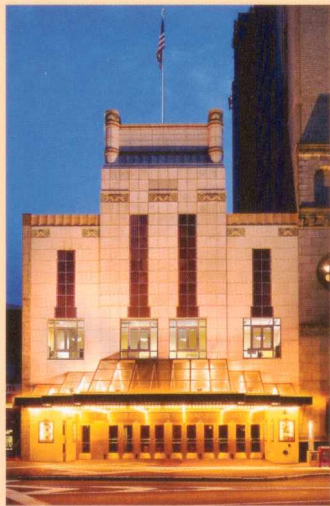
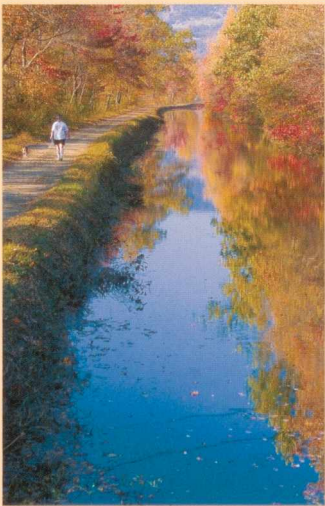




The D&L Corridor follows the 165 miles of canal towpaths and rail-trails that once transported anthracite coal to Philadelphia and beyond. Along the way, it winds through a region that boasts some of Pennsylvania's most picturesque flora and fauna. Whatever your area of interest, this storied waterway offers walkers, hikers, heritage travelers, and others boundless opportunities to explore and be inspired.

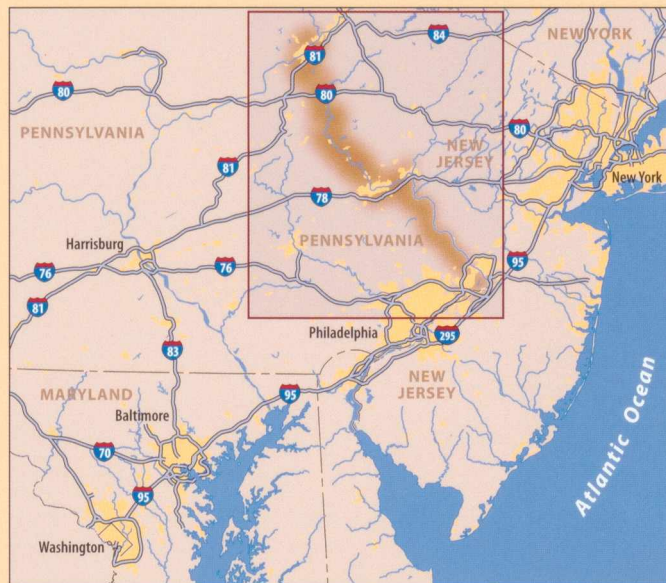
The arts abound along the D&L. Acclaimed venues like the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre and Bristol's Riverside Theater offer live music and drama, while top acts still frequent the old vaudeville circuit at Easton's State Theater and the Mauch Chunk Opera House. For festivalgoers, signature events such as Bethlehem's Musikfest celebrate varied cultures through sight and song.



Most colorful in autumn, the Lehigh River is dramatic in any season, with steep slopes covered in hemlock and rhododendron, rugged rock outcrops, and trout-filled side streams.

From mountains in the north to the southern tidal basin at Bristol, the D&L Corridor's extensive network of rail-trails and canal towpaths guides visitors through historic villages, charming market towns, and engaging cultural sites, all amid stunning natural beauty.

The Corridor passes through three distinct areas: the Wyoming Valley (Carbon and Luzerne counties, home to many of Pennsylvania's former anthracite mines); the Lehigh Valley (Northampton and Lehigh counties, where the discovery of coal to the north spawned prosperous iron and steel industries); and the Delaware Valley (Bucks County, through which coal-laden canal boats traveled to Philadelphia and other markets). With its unique blend of scenery, history, culture, and heritage, the Corridor is a chance to experience the best that eastern Pennsylvania has to offer.



The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Area is located less than two hours from New York City, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

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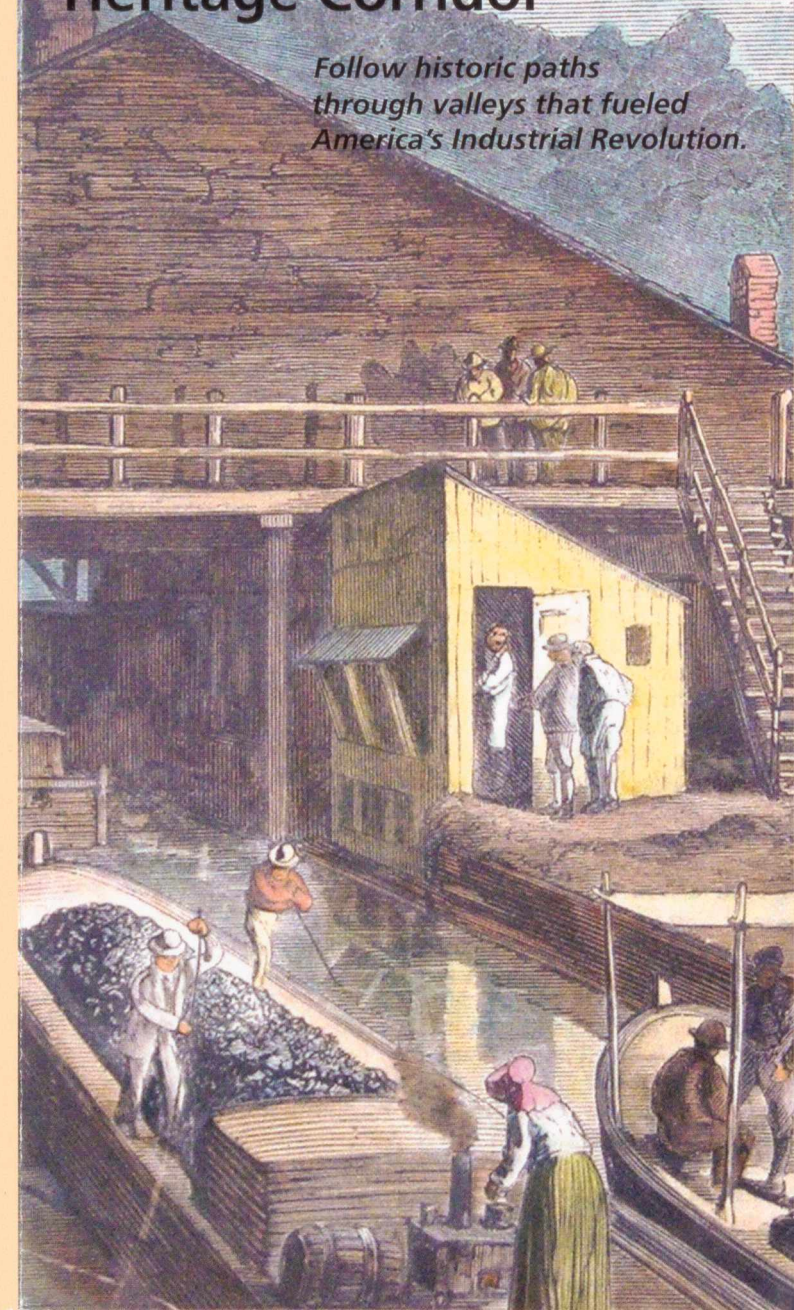
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*Follow historic paths
through valleys that fueled
America's Industrial Revolution.*



The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) is a 165-mile pathway that played an integral role in the history of both the region and the United States. Anthracite coal was discovered here, and the canals and railroads that serve as the Corridor's backbone once transported coal, lumber, slate, iron, cement, and steel from mountain to market, fueling the Industrial Revolution and supplying downstream industries for more than a century.

Today, the Corridor offers a broad range of experiences for visitors and residents alike. The revitalized waterway links the Delaware, Lehigh, and Wyoming valleys in Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Luzerne, and Northampton counties; explore by car, boat, bike, or on foot to enjoy the scenic beauty and shared cultural heritage of eastern Pennsylvania and America. The region's rivers, roads, and towns are just waiting to be discovered yet again.



From quaint riverfront towns to bustling cities, the D&L Corridor winds through communities of all types as it retraces its historic route. Together, these speak volumes about the history, character, and personality of the Corridor.



For over 300 years, waves of immigrants have left their mark on the region. Evidence of this cultural diversity and ethnic identity can still be seen along the Corridor. Carefully cultivated fields and "company towns" bear witness to the hard work of generations of farmers and miners; artisans and craftspeople pay homage through their creative works. Even as the residents along the D&L work toward a vibrant future, community celebrations, historic sites, and cultural centers serve as an important link to our shared heritage.



The Corridor has long been a busy crossroads. The Susquehannock, Iroquois, Lenape, and other tribes frequently traveled through the northern region, while the Delaware Canal parallels old stagecoach routes and trading trails. Many original Native American villages that developed here in the wilds of Pennsylvania drew European settlers in search of opportunity and ultimately swelled to become major industrial centers.

