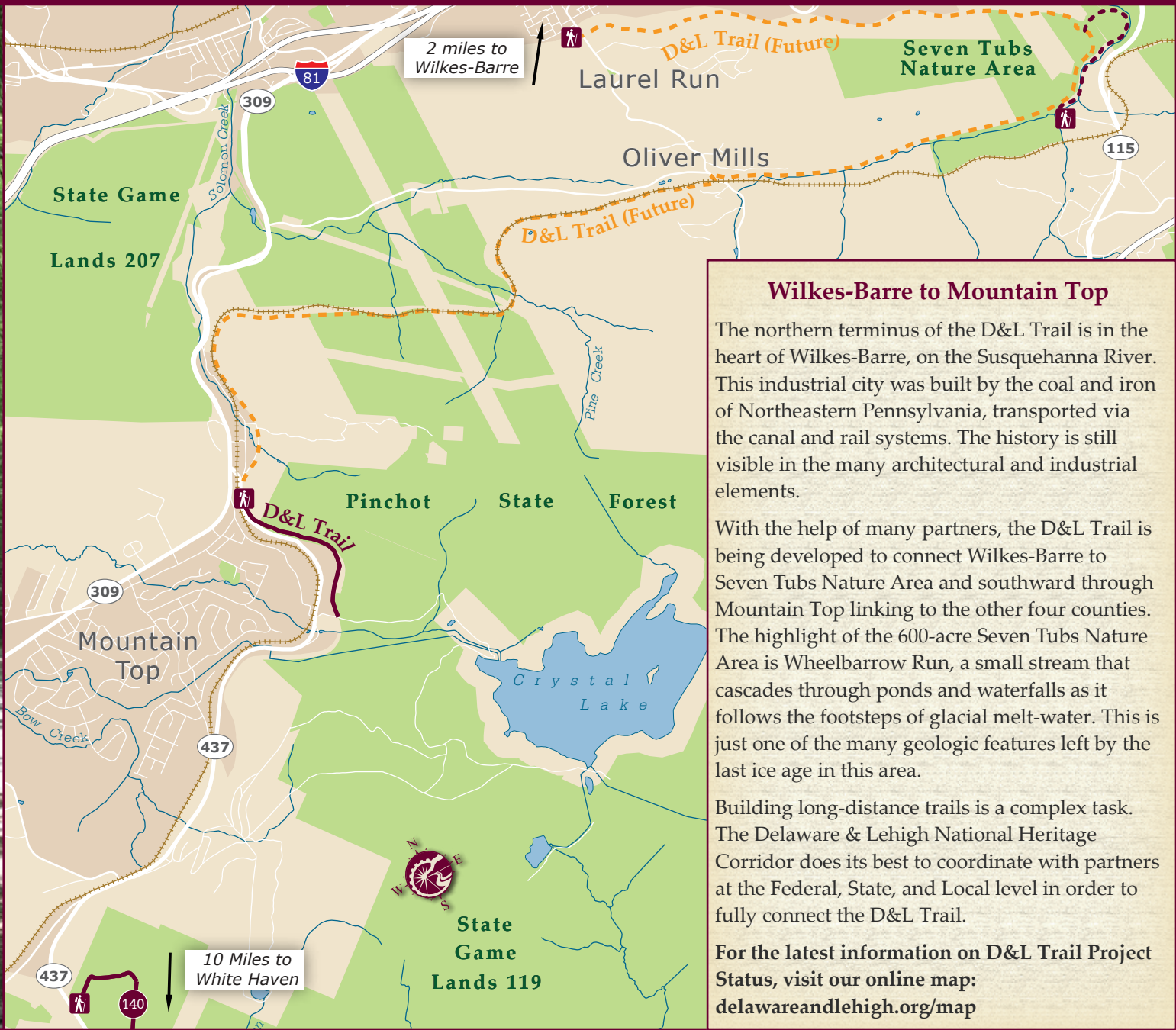
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**Wilkes-Barre to Mountain Top**  
The northern terminus of the D&L Trail is in the heart of Wilkes-Barre, on the Susquehanna River. This industrial city was built by the coal and iron of Northeastern Pennsylvania, transported via the canal and rail systems. The history is still visible in the many architectural and industrial elements.  
With the help of many partners, the D&L Trail is being developed to connect Wilkes-Barre to Seven Tubs Nature Area and southward through Mountain Top linking to the other four counties. The highlight of the 600-acre Seven Tubs Nature Area is Wheelbarrow Run, a small stream that cascades through ponds and waterfalls as it follows the footsteps of glacial melt-water. This is just one of the many geologic features left by the last ice age in this area.  
Building long-distance trails is a complex task. The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor does its best to coordinate with partners at the Federal, State, and Local level in order to fully connect the D&L Trail.  
For the latest information on D&L Trail Project Status, visit our online map: [delawareandlehigh.org/map](http://delawareandlehigh.org/map)



**Town of White Haven**  
White Haven served as the junction of the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad and the Upper Grand section of the Lehigh Canal, where coal and iron transferred for shipment south to Mauch Chunk and beyond. This small town is the northern gateway to Lehigh Gorge State Park and the entry point for thousands of cyclists using the D&L Trail and paddlers entering the Lehigh River. The town is located just off Interstate 80, minutes from Hickory Run State Park, Nescopeck State Park, and the Lehigh River's Francis E. Walter Dam.  
Visit the White Haven Community Library, located in the restored Lehigh Valley Railroad Engine Repair Shop for more information on the town's history. Also nearby is the 29-ton Union Pacific Caboose and Lehigh Canal locks 28 and 29, part of the Upper Grand section of the Canal.



**Lehigh Gorge State Park**  
Lehigh Gorge State Park runs south along the river from White Haven to Jim Thorpe. This 26-mile stretch of near-wilderness is home to breathtaking mountain and river views as the Lehigh River carves its way southward. Along the shore, cyclists, rafters, hikers, cross-country skiers, and even snowmobilers can admire the remains of the railroad and canal locks. Both Jim Thorpe and White Haven are home to professional outfitters that can provide the best equipment to enjoy a trip by bike or boat through the Lehigh Gorge, complete with shuttle service.  
Visit the Glen Onoko access point of Lehigh Gorge State Park to see an abandoned railroad tunnel where coal-carrying cars once passed through the mountain. This access point also marks the trailhead for beautiful Glen Onoko Falls.



**ALERT!**  
Use extreme caution when hiking the Glen Onoko Falls Trail. The path is dangerous and unmaintained. It is advised to use the Northeastern Path to descend back toward the parking area.

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Lehigh Gap Nature Center



**Historic Jim Thorpe**  
Jim Thorpe's charm is rooted in the marriage of heritage and outdoor recreation. The downtown, a National Historic District, is home to two national historic landmarks: The Asa Packer Mansion and St. Mark's Episcopal Church, both a short walk from the D&L Trail. Take a break from recreation to tour the town, eat at one of the many restaurants, ride the historic train, or stay the night at a Victorian B&B. A dedicated bicycle and pedestrian bridge will lead from the train station to historic Lehigh Canal Lock 1 and beyond to Weissport, Lehighton, and the Lehigh Valley.





**Lehigh Gap Nature Center**  
South of Jim Thorpe the D&L Trail parallels one of the most intact segments of the Lehigh Canal on its way to Weissport. Water still flows through the canal here, making this section popular for fishing, kayaking, and even stand-up paddle boarding. Visit Weissport's Lehigh Canal Park to gain access to this section of trail. Just across the Lehigh River is the town of Lehighton, founded in 1746 by Moravian missionaries. Here, users can access the half-mile Lehighton spur trail to access downtown Lehighton or continue south to Bowmanstown and Lehigh Gap Wildlife Refuge, the southern boundary of the Anthracite Region and the start of the Lehigh Valley Region. Trail users can access the Appalachian Trail and Lehigh Gap Nature Center, the only Superfund site in the country to be restored to an environmental education center.  
See the D&L Trail Lehigh Valley Region map brochure or [delawareandlehigh.org/trailmaps](http://delawareandlehigh.org/trailmaps) for more information..





