

# About the NW River Trail



The Northwest Lancaster County River Trail is a fourteen-mile, multi-use, recreation trail along the Susquehanna River. The trail spans five municipalities on land owned by several local governments and agencies. Please contact the appropriate trail manager with questions or concerns:

Columbia Borough: 717-684-2467

Conoy Township: 717-367-4927

East Donegal Township: 717-426-3167

Marietta Borough: 717-426-4143

Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Recreation: 717-299-8215

Emergencies: Call 911

General Information — Call Columbia Crossing: 717-449-5607

## Rules of the Trail

- Enjoy the trail at your own risk. The trail is open year round, dawn to dusk, conditions permitting.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited except for emergency and maintenance vehicles.
- The trail is available for walking, bicycling, jogging, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing
- Pets must be kept on a leash at all times. Owners are responsible for removing all pet waste.
- Keep the trail clean — carry out all waste.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Use caution when crossing bridges, roads, and railways, because they are actively used.
- Stay to the right on the trail and warn when passing.
- Please do not disturb natural habitats.
- Discharging of weapons on or from the trail is prohibited. Hunting may be permitted on adjacent lands.
- Other borough, township, or park ordinances shall be in effect.

\*Individuals with mobility disabilities should refer to the trail's ADA accessibility policy regarding the use of powered mobility devices on the trail. This policy is available at municipal offices and on Lancaster County's website at: <http://web.co.lancaster.pa.us/DocumentCenter>.

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# Discover Lancaster County's Scenic Northwest Waterfront



**Columbia**—The largest of three river towns, Columbia is home to museums, antique shops, restaurants, and a beautiful market house. The trail's southern gateway is the Columbia Crossing River Trails Center, managed by Susquehanna National Heritage Area for Columbia Borough. On the waterfront in Columbia River Park, the trails center has recreation information for the river region, exhibits, and public programs. Visitors also get a close-up look at the 1930 Veterans Memorial Bridge, along with the piers of a covered bridge burned in the Civil War to stop a Confederate invasion.

**Chickies Rock County Park**—At the south end of this 420+ acre park, trail travelers pass through Point Rock Tunnel, an abandoned railroad route carved through 180 feet of solid rock. At the north end of the park you'll find Chickies Rock towering 220 feet. This vertical quartzite outcropping popular with climbers.



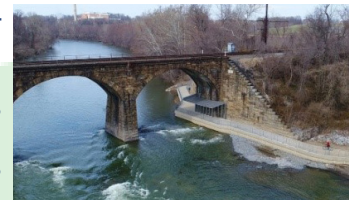
**Marietta**—Steps from the trail in the river town of Marietta are beautiful historic buildings and many great restaurants, pubs, and shops. Historically, Marietta was known for its canal, lumber yards, and pig iron furnaces. Along the trail is the Musselman-Vesta Iron Furnace Center, the office building for a furnace operation from 1868 to the 1920's. The building is now managed by Rivertownes PA USA as a public education center about the area's iron-making heritage.

**East Donegal Township**—This section of trail runs through scenic river woodlands and farmland. A long trail section traverses Riverfront Park, a key visitor access point that boasts beautiful views of the Susquehanna. The park offers a large pavilion, promenade, boat ramp, and places for picnicking and exploring nature.



On the concrete base of the pavilion a beautiful mosaic faces the waterfront.

**Conoy Township**—Just off the northern reach of the trail are the communities of Bainbridge and Falmouth as well as some scenic views.



The scenic James D. Warner Passageway, which takes trail users under the Shocks Mill Railroad Bridge, was constructed by Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority. From concept to construction, LCSWMA has been and continues to be a valued partner of the NW River Trail.



Around mile marker nine, the White Cliffs of Conoy offer a unique riverfront moonscape of tailings from an old limestone quarry. Beyond the town of Bainbridge, Lancaster Conservancy has created

the Falmouth Forest Garden where crop-producing native perennials like pawpaws, walnut, cherry, and elderberry are planted. Views of Conewago Falls, river potholes and the York Haven Dam await visitors to the trail's northern trailhead at Falmouth, which is famous for its annual goat races.

Explore the natural and heritage sites on the trail! Go to [bit.ly/NWRTHeritage](http://bit.ly/NWRTHeritage) for an interactive map with over thirty stops to check out while you hike or bike.

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**SUSQUEHANNA**  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

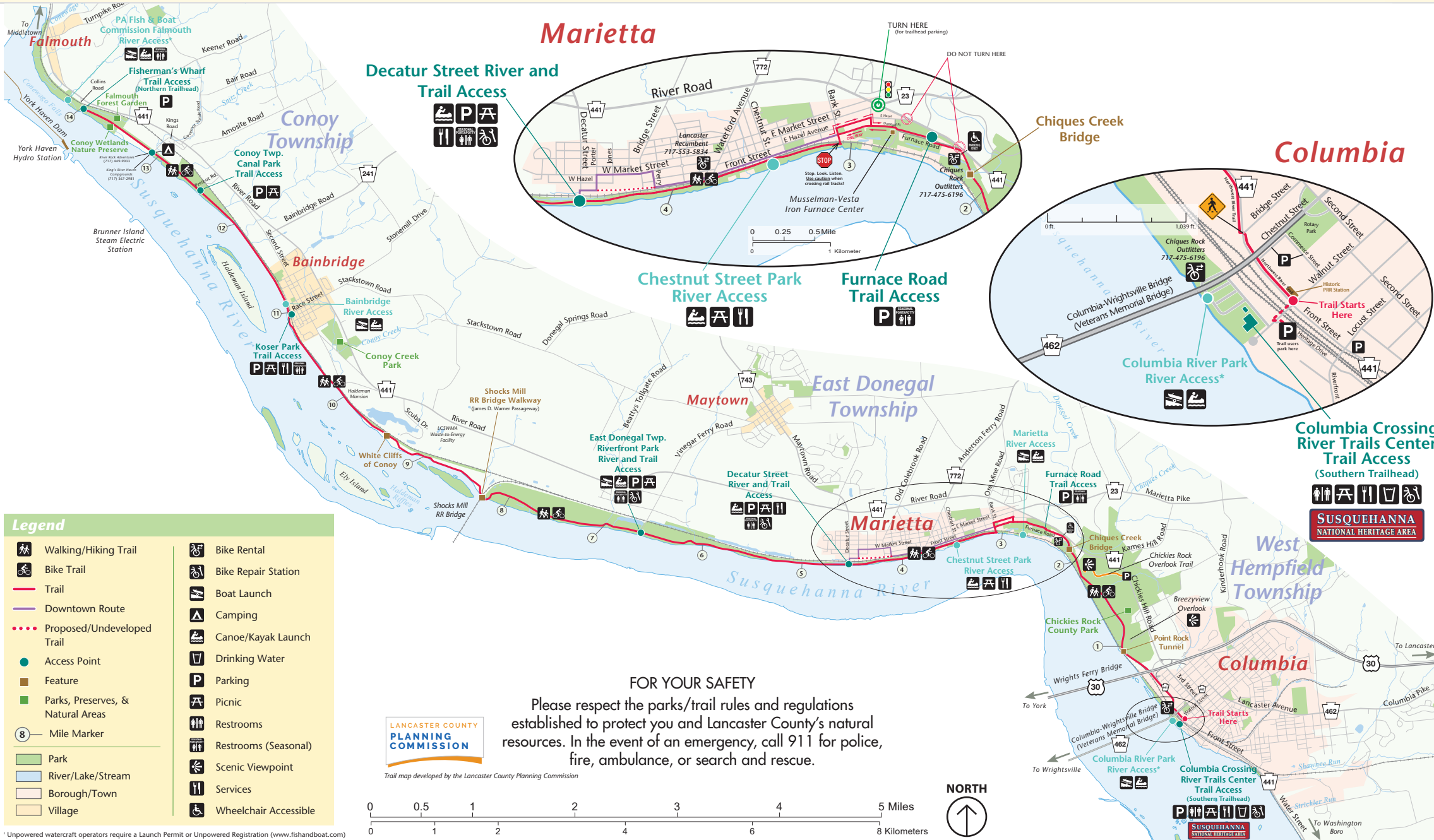
Susquehanna National Heritage Area is a regional non-profit organization advancing a vision for the Susquehanna River as a national destination for cultural discovery and outdoor adventure.  
[www.SusquehannaHeritage.org](http://www.SusquehannaHeritage.org)



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## Trail Access Guide

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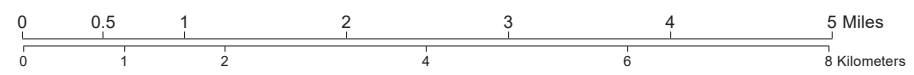
### Legend

	Walking/Hiking Trail		Bike Rental
	Bike Trail		Bike Repair Station
	Trail		Boat Launch
	Downtown Route		Camping
	Proposed/Undeveloped Trail		Canoe/Kayak Launch
	Access Point		Drinking Water
	Feature		Parking
	Parks, Preserves, & Natural Areas		Picnic
	Mile Marker		Restrooms
	Park		Restrooms (Seasonal)
	River/Lake/Stream		Scenic Viewpoint
	Borough/Town		Services
	Village		Wheelchair Accessible



Trail map developed by the Lancaster County Planning Commission

**FOR YOUR SAFETY**  
Please respect the parks/trail rules and regulations established to protect you and Lancaster County's natural resources. In the event of an emergency, call 911 for police, fire, ambulance, or search and rescue.



### Trail Parking Areas

**Fisherman's Wharf**  
111 Collins Road  
Bainbridge, PA

**Conoy Twp. Canal Park**  
Prescot Road  
Bainbridge, PA

**Koser Park**  
107 Race St  
Bainbridge, PA

**East Donegal Twp. Riverfront Park**  
551 Vinegar Ferry Rd  
Marietta, PA

**Decatur Street Access**  
Decatur St  
Marietta, PA

**Furnace Road Access**  
29 Furnace Rd  
Marietta, PA

**Columbia Crossing River Trails Center**  
41 Walnut Street  
Columbia, PA



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