



HERITAGE TRAIL



TRAIL RULES:

OPEN DAWN TO DUSK

ALWAYS RIDE WITH A FRIEND

CARRY A CELL PHONE

MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED

NO HUNTING, SHOOTING, OR ARCHERY

PLEASE RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF ADJACENT LAND OWNERS

LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS, TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES

MAP LEGEND:

- CURRENT LOCATION
- SEATING
- TRAIL PARKING
- 1/4 MILE MARKER
- TRAIL
- RAILROAD



TRAIL HISTORY:

The Town of Lancaster "Heritage Trail" is built on four miles of roadbed of the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad.

This portion of the DL&W was built in 1882 to haul coal from mines in the Lackawanna Valley of Pennsylvania to steel mills near Buffalo. Additionally it hauled grain from Buffalo to the Port of New York. The railroad's passenger service was renowned for fine service and picturesque views.



LACKAWANNA RAILROAD - One of America's Railroads - Mobilized for Victory



EL R5-3 1042 - 8/12/1963 - (Larry Berger Collection)

Massive washouts near Elmira New York caused by Hurricane Diane in 1955 took more than a month to repair. Soon after, air and highway competition forced the DL&W to merge with the parallel Erie Railroad in 1960. Operations on this segment of the line ceased after destruction of the Portageville viaduct by Hurricane Agnes in 1972. The Town of Lancaster purchased this property in 1984. A federal grant aided construction of this bike path, opened in October 2010.

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