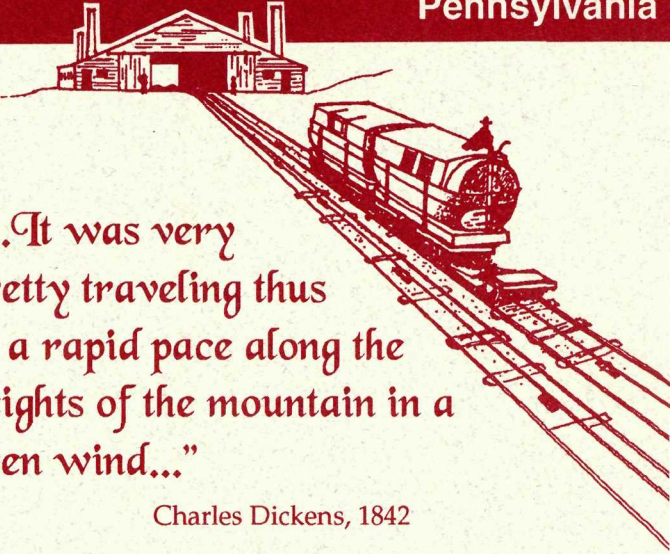




Allegheny Portage Railroad

National Historic Site
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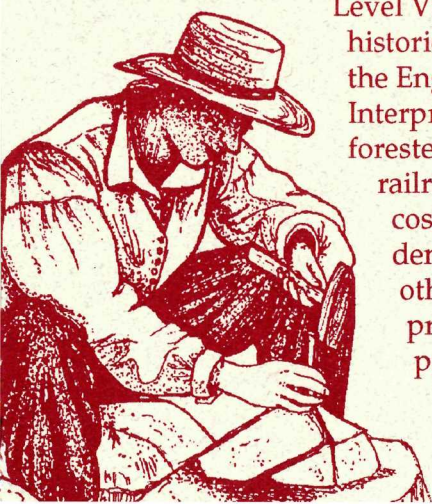


"...It was very pretty traveling thus at a rapid pace along the heights of the mountain in a keen wind..."

Charles Dickens, 1842

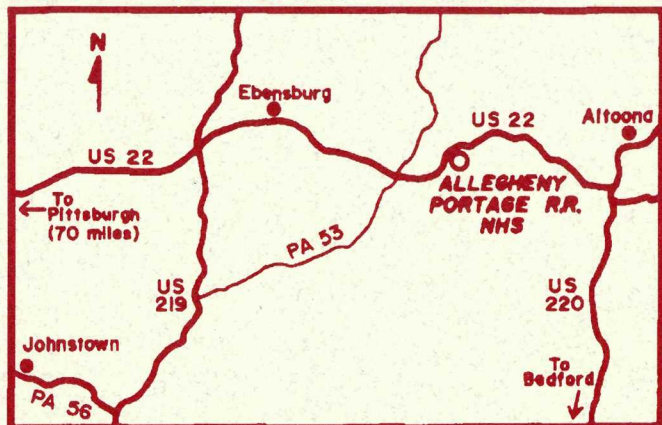
An Engineering Marvel! Such were the exclamations at the opening of the Allegheny Portage Railroad in 1834. Travel between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh was reduced from three weeks by wagon to four days by railroad and canal. Overcoming the Allegheny Mountains by rail ushered in a new age of travel for Pennsylvania.

Discover the story of this unique railroad at Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site atop Cresson Mountain. Stop by the Summit Level Visitor Center, the historic Lemon House and the Engine House Interpretive Shelter. Walk forested trails along the railroad's route. Watch a costumed stonecutting demonstration, or join in other ranger-led programs. Explore the park and uncover this bygone era of steam engines and canal boats.



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How to Get There



The park is located 12 miles west of Altoona and 10 miles east of Ebensburg on U.S. Route 22. Take the Gallitzin Exit and follow the signs.

Hours

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Memorial Day to Labor Day.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, remainder of the year.
Closed on Christmas.

Features



- Free admission
- Visitor center featuring a 20-minute motion picture, artifacts, exhibits, models, book sales
- Costumed presentations and ranger-led hikes during the summer
- Guest speaker series presented in the amphitheater during the summer
- Historic Lemon House and Engine House Interpretive Shelter
- Boardwalk with Interpretive displays
- Trails
- Picnic area

Information

Call (814) 886-6150 or write:
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Cresson, PA 16630