

2025 Delaware River Sojourn: June 14-20



Day 1 - Saturday, June 14:
Balls Eddy, Pa. to Stockport, Pa.
(camp at Northeast Wilderness Experience (NEWE), Equinunk, Pa.)

Day 2 - Sunday, June 15:
Stockport to NEWE
(camp at NEWE)

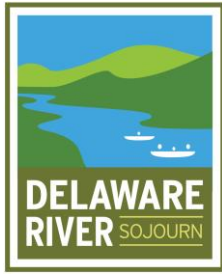
Day 3 - Monday, June 16:
NEWE to Callicoon, Pa.
(camp at NEWE)

Day 4 - Tuesday, June 17:
Milford, Pa. to
Dingmans Ferry Access, Pa.
(camp at Driftstone)

Day 5 - Wednesday, June 18:
Poxono Access, N.J.
to Kittatinny Point, N.J.
RIVER OF THE YEAR FESTIVAL
(camp at Driftstone)

Day 6 - Thursday, June 19:
Driftstone, Mount Bethel, Pa.
to Talen Boat Launch, Pa.
(camp at Driftstone)

Day 7 - Friday, June 20:
Talen Boat Launch
to Phillipsburg, N.J.
(No camping, Sojourn over)



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30 Years on Sojourn Time

2025 Pennsylvania River of the Year

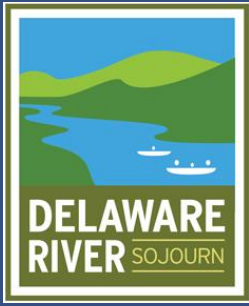
Overview: June 2025



	Day 1 Sat June 14	Day 2 Sun. June 15	Day 3 Mon. June 16	Day 4 Tues June 17	Day 5 Wed. June 18	Day 6 Thurs. June 19	Day 7 Friday. June 20
Evening Camping Location`	NEWE Campground 4146 River Road, Equinunk, PA	NEWE Campground 4146 River Road, Equinunk, PA	NEWE Campground 4146 River Road, Equinunk, PA	Driftstone, 2755 River Rd, Mt Bethel, PA 18343	Driftstone, 2755 River Rd, Mt Bethel, PA 18343	Driftstone, 2755 River Rd, Mt Bethel, PA 18343	No evening Camping, Sojourn over
River Section to be Paddled	Balls Eddy to Stockport Balls Eddy: West Branch RM 4.6 Stockport: ~RM 327 ~7.5 miles Smooth water with Class I Rapids	Stockport to NEWE (RM 327 to RM 312) ~15 miles Smooth water with Class I Rapids	NEWE (RM 312) to Callicoon, Pa. (RM 303) 9 miles Smooth water with Class I Rapids	Milford (RM 246.5) to Dingmans Access (RM 238.5) 8 miles Smooth water with Class I Rapids	Poxono Access, N.J. (RM 219) to Kittatinny Point (RM 211.5) 8.5 miles Smooth water with Class I Rapids	Driftstone (RM 204) to Talen Boat Launch (Martin's Creek Access; RM 194) 10 miles Class I- to II Rapids – Foul Rift Rapid	Talen/Martins Creek Access (RM 194) to Phillipsburg, N.J. (RM 184) 10 miles Class I and I- rapids
Breakfast	At NEWE	At NEWE	At NEWE	At NEWE for campers ONLY (7:00am)	Breakfast at Driftstone	Breakfast at Driftstone	Breakfast at Phillipsburg
Registration (For All Sojourners)	NEWE	NEWE	NEWE	At Dingman's Access (9:30am)	At Driftstone	At Driftstone	At Phillipsburg
Morning Shuttle	NEWE to Balls Eddy	NEWE to Stockport	None	Dingmans to Milford	Driftstone to Poxono	None	Phillipsburg to Talen/Martins Creek
Launch site	Balls Eddy	Stockport	NEWE	Milford Beach	Poxono	Driftstone	Talen/Martins Creek

Morning Programs	Welcome and Safety Talk	Welcome and Safety Talk	Welcome and Safety Talk	Welcome and Safety Talk	Welcome and Safety Talk	Welcome and Safety Talk & Program by NorCo Parks	Welcome and Safety Talk
Lunch Location with Group Photo	Hancock Fishing Access	Bouchoux Trail	Private land along river	At Milford before Launch	Worthington	Lower Mt Bethel Welcome Ctr	Sandt's Eddy
Lunch program		Program by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy		Pike County Planning & Mapping: Update on their Open Space & Greenways Plan		Welcome from Northampton Co, Executive Lamont McClure & WQ Testing	TBD
Resume Paddling	After lunch	After lunch and program	After lunch	After lunch and program	After lunch	After lunch and program	After lunch and program
Afternoon Programs					Delaware River of the Year Festival		Ice Cream Social – ending celebration & raffle
Takeout	Stockport	NEWE	Callicoon	Dingman's	Kittatinny Point	Talen/Martins Creek	Phillipsburg
Afternoon Shuttle	Stockport to NEWE	None	Callicoon to NEWE	None – folks continuing with us drive to Driftstone	Kittatinny Point to Minisink Park & then shuttle ~ every 30 min to/from Minisink Park & Driftstone during the festival	Talen to Driftstone	none
Dinner	In camp at NEWE	In camp at NEWE	In camp at NEWE	On Your Own	At Minisink Park River Festival	In camp at Driftstone	None, Sojourn over
Evening Program	Fishing and Water Quality (by FUDR & DRBC)	Music	"Bury the Hatchet: The Tom Quick Story" film showing	Check-in at Driftstone by 8pm Gates close & Quiet hours at 10:30 p.m.	No Program (Festival) Gates close & Quiet hours at 10:30 p.m.	Watershed Trivia Night Gates close & Quiet hours at 10:30 p.m.	None, Sojourn Over

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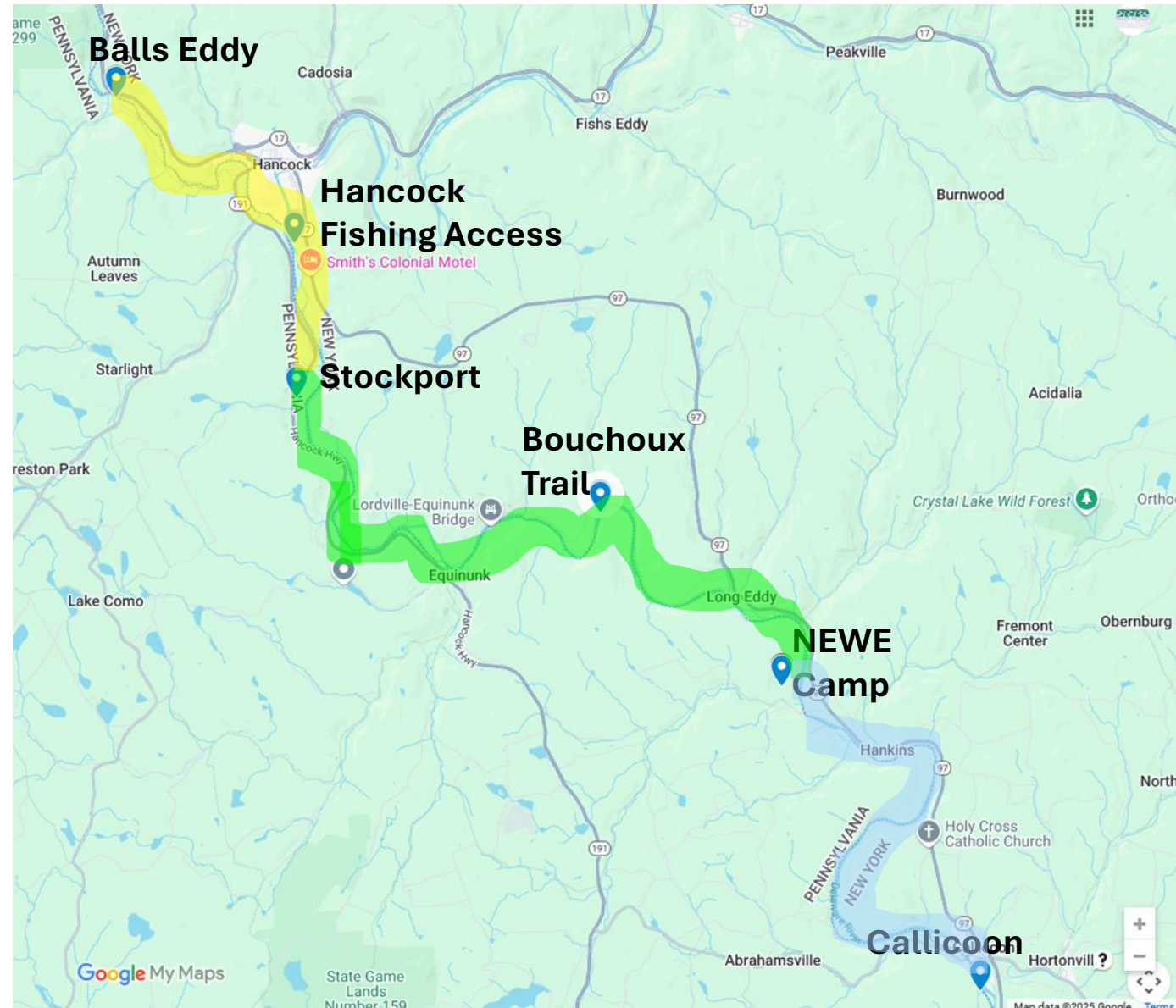


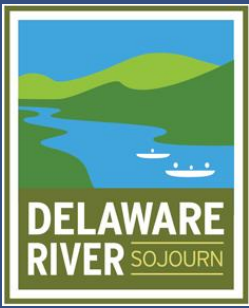
Upper Delaware: June 14-16

June 14: Balls Eddy to Stockport (7.5 mi)
->Lunch at Hancock Fishing Access
->Camp at NEWE
->Program: Fly Fishing & Water Quality

June 15: Stockport to NEWE (15 mi)
->Lunch: Bouchoux Trail; Program: DHC
->Camp at NEWE
->Music Entertainment

June 16: NEWE to Callicoon (9 mi)
->Lunch along river near Hankins, NY
->Camp at NEWE
->Film: "Burying the Hatchet: The Tom Quick Story"





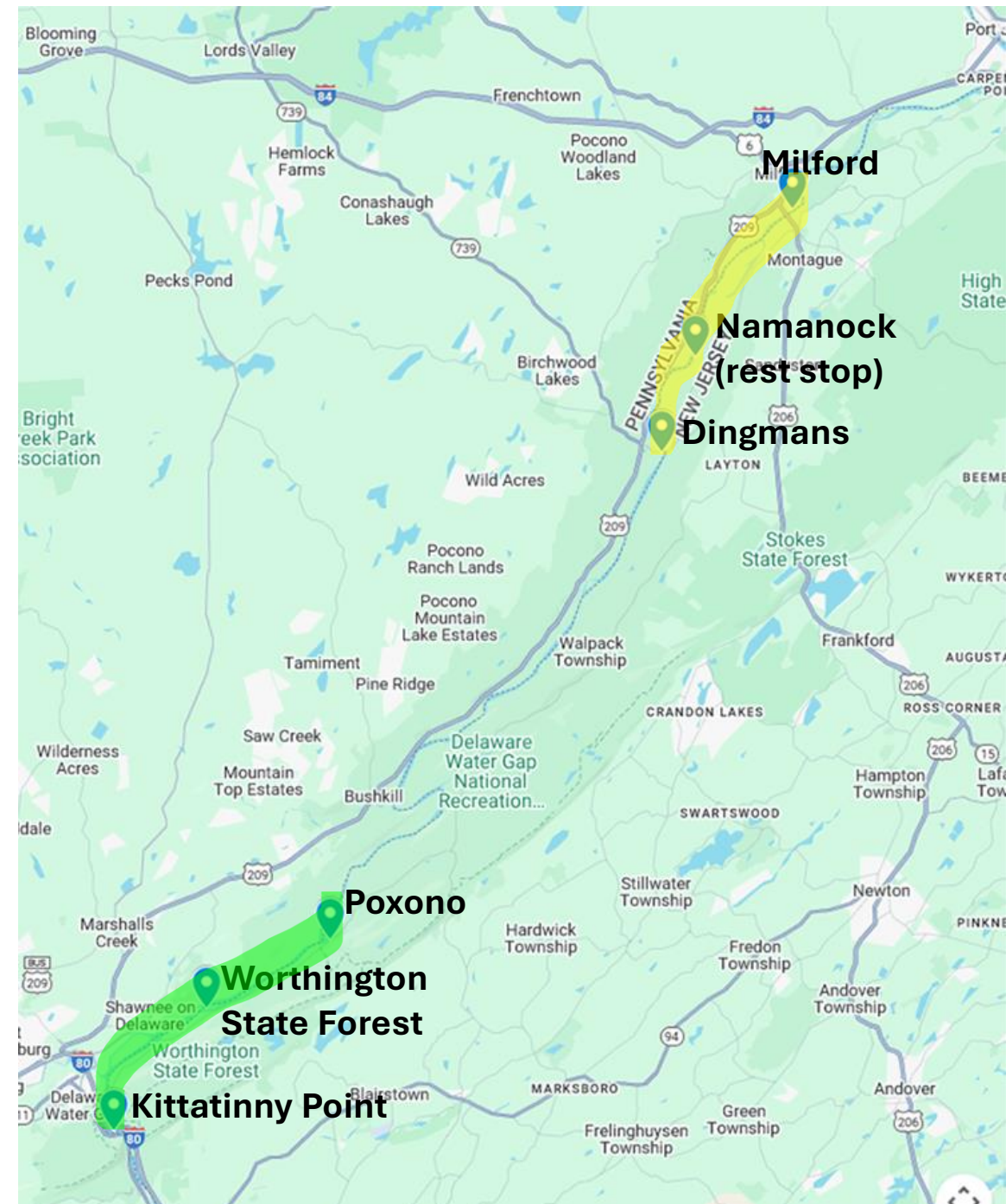
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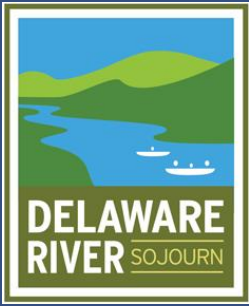
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- >Lunch at Milford
- >Program: Pike County Open Space
- >Camp at Driftstone

June 18: Poxono Access to Kittatinny Point (~8.5 mi)

- >Lunch at Worthington State Forest
- >Delaware River of the Year Festival!!
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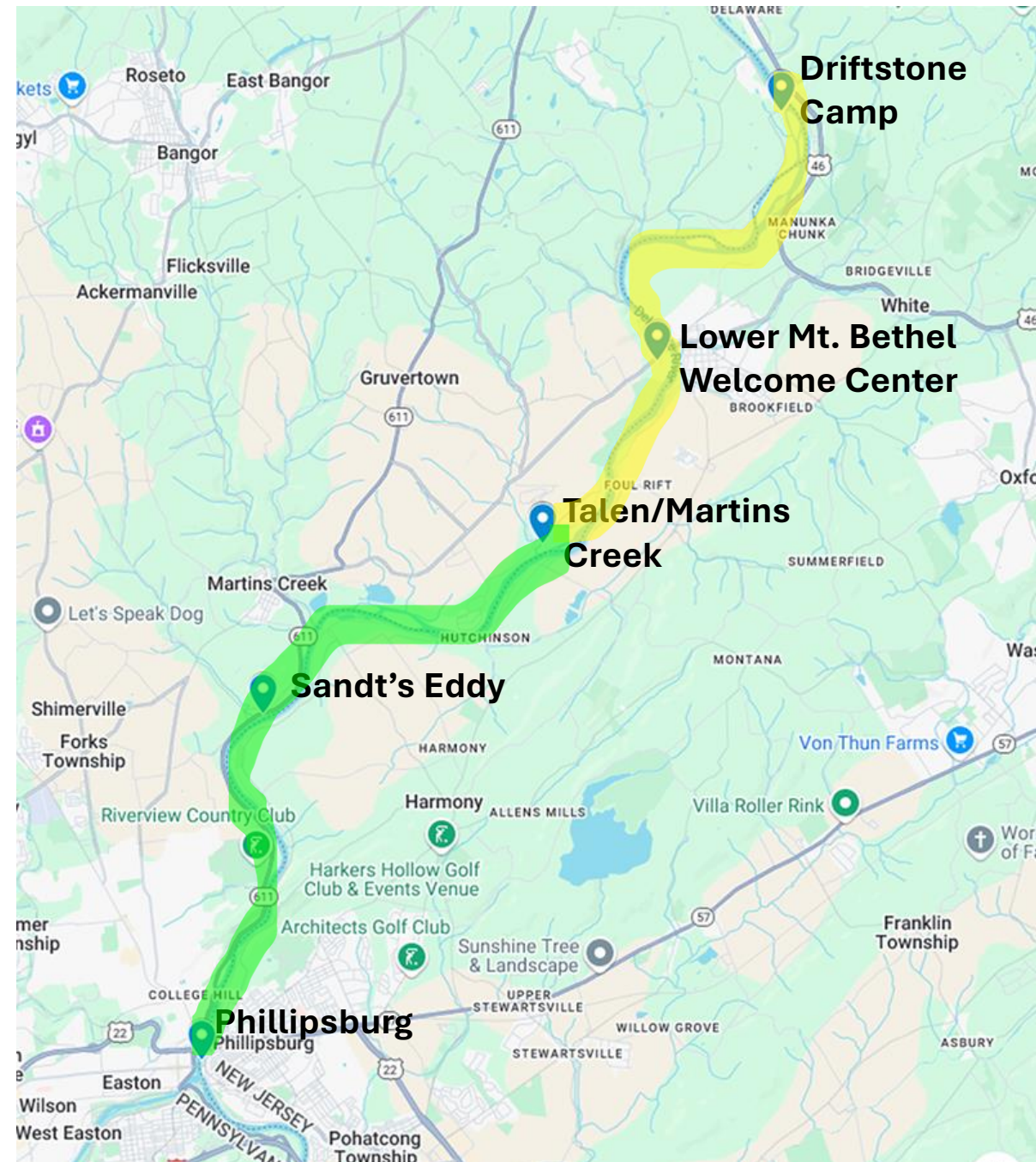




Lower Delaware: June 19-20

June 19: Driftstone to Talen/Martins Creek (10 mi)
->Morning Program: Northampton Co. Parks
->Lunch at Lower Mt. Bethel Welcome Center; Program: Water Testing Demo
->Camp at Driftstone
->Program: Watershed Trivia

June 20: Talen/Martins Creek to Phillipsburg (10 mi)
->Lunch at Sandts Eddy
->Sojourn farewell ice cream social at Phillipsburg



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Stretch to be Paddled:

Balls Eddy Access, Starlight, PA (RM 4.6 of West Branch) to NEWE Stockport Access, PA (~RM 327)
~7.5 Miles ~ Class I Rapids

Evening Camping:

Northeast Wilderness Experience, 4154 River Rd., Equinunk, PA 18417 (see camping notes on pages 4-6)

EVENING of FRIDAY, JUNE 13: Camp opens at 4 P.M. at Northeast Wilderness Experience (NEWE). 4154 River Road, Equinunk, PA, 18417. No dinner will be provided. Potable water and port-o-johns available. See directions on page 2.

MORNING of SATURDAY, JUNE 14: Everyone meets at NEWE Camp for breakfast and registration. 4154 River Road, Equinunk, PA, 18417. See directions on page 2.

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| 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast at NEWE campground. |
| 8:30 a.m. | Registration opens at NEWE. |
| 9:30 a.m. | Welcome: Sojourn kick-off & safety talk |
| 10:15 a.m. | Buses leave NEWE to shuttle sojourners to the Balls Eddy Access. |
| 11:00 a.m. | Optional paddling instruction for new paddlers with National Canoe Safety Patrol. |
| 11:15-11:45 | Launch from Balls Eddy |
| 2:00 p.m. | Lunch on the river at Hancock Fishing Access |
| 5:00 p.m. | Takeout at private NEWE-Stockport Access. Boats of continuing paddlers will remain at Stockport. Boats of day-trippers will be driven back to NEWE Campground. Buses will shuttle paddlers back to NEWE Campground. |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dinner at NEWE Campground. |
| 7:00 p.m. | Evening program on fishing (FUDR) & emerging contaminants impacting fish (DRBC) |
| 10:30 p.m. | Quiet Hours in camp. |

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General Directions to NEWE Campground in Equinunk:
4154 River Rd., Equinunk, PA 18417

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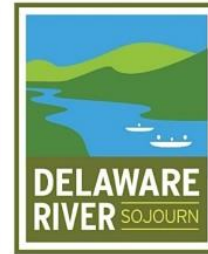
From New York:

- North on New York Route 97, approximately 6-miles from Callicoon, NY – turn left on Kellams Road, marked with green sign.
- Take Kellams Road West and cross Kellams Bridge (note height restriction of 8 feet). The road name changes to Braman Road.
- Proceed approx. 0.5-mile to intersection of Braman Road and River Road (just past the construction zone).
- Turn right on River Road and proceed approx. 100 feet (past the red barn) and turn right into the entrance of the Northeast Wilderness Experience campground (wooden sign on right).
- Drive approx. 0.5-mile to the camping location

From Pennsylvania:

- North on PA Route 191, approx. 15 miles from intersection of US Route 6 and PA Route 191 north of Honesdale, PA to 2nd stop sign intersection at Callicoon Road.
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DAY 1, Saturday, June 14, 2025

**Balls Eddy Access to
NEWWE Stockport Access
7.5 miles Class I Rapids**

NEWWE Camp
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Registration
6:30 p.m. Dinner

**Welcome to the 2025
Delaware River Sojourn!**





Welcome to Northeast Wilderness Experience

4154 River Rd Equinunk Pa 18417, Adams River Run Rd. (AKA Adams Flats, Adams River Run)

Welcome to NEWE on the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that this resource is helpful. Please reach out with questions or concerns. In case of emergency, call 911.

Please be aware that the campsites are a **shared space**, and we ask for your cooperation to help make the experience smooth and enjoyable for all.

Upon arrival:

- Unload your camping gear at your campsite. Remember, these are SHARED campsites.
- This year we expect a lot of campers and need to ensure space for everyone to set up and settle in comfortably. We'd love for as many folks as possible to please park your car in the designated parking/overflow areas after camp setup to allow as much space for tents as possible. Folks can keep their cars near their tent as long as they are respectful of not taking up too much space for fellow campers. We will do our best to accommodate all participants as feasibly as possible.
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- Bringing potable water to our camping area
- Handling trash in the common areas
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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



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- Do not use or access any equipment, tents, or vehicles that are not your own.
- Please stay in your designated camp area.
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- The potable water source is on the right just past the entrance to the property. Water spicket is connected to a 4x4 post. Make sure water is turned all the way off and hose is recoiled around the hook when you leave.
- Food and garbage need to be managed responsibly. Bears and other animals can be attracted by mismanaged food and garbage. Garbage is to be taken out every night. There is a large dumpster you will pass along the main road into the campground. You are responsible to get your garbage to this dumpster. **Leave no Trace!**
- Portable restrooms are not cleaned daily, conserve resources. Only toilet paper and human waste should go in the toilets. All other waste should be put in provided metal bathroom garbage cans and removed nightly.
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- Pets must be leashed.
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- No firearms or weapons.
- No firewood from outside our area is to be brought to our campsites. It can carry invasive and harmful insects.
- Quiet hours are between 10 pm and 8 am, respect others around you. Failure to adhere to this could result in your removal from the grounds.
- Music should be listened to at a low volume not to disrupt other campers.
- AT&T and Verizon have good service at our site(s).
- Fill out the attached Acknowledgement of Risk form for all attendants.

River Information:

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Things to Do:

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- **Long Eddy, 5+ minutes, (Google Search):** Long Eddy Hotel and Saloon
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Sunday, June 15, 2025

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NEWE-Stockport, PA (~RM 327) to NEWE Campground (RM 312)
~15 miles through Class I Rapids

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Morning Registration: Day Trippers/1st Day on the Sojourn

Travel on-your-own to Northeast Wilderness Experience (NEWE) Campground, 4154 River Road, Equinunk, PA 18417.
See directions on page 2.

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7:45 a.m.	Breakfast & Registration at NEWE Campground
8:45 a.m.	Buses leave NEWE to head to the NEWE Stockport Access
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Safety Talk at NEWE Stockport Access (RM 325)
10:00 a.m.	Optional paddling instruction for new paddlers with National Canoe Safety Patrol
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Launch at NEWE Stockport Access – 15 miles, class I rapids
1:30 p.m.	Lunch at Bouchoux Trail with lunch program by Rachel Morrow of Delaware Highlands Conservancy
6:00 p.m.	Take-out at NEWE Campground (RM 312)
7:00 p.m.	Dinner @ NEWE campground
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10:30 p.m.	Quiet Hours in camp

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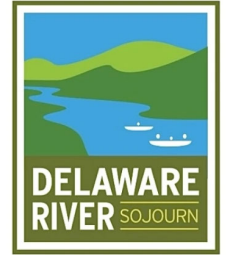
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NEWE Stockport Landing
to NEWE Campground
15 miles, Class I Rapids



Launch: Stockport

Lunch: Bouchoux Trail

NEWE Campground

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in Camp

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9 miles through class I Rapids

Evening Camping:

Northeast Wilderness Experience, 4154 River Rd., Equinunk, PA 18417 (see camping notes on pages 4-6)

Morning Registration: Day Trippers/1st Day on the Sojourn

Travel on-your-own to Northeast Wilderness Experience (NEWE) Campground, 4154 River Road, Equinunk, PA 18417.
See directions on page 2.

****NOTE ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE**

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast at NEWE Campground
8:30 a.m.	Registration for all at NEWE Campground
9:30 a.m.	Safety talk
10:00 a.m.	Optional paddling instruction for new paddlers with National Canoe Safety Patrol.
10:15-10:45	Launch
12:00 p.m.	Lunch on private land along river (near Hankins, NY)
~4:00 p.m.	Take-out at Callicoon PA Access (RM 303)
~5:00 p.m.	Buses shuttle paddlers back to NEWE Campground.
7:00 p.m.	Dinner at NEWE and evening program “ Burying the Hatchet: The Tom Quick Story ” film
10:30 p.m.	Quiet Hours in camp

Please Note: There are portable/camp shower and portable bathroom facilities at NEWE Campground.
Drinking water provided. No handwashing stations.

Many Thanks to Today’s Sojourn Partners:

Delaware River Sojourn Steering Committee, Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition, National Canoe Safety Patrol, Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Northeast Wilderness Experience, NPS Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River, Upper Delaware Council, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, PA Fish and Boat Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Konrad’s Kitchen, We Transport, Pocono Film

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:
National Park Service Dispatch: 1-570-426-2457
9-1-1

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Special Thanks to DeJay Branch, 30th Sojourn logo design artist

**General Directions to NEWE Campground in Equinunk:
4154 River Rd., Equinunk, PA 18417**

NOTE: Kellams Bridge has an 8-foot height restriction. If this is a problem, participants should reach the campsite from Pennsylvania or cross the Delaware River at Callicoon, NY and continue on Callicoon Road approx. 6-miles to PA Route 191 and follow the directions from Pennsylvania.

Click to make your own directions: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fttBWD5iWKyCek7VA>

From New York:

- North on New York Route 97, approximately 6-miles from Callicoon, NY – turn left on Kellams Road, marked with green sign.
- Take Kellams Road West and cross Kellams Bridge (note height restriction of 8 feet). The road name changes to Braman Road.
- Proceed approx. 0.5-mile to intersection of Braman Road and River Road (just past the construction zone).
- Turn right on River Road and proceed approx. 100 feet (past the red barn) and turn right into the entrance of the Northeast Wilderness Experience campground (wooden sign on right).
- Drive approx. 0.5-mile to the camping location

From Pennsylvania:

- North on PA Route 191, approx. 15 miles from intersection of US Route 6 and PA Route 191 north of Honesdale, PA to 2nd stop sign intersection at Callicoon Road.
- Go straight at stop sign and continue North on PA Route 191 approximately 0.8-mile – turn right on Braman Road (just past Lookout General Store on left – closest store to campground).
- Take Braman Road 5.5-miles to intersection with River Road.
- Turn left on River Road and proceed approx. 100 feet (past the red barn) and turn right into the entrance of the Northeast Wilderness Experience campground (wooden sign on right).
- Drive approx. 0.5-mile to the camping location.

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**8:00 a.m.
Breakfast**



**10:15 a.m.
Launch**



NEWE Campground

7:00 p.m. Dinner in Camp



Day 3, Monday, June 16, 2025

**NEWE Campground to
Callicoon, PA Access
9 Miles, Class I Rapids**

**Lunch on the
River**



**5:00 p.m.
Bus Back to Camp**

**Callicoon, PA
Take-out**





Welcome to Northeast Wilderness Experience

4154 River Rd Equinunk Pa 18417, Adams River Run Rd. (AKA Adams Flats, Adams River Run)

Welcome to NEWE on the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that this resource is helpful. Please reach out with questions or concerns. In case of emergency, call 911.

Please be aware that the campsites are a **shared space**, and we ask for your cooperation to help make the experience smooth and enjoyable for all.

Upon arrival:

- Unload your camping gear at your campsite. Remember, these are SHARED campsites.
- This year we expect a lot of campers and need to ensure space for everyone to set up and settle in comfortably. We'd love for as many folks as possible to please park your car in the designated parking/overflow areas after camp setup to allow as much space for tents as possible. Folks can keep their cars near their tent as long as they are respectful of not taking up too much space for fellow campers. We will do our best to accommodate all participants as feasibly as possible.
- Do not drive or park in the hay fields or high grass under any circumstances.

The info on pages 2-3 is what NEWE shares with its guests. **For the Sojourn**, those rules apply, but note that NEWE staff will be onsite and will assist with:

- Bringing potable water to our camping area
- Handling trash in the common areas
- Handling port-o-john cleanup as needed

Please note that for the Sojourn, no pets (even leashed) are allowed.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



Camp Information:

- NEWE has operated at this property for 16 years and it is a shared use property. Please stay in the designated NEWE grounds. This land is actively farmed, do not drive in the fields.
- Do not access any site other than your own, this includes NEWE tents and equipment.
- Do not use or access any equipment, tents, or vehicles that are not your own.
- Please stay in your designated camp area.
- Riverbank rest areas and landing are for the exclusive use of NEWE Guests.
- The potable water source is on the right just past the entrance to the property. Water spicket is connected to a 4x4 post. Make sure water is turned all the way off and hose is recoiled around the hook when you leave.
- Food and garbage need to be managed responsibly. Bears and other animals can be attracted by mismanaged food and garbage. Garbage is to be taken out every night. There is a large dumpster you will pass along the main road into the campground. You are responsible to get your garbage to this dumpster. **Leave no Trace!**
- Portable restrooms are not cleaned daily, conserve resources. Only toilet paper and human waste should go in the toilets. All other waste should be put in provided metal bathroom garbage cans and removed nightly.
- Only use designated fire areas and be responsible with fires: fully extinguish at night or when leaving the campsite.
- Pets must be leashed.
- No drone or remote-control aircraft use unless permission is granted.
- No firearms or weapons.
- No firewood from outside our area is to be brought to our campsites. It can carry invasive and harmful insects.
- Quiet hours are between 10 pm and 8 am, respect others around you. Failure to adhere to this could result in your removal from the grounds.
- Music should be listened to at a low volume not to disrupt other campers.
- AT&T and Verizon have good service at our site(s).
- Fill out the attached Acknowledgement of Risk form for all attendants.

River Information:

- We require the use of a Life Jacket (PFD) for all guests while swimming, wading, fishing, or floating on the river. Age 14 and under and non-swimmers are **legally required** to wear a Life Jacket (PFD).
- The river can be dangerous, there are swift currents and sudden drop offs. Water level can change rapidly. Know before you go.
- **No glass on the river!**



- Most of the shore along the river is privately owned. Respect private property and do not trespass.
- NPS River Condition Hotline (845) 252-7100
- Emergency, **Call 911**

Emergency Information:

- 911 for Emergency
- Garnet Health Medical Center: 8881 NY-97, Callicoon, NY 12723 (845) 333-6800
- Wayne Memorial Hospital: 601 Park St #1445, Honesdale, PA (570) 253-8100
- Lake Region Urgent Care: 273 Grandview Ave, Honesdale, PA 18431 (570) 390-4545

Things to Do:

- **Callicoon, 10+ minutes, (Google Search):** Grocery store, convenience store and fuel, multiple restaurants, retail shops, movie theater
- **Long Eddy, 5+ minutes, (Google Search):** Long Eddy Hotel and Saloon
- **Narrowsburg, 25+ minutes, (Google Search):** Grocery store, convenience store and fuel, multiple restaurants, retail shops, theater
- **Equinunk, 15+ minutes, (Google Search):** Convenience store, bar/restaurant, diner
- **Hiking:** Jensen's Ledge (Bouchouxville Trail), Tusten Mountain Trail, Prompton State Park, Damascus Forest Park, Irving Cliff Trail, River Road
- **River Activities: NEWE Offers** Kayak, Canoe, Tube, 6-Person Raft, and Paddle Board rentals and Guided Trips. Activities and Rentals must be pre-arranged with NEWE at least 1 week in advance of your arrival. All activities and rentals are based on availability.

Visit www.newwildernessexperience.com or contact newtripsignup@gmail.com to learn more, schedule your guided trip, and rent equipment

Daily Plan ~ Day 4

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Day Coordinators:

Jess Yoder: Pike County Planning & Mapping – DAILY
POINT OF CONTACT

Karen Tiesling and Mathilda Sheptak: Friends of the
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Sherry Acevedo: Northampton County Parks

Alison Sommers-Sayre: Delaware River Greenway Partnership

Art Charlton, Explore Warren Tourism, Warren County



Stretch to be Paddled:

Milford Beach Boat Launch (RM246.5) to Dingmans Boat Launch / Access (RM 238.5) in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

8 miles with Class I rapids, Paddle within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Evening Camping: [Driftstone Campground](#), 2731 River Road, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

Morning Registration Location: EVERYONE travels to Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp on PA 739 just before Dingmans Bridge. See relevant directions on pages 3 - 5.

7:00 a.m. Breakfast In-camp at NEWE for campers only (7 a.m. – 8 a.m.). BREAK CAMP

8:00 a.m. **Folks at NEWE Camp** should leave by 8 a.m. to drive to Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp. See directions on page 3 and parking info on page 4.

Day Trippers and new registrants, please note:

(1) Breakfast will not be offered at Dingmans this morning.

(2) If you have your own boat, please arrive ~9:45 a.m. to drop off your boat to our livery by 10 a.m.

9:30 a.m. **Registration ~ for EVERYONE ~ at Dingmans Boat Launch.** All cars will be left here for the day. See directions and parking instructions on pages 4-5.

9:45 a.m. All personal kayaks and canoes for new registrants loaded on the transport vans. Livery will leave ~10 a.m. to take boats to Dingmans.

10:30 a.m. Buses leave Dingmans with all paddlers aboard to travel to Milford Beach Boat Launch

11:00 a.m. Lunch served at Milford Beach, followed by welcome & program on Open Space/Greenways from Pike County Planning followed by safety talk

12:15 p.m. Launch

2:00 p.m. Potential break at Namanock Access

4:30 p.m. Approx. Take-out at Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp

Emergency Contact:

911

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Campers drive to [Driftstone Campground](#), see directions on page 5-6. See Driftstone notes below & map on page 7. Dinner on your own. Please arrive by 8 p.m. to check in at the Office. Set up camp.

7:00 p.m. Evening program – TBD

10:30 p.m. Quiet Hours in camp

Please Note if Camping at Driftstone:

- The Sojourn will be housed in the same general area, but camp staff will assign spots. For those who want to be grouped together, please plan to arrive at the same time to check in (please check in by 8 p.m.) or have a sense when you check in about who & how many total people are in your “sub-group”.
 - Driftstone Campground features full bathroom and shower facilities and a pool.
 - Please follow all camp rules while on-site. There is a STRICT 5 MPH speed limit on all camp roads.
 - The Driftstone Store closes at 9 p.m.
 - Gates close at 10:30 p.m.
 - Quiet hours after 10:30 p.m.
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Emergency Contact:
911

Driving Directions from NEWE Camp to Dingmans Boat Launch

4154 River Rd., Equinunk, PA 18417 to Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328
Drive 55.7 miles, 1 hr 16 min

Click to make your own directions: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/KSA9KVqJJvpbk2BTA>

NEWE (Northeast Wilderness Experience) Campground
4154 River Rd, Equinunk, PA 18417

Take Kellam Bridge Rd to NY-97 S in Fremont

3 min

↑ 1. Head south on River Rd toward Braman Rd

↩ 2. Turn left onto Cooley Creek Rd

↩ 3. Slight left onto Kellam Bridge Rd
i Entering New York

Continue on NY-97 S to Highland

35 min (2

↪ 4. Turn right onto NY-97 S

↩ 5. Turn left onto Gables Rd

↪ 6. Turn right onto NY-52 W

↩ 7. Turn left onto Eckes Rd

↩ 8. Turn left onto NY-97 S

Follow PA-590 E to PA-434 S in Greeley

8 min (5.0 mi)

↪ 9. Turn right onto Delaware Dr/Roebling Bridge
i Entering Pennsylvania

0.2 mi

↩ 10. Turn left onto Scenic Dr

0.2 mi

↩ 11. Scenic Dr turns slightly left and becomes
PA-590 E

4.6 mi

Drive from Dingmans Turnpike to Dingmans Ferry

31 min (21.0 mi)

↑ 12. Continue onto PA-434 S

5.5 mi

↩ 13. Turn left onto PA-739 S/Dingmans Turnpike
i Continue to follow Dingmans Turnpike

15.4 mi

Drive to your destination

47 sec (0.2 mi)

↪ 14. Turn right

456 ft

↩ 15. Turn left

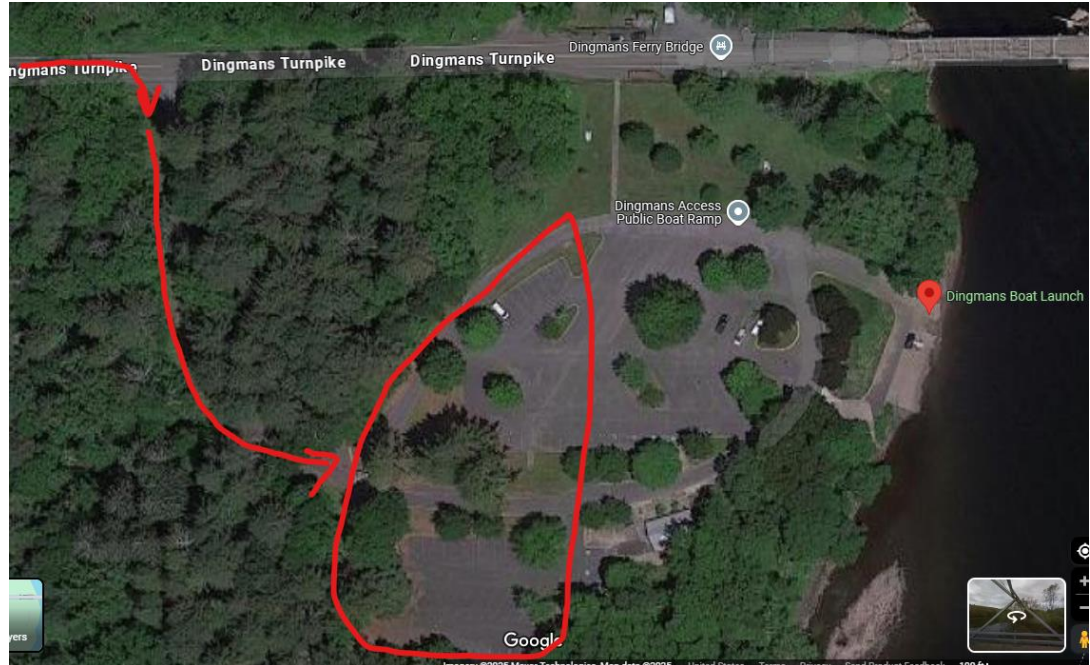
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Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp
Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

Emergency Contact:
911

Parking & Registration at Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp

Parking is to the right or left as you pull past the entrance booth. Please stay at the back of the parking area to allow for other visitors. **Registration** will be near to the actual boat launch by the river.



General Driving Directions to Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp

Click for your own directions to Dingmans Access: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/rY4Nhp6zWxR6pZKw5>

Directions to Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp

From New Jersey & New York via Interstate 80 West:

- Take Route 80 west to the second exit in PA, exit 309.
- The ramp puts you directly onto US 209 north.
- Go straight on US 209 north to PA 739 and turn right.
- Dingmans Access is on the right before the bridge, there are brown NPS signs before and at the turn in.
- See notes and photo above for parking.

From points west in PA via Interstate 80 East:

- Take Route 80 east to exit in PA, exit 309.
- The ramp puts you directly onto US 209 north.
- Go straight on US 209 north to PA 739 and turn right.

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- Dingmans Access is on the right before the bridge, there are brown NPS signs before and at the turn in.
- See notes and photo above for parking.

From points north on US 209:

- Make your way to Milford PA, and proceed south on US 209.
- Follow the signs through Milford to stay on US 209.
- Go straight on US 209 south to PA 739 and turn right.
- Dingmans Access is on the right before the bridge, there are brown NPS signs before and at the turn in.
- See notes and photo above for parking

From Easton, PA:

- Find your way to take PA 33 north.
- US 209 will join PA 33 near Sciota PA, once on US 209, stay on US 209 north.
- PA 33 will exit to the left near Syndersville, continue north on US 209 as it joins I-80 in Stroudsburg.
- Once on I-80 east, take exit 309 to stay on US 209 north
- Follow the directions for “from points west in PA via Interstate 80 East”.

Driving Directions from Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp to Driftstone Campground

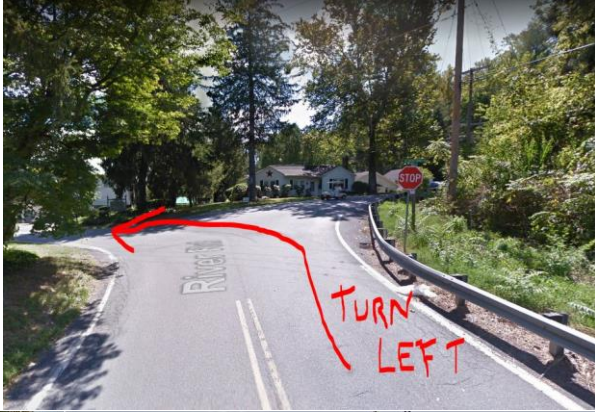
Dingmans Access Public Boat Ramp, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328 to
Driftstone Campground, 2755 River Road, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343
Drive 50 minutes, ~35 miles

Click for directions: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Vo74Wxpx8d9UxXeHA>

- Turn left out of Dingmans Access to the light at US 209.
- Turn left and continue south on US 209 to the on-ramp for I-80 East (Delaware Water Gap / New Jersey / New York). Cross the Delaware River into New Jersey on I-80.
- Take Columbia Exit #4B in New Jersey and follow signs to Portland, PA.
- Cross Portland/Columbia toll bridge to toll booth.
- Turn right immediately after going through toll booth.
- Go to stop sign at bottom of ramp and turn right onto River Road.
- Go under toll bridge and continue on River Road for 3 miles to stop sign.
- Turn left and continue on River Road for 1 mile.
- Driftstone's entrance is on the left next to the large red barn.

Emergency Contact:
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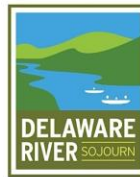


Picture on the left is where you turn to stay on River Rd. Picture on the right is Driftstone's red barn, turn left to enter.

Emergency Contact:
911

NEWE Campground

**7:00 a.m. Breakfast
for Campers**



***** By 8:00 a.m. Depart NEWE
Drive to Dingmans Access
55 Miles, 1¼ Hours**

**Day 4 Tuesday
June 17, 2025**

MOVING DAY



**Lunch Before Launch at
Milford Beach Access**

**9:30 a.m. Registration
At Dingmans Access**

**10:30 Bus from
Dingmans to Milford**

**We
Will Be
Paddling
from
Milford
to
Dingmans**

**~ 8 Miles
Class I Rapids**

**5:00 p.m. Depart Dingmans
and Drive to Driftstone.
Dinner-on-your
33 Miles, 40 Minutes**

Driftstone Campground

**Please Check in
by 8:00 p.m.**



Daily Plan – Day 5

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Day Coordinators:

Charles Kelshaw: Monroe County Conservation District

Alex Jackson: Smithfield Township

Karen Tiesling & Mathilda Sheptak, Friends of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Sherry Acevedo, Northampton County Parks

Art Charlton, Explore Warren Tourism, Warren County



Stretch to be Paddled:

Poxono Boat Launch (RM 220) to Kittatinny Point (~RM 211.5)

~8.5 miles, Class I Rapids

Evening Camping: [Driftstone Campground](#), 2731 River Road, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

Morning Registration Location: **EVERYONE meets at** Driftstone Campground for registration and breakfast. See directions on page 3 and maps on page 4.

Day Trippers (just joining for today): Driftstone staff will direct you to park in the grass area to the left along River Lane. Register at the Sojourn tent and enjoy breakfast.

New Campers: If you're joining the Sojourn today and plan to camp tonight, you can check in at the camp store starting at 8 a.m. to get assigned your camping spot. You can park your car at your site and can set up camp as time allows before or after paddling. Register at the Sojourn tent and enjoy breakfast. If you plan to check into a campsite after paddling, please park with the day trippers (see above) and check in at the camp store for your camping spot after the paddle.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Driftstone Campground

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Registration for all participants at Driftstone Campground

9:30 a.m. Please drop off any personal boats to our livery before 9:30 a.m. so they can head to Poxono.

10 a.m. Buses leave to shuttle paddlers to Poxono Boat Launch

10:30 a.m. Welcome Program at Poxono

10:45 a.m. Safety Briefing for all paddlers; optional Paddling 101, followed by launch.

12:30 p.m. Lunch stop at Worthington State Forest

2:30 p.m. Take out at Kittatinny Point. The Sojourn will bus everyone to Minisink Park for the **Delaware River of the Year Festival!** See pg. 5 and [click here](#) to learn more.

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***Please Note:** The **Delaware River of the Year Festival** runs from **2 p.m. to 8 p.m.** The Festival is free and open to the public. **The Sojourn will run a shuttle regularly** to/from Minisink Park and Driftstone Campground for Sojourners so folks can head back to camp & their cars and/or back to the festival as they wish. **Dinner for Sojourners will be at the festival. The last shuttle from Minisink Park to Driftstone will be ~8 p.m.**

10:30 p.m. Quiet Hours in camp

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- Driftstone Campground has full bathroom and shower facilities and a pool.
 - Please follow all camp rules while on-site.
- There is a STRICT 5 MPH speed limit on all camp roads.
 - The Driftstone Store closes at 9 p.m.
 - Gates close at 10:30 p.m.
 - Quiet hours after 10:30 p.m.

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General Driving Directions to Driftstone Campground

Address: 2755 River Road, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

Phone: 1-888-355-6859

Driftstone is located four miles south of the Portland, PA/Columbia, NJ Bridge on River Road.

- [Link to create Google Maps directions to Driftstone Campground](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

GPS directions may not be appropriate for motorhomes and trailers. The bridge across the Delaware River between Belvidere, NJ and Riverton, PA, 5 miles south of Driftstone, has a weight limit of 8 tons and is very narrow. There is also a sharp hairpin turn on River Road, 4 miles south of Driftstone.

Directions to Driftstone Campground from <https://www.driftstone.com/directions/>

From New Jersey & New York via Interstate 80 West:

Take Columbia Exit #4B in New Jersey and follow signs to Portland, PA. Cross Portland/Columbia toll bridge to toll booth. Turn right immediately after going through toll booth. Go to stop sign at bottom of ramp and turn right onto River Road. Go under toll bridge and continue on River Road for 3 miles to stop sign. Turn left and continue on River Road for 1 mile. Driftstone's entrance is on the left next to the large red barn.

From Delaware Water Gap, PA via Interstate 80 East:

Take Delaware Water Gap Exit # 310. Continue straight to second traffic light at PA-611. Go left onto PA-611 south for 4 miles to traffic light in Portland. Continue straight ahead (go under the Portland/Columbia toll bridge) on River Road for 3 miles to stop sign. Turn left and continue on River Road for 1 mile. (Driftstone is 8 miles south of the Gap). Driftstone's entrance is on the left next to the large red barn.

From Easton, PA:

Take PA-611 North to traffic light in Martins Creek. Turn right and continue on PA-611 North through Mt. Bethel to PA-611 Exit (Portland) ramp before the toll bridge. Go to the bottom of the ramp and bear right to stop sign. Turn right onto River Road and continue for 3 miles to stop sign. Turn left and continue on River Road for 1 mile. Driftstone's entrance is on the left next to the large red barn.

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Driftstone Campground Map



Emergency Contact: 911

DELAWARE RIVER



OF THE YEAR FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 18

2-8 PM

MINISINK
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2025 PENNSYLVANIA RIVER OF THE YEAR

rain or shine

E. Stroudsburg, PA

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THE RIVER & 30 YEARS OF
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Delaware River of the Year Festival at Minisink Park



Daily Plan ~ Day 6

Thursday, June 19, 2025



Day Coordinators:

Sherry Acevedo – Northampton County Parks and Recreation

Paige Strasko – Northampton County Conservation District

Shannon Frankosky – Penn State Extension and Master Watershed Stewards

Mathilda Sheptak & Karen Tiesling – Friends of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Charlie Fineran – Musconetcong Watershed Association

Art Charlton – Explore Warren Tourism, Warren County

Stretch to be Paddled:

Driftstone Campground, PA (River Mile 204) to Talen Boat Launch, PA (Martin's Creek Access – River Mile 194):

10 miles, Class I to II Rapids including *Foul Rift rapids*

(alternate section may be paddled if water levels are considered unsafe; optional lunch bailout for those who don't want to paddle Foul Rift)

Evening Camping: Driftstone Campground, 2731 River Road, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

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7:30 a.m. **Registration opens at the Sojourn Registration tent.** Participants with their own boats not already with our livery, please let the registrar know you need to drop off your boat with our livery.

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast for all participants.** Breakfast is served in the back of the barn/camp store (O on the map, follow the path to the back right building)

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and environmental program** by Sherry Acevedo, Northampton County Parks & Recreation.

Emergency Contact:
911

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9:00 a.m.	Safety Briefing – at Driftstone Campground’s overlook area near the boat ramp
9:30 a.m.	Sojourners launch into the river at Driftstone Campground boat ramp
12:15 p.m.	Lunch at Jerry Brunetti Environmental Welcome Center , Lower Mount Bethel Township, PA (~River Mile 196.5). Welcome by Lamont G. McClure , Northampton County Executive; Water testing demonstration by Bushkill Stream Conservancy volunteers and Northampton County Conservation District Watershed Specialist; High Admiral Awards
2:30 p.m.	Resume paddling, through Foul Rift Rapids
4:00 p.m.	Take-out at Talen Energy’s Martins Creek Boat Launch . The Sojourn will shuttle all participants back to Driftstone Campground.
6:00 p.m.	Dinner in camp at Driftstone , served at the back of the barn/camp store (O on the map)
7:00 p.m.	Watershed Trivia game night in the back of the barn/camp store (O on the map)
10:30 p.m.	Quiet Hours in camp at Driftstone Campground.

Please Note if Camping at Driftstone:

- The Sojourn will be housed in the same general area, but camp staff will assign spots. For those who want to be grouped together, please plan to arrive at the same time to check in (please check in by 8 p.m.) or have a sense when you check in about who & how many total people are in your “sub-group”.
- Driftstone Campground has full bathroom and shower facilities and a pool.
- Please follow all camp rules while on-site. There is a STRICT 5 MPH speed limit on all camp roads.
 - The Driftstone Store closes at 9 p.m.
 - Gates close at 10:30 p.m.
 - Quiet hours after 10:30 p.m.

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Emergency Contact:
911

General Driving Directions to Driftstone Campground

Address: 2755 River Road, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

Phone: 1-888-355-6859

Driftstone is located four miles south of the Portland, PA/Columbia, NJ Bridge on River Road.

- [Link to create Google Maps directions to Driftstone Campground](#)

PLEASE NOTE:

GPS directions may not be appropriate for motorhomes and trailers. The bridge across the Delaware River between Belvidere, NJ and Riverton, PA, 5 miles south of Driftstone, has a weight limit of 8 tons and is very narrow. There is also a sharp hairpin turn on River Road, 4 miles south of Driftstone.

Directions to Driftstone Campground from <https://www.driftstone.com/directions/>

From New Jersey & New York via Interstate 80 West:

Take Columbia Exit #4B in New Jersey and follow signs to Portland, PA. Cross Portland/Columbia toll bridge to toll booth. Turn right immediately after going through toll booth. Go to stop sign at bottom of ramp and turn right onto River Road. Go under toll bridge and continue on River Road for 3 miles to stop sign. Turn left and continue on River Road for 1 mile. Driftstone's entrance is on the left next to the large red barn.

From Delaware Water Gap, PA via Interstate 80 East:

Take Delaware Water Gap Exit # 310. Continue straight to second traffic light at PA-611. Go left onto PA-611 south for 4 miles to traffic light in Portland. Continue straight ahead (go under the Portland/Columbia toll bridge) on River Road for 3 miles to stop sign. Turn left and continue on River Road for 1 mile. (Driftstone is 8 miles south of the Gap). Driftstone's entrance is on the left next to the large red barn.

From Easton, PA:

Take PA-611 North to traffic light in Martins Creek. Turn right and continue on PA-611 North through Mt. Bethel to PA-611 Exit (Portland) ramp before the toll bridge. Go to the bottom of the ramp and bear right to stop sign. Turn right onto River Road and continue for 3 miles to stop sign. Turn left and continue on River Road for 1 mile. Driftstone's entrance is on the left next to the large red barn.

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Celebrating the 2025 Pennsylvania River of the Year

Driftstone Campground Map



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911

Day 6, Thursday, June 19, 2025

Driftstone Campground
to Talen Boat Launch
10 Miles
Class I to II Rapids

Driftstone
Campground

7:30 a.m.
Breakfast



6:00 p.m.
Dinner
In Camp

9:30 a.m.
Put-in



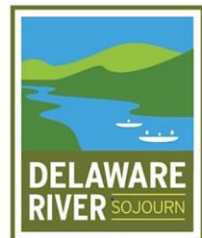
Lunch

FOUL RIFT
Class II Rapid
Optional

Bus back to
Driftstone



Take-out



Daily Plan – Day 7

Friday, June 20, 2025



Day Coordinators:

Alison Sommers-Sayre – Delaware River
Greenway Partnership
Art Charlton – Explore Warren Tourism, Warren County
Sherry Acevedo – Northampton County Parks and Recreation

Stretch to be Paddled:

Talen Boat Launch, PA (Martin's Creek Access – River mile 194) to Phillipsburg, N.J. (RM 184)
10 miles, Class I and I- rapids

Morning Registration Location: EVERYONE meets at the Phillipsburg Boat Launch, 2 Riverside Way, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. See directions on page 2.

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| 7:00 a.m. | Campers break camp at Driftstone. |
| 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast & registration at Phillipsburg Boat Launch for EVERYONE |
| 9:30 a.m. | Welcome at Phillipsburg. |
| 10:00 a.m. | Bus takes all participants to Talen/Martins Creek Boat Access. |
| 10:30 a.m. | Safety Briefing |
| 10:50 a.m. | Optional paddling instruction for new paddlers with National Canoe Safety Patrol |
| 11:00 a.m. | Launch |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch at Sandt's Eddy, PA. High Admiral Award presentation & program on Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Designation Expansion by Sarah Bursky, NPS Natural Resource Specialist/Rivers Manager |
| 2:00 p.m. | Resume paddling |
| 2:30 p.m. | Afternoon program – Swim break below the Frost Hollow rapid |
| 3:15 p.m. | Resume paddling |
| 4:00/4:30 p.m. | Takeout at Phillipsburg, N.J. boat launch. End of Sojourn Celebration, Raffle & Ice Cream |

**THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC 30TH DELAWARE RIVER SOJOURN PADDLING THE
2025 PENNSYLVANIA RIVER OF THE YEAR. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

Note: There are bathroom facilities (port-o-johns) at Phillipsburg, Talen and Sandt's Eddy locations.

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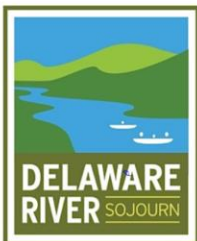
[Click here to make your own directions to the Phillipsburg Boat Launch](#)

**Driving Directions to Phillipsburg Boat Launch from Driftstone Campground
30 minutes, 19 miles**

Start: Driftstone Campground, 2755 River Rd, Mt Bethel, PA 18343

Click here for link to Google Map directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/7cZz9i7o1kqUEUTz8>

- Take River Rd and Deer Run Dr to PA-611 S in Lower Mount Bethel Township
12 min (6.4 mi)
- Follow PA-611 S to Northampton St Bridge in Easton
18 min (12.6 mi)
- Turn left onto the Northampton St Bridge, cross the bridge and immediately turn left (don't go all the way to the traffic light) on to Riverside Way.
2 min (0.2 mi)
- Destination is Riverside Way Parking Lot, 2 Riverside Way, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865



**Driftstone
Campground**



Day 7, Friday June 20, 2025

***LAST DAY of the 2025
Delaware River Sojourn***

**Talen Boat Launch
(Martins Creek Access)
to Phillipsburg, NJ
10 Miles, Class 1 rapids**

**Put-in at
Talen Access**

**Lunch at
Sandt's Eddy**

***** IMPORTANT ***
Break Camp at
Driftstone and
Drive to Phillipsburg
20 Miles**



**10:00 a.m.
Bus to Put-In**

**8:00 a.m. Breakfast
in Phillipsburg, NJ**



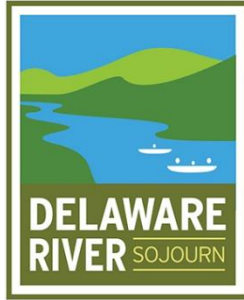
**Take-Out and
load up**

Phillipsburg



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Next Year
As We
Celebrate 2026***





DELAWARE RIVER SOJOURN PACKING LIST

General:

- GPS (car)
- Maps (road, river)
- Reservation/trip info

River gear:

- Camera (waterproof)
- Dry bag/case
- GPS (handheld)
- Insulated lunch/bottle bag
- Swim float
- Water bottle
- Paddle Gloves
- Closed Toe Shoes

Camp gear/supplies:

- Blanket
- Ground cloth
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Tent
- Earplugs
- Soap (biodegradable)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Towels
- Washcloth
- Books

- Camp knife/fork/spoon
- Citronella candle
- Clothesline, pins
- Coffee mug
- Flashlight/headlamp (headlamps are handy in dark port-o-johns)
- Lawn chair
- Baggies
- Paper towels
- Spare batteries
- Tissues
- Toilet paper (spare roll)
- Trash bags

Meds:

- Athlete's Foot med
- First aid/band aids
- Ibuprofen
- Insect repellent
- Nail clipper
- Sunscreen

Clothing:

- Bathing suit
- Beach towel
- Eyeglass retainer
- Hat
- Hiking shoes/socks
- Long sleeve shirt
- Paddling top (non-cotton)
- Rain gear
- River shoes (closed-toe)
- Sandals
- Sunglasses
- Sweater/jacket
- Sweatshirt/pants for sleeping

Drinks:

- Electrolyte mix
- Iced tea mix

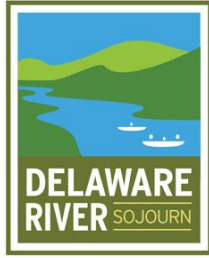
Snacks:

- Chips/pretzels
- Granola/trail mix
- Jerky
- Nuts

Optional:

- Personal Paddle
- Personal PFD

*List originally submitted by Rob McCue, Sojourn Participant
edited April 2024*



Safety Plan

2025 Delaware River Sojourn: June 14-20

The purpose of the Delaware River Sojourn is to heighten awareness and appreciation of the Delaware River; to celebrate the river's unique attributes; to foster stewardship for the river; and to introduce individuals, families and organizations to the Delaware River and paddling, by means of the Sojourn. The goal of the Sojourn is to provide all participants with both a meaningful and safe paddling experience. The Sojourn also seeks to draw positive media attention to the event and to the river. The Delaware River is particularly well suited to a public event of the Sojourn's nature, a multi-day trip that in 2025 will be open to roughly 100 daily participants. In addition to being scenic, the river has sufficient flows for recreational boating, and for the most part, has gradients and stream conditions suitable for both novice and experienced paddlers.

The purpose of this Safety Plan is to set forth the safety parameters by which the Sojourn will be conducted as an event that invites public participation. Despite scenic beauty and tranquil surroundings, the river and the natural environment cannot be taken for granted. It is necessary to plan for event safety, particularly as the 2025 Sojourn is a multi-day event covering roughly 70 river miles. Since its inception in 1995, the Delaware River Sojourn has been a planned event. This Safety Plan puts into writing the safety principles that have guided past Sojourns and will continue to guide future Sojourns. The primary components of the Safety Plan are planning; prevention; control; land coordination; emergency response and event/incident review.

I. Planning and Preparation: Every day of the Sojourn is planned. Day planners map and verify routes, put-ins, and take-outs before the event to familiarize themselves and to ensure the route's safety. Day sheets and program confirmation sheets are prepared for each day and for all programs and events. Each day, there is a designated trip leader as well as identified, trained National Canoe Safety Patrol members having specific leadership roles. The event is insured, and participants will be required to sign a waiver and to comply with Sojourn rules.

A. Event Insurance: The Sojourn Steering Committee will apply for American Canoe Association (ACA) Event Sanctioning and event insurance. Insurance coverage costs will be built into Sojourn registration fees and will be collected as part of the initial registration package. Certificates of Insurance will be provided to Sojourn partners,

sponsors and vendors. Members of the Steering Committee are covered by a separate D&O insurance policy.

B. Waiver: Sojourners and other Sojourn participants will be required to sign a waiver. The waiver forms (for both adults and children) are provided by the ACA and distributed by the Sojourn to its participants. Our livery, Northeast Wilderness Experience, also requires participants to complete a waiver. Failure or refusal to sign the waivers will result in dismissal from the trip. Registration materials warn prospective participants of the danger of outdoor activities and the river environment and also stress personal responsibility.

C. Day Plans: The Sojourn is a completely planned event. Each day is planned in detail, and day plans are developed and widely distributed to Sojourners and program providers so that everyone knows the day's schedule. All events take place rain or shine; however, our experienced safety team will not allow paddling in dangerous circumstances. In the case of high water, planners are required to have "back-up" plans. These alternative, land-based activity plans are then utilized. The primary safety-related components of the day plan are:

1. Rendezvous: Where to meet, when to meet, and how to get there. Other topics include programs, activities, meal plans, and overnight accommodations. Participants will check in daily, and, if not already done, sign a waiver.

2. Transportation: Shuttle arrangements from rendezvous location to put in and/or from take out are addressed and include directions and transportation provider, if supplied.

3. Put-in: Location and ownership identified and permission to use the site, if not a public access, is obtained in advance of the Sojourn.

4. Mandatory Safety Briefing: Each day, all Sojourners, Sojourn staff, VIP's and members of the media will be required to attend a Mandatory Safety Briefing presented by the National Canoe Safety Patrol members accompanying the Sojourn. Refusal to attend or participate in the Safety Briefing will result in ejection from the trip and forfeiture of the day's Sojourn fees. A brief outline of the topics covered in the safety briefing is included as part of this safety plan.

Special conditions to be encountered during the day will be covered in the briefing. For example, possible hazards, stream etiquette, and sharing the river with anglers and other recreational users will be discussed. If the river is flowing well above average, Sojourners will be given the option of using rafts instead of canoes/kayaks; conditions will dictate how the trip is to be run.

Several “bailout” spots have also been identified/planned for in case any Sojourn participant needs to stop paddling on any given day.

5. Stops: Prior to launching, the day’s programs, stops, and events will be discussed, including how to signal Sojourners to stop and pull over for lunch, a program, or to take-out at the end of the day.

6. Emergency Contacts: Each day plan includes a section on emergency contacts with telephone numbers. It is the responsibility of the Sojourn section organizers (day planners) to ensure that the emergency services providers identified have been notified of the Sojourn and have appropriate information on the event.

a. On the Upper Delaware Section, National Park Service (NPS) will provide a radio to the National Canoe Safety Patrol (NCSP) for communications with land-based emergency services personnel and NPS dispatcher.

b. In the Middle Delaware Section, communications will be by National Park Service radio and cellular telephone.

c. In the Lower and Tidal Sections, emergency communications to land-based emergency services will be by cellular telephone. NCSPs on water with us also use radios. [Note: the Sojourn is not paddling tidewaters in 2025.]

D. Leadership Roles and Responsibilities: Each day, individuals playing leadership roles in the Sojourn will be identified on the day plan. These people include:

1. River Trip Leader: The river trip leader is a member of the National Canoe Safety Patrol (NCSP). The trip leader will be identified daily by the section leadership (day planners) and is sufficiently familiar with the section of the river being paddled to serve as a local guide for the Sojourners.

The trip leader will be in the lead canoe and will be responsible for setting a suitable pace for the event. If the group gets strung out to the extent that a safe rescue cannot be executed by the sweep boats, then the leader will stop the group until the stragglers catch up. The trip leader will also insist that faster paddlers do not pass the lead boat and that they stay with the Sojourn. The trip leader will know the locations of planned stops and the take-out location and is responsible for ensuring that stops are made. And, the trip leader has the authority to cancel or terminate a day’s trip if they judge river conditions to be unsafe due to weather or flows. Likewise, they will have the authority to eject Sojourners who are behaving in an unsafe manner, which puts themselves, would-be rescuers, other Sojourners, or the Sojourn at risk.

2. Safety Patrol: The Delaware Sojourn has properly trained and experienced safety personnel, all active members of NCSP. All members of the safety team must have current certification in CPR and First Aid, and many are members of ACA. Some have swift water rescue training (for example, ACA certification in first aid, water safety, and canoeing). They must be capable of performing rescues and serving as first responders. All must complete annual NCSP training in late April/early May. They are equipped with first aid kits and other rescue equipment.

Approximately eight to ten National Canoe Safety Patrol (NCSP) members will accompany the sojourn each day, with more or fewer as needed depending on group size; on average, we have one safety team member per 10 sojourn participants. All members of the safety patrol will be identified during the mandatory morning safety briefing. They will assess river conditions each day and make recommendations to the other Sojourn Steering Committee members and event planners regarding river safety for the day.

The safety patrol members will present daily safety briefings prior to each day's launch. They will paddle with the group at all times, one in the lead position, several mixed throughout the middle of the group, and one in the sweep position, who will assist stragglers and other Sojourners needing help. They will also assess the formation of the group, and if, in their judgment, the group is getting too strung out, they will signal the lead boat to stop so that the Sojourners can regroup.

3. Sojourn Committee Chair(s): On each day of the Sojourn, it is expected that the chair of the Steering Committee will be present. If not, the day planners (see below) will lead communications amongst the River Trip Leader, Safety Patrol, Sojourn Ambassadors, Land Coordinators, and Sojourn participants.

4. Day Planners: Each section of the Delaware Sojourn is planned by day planners. These individuals will be present on their planned days, and each day will have one planner named the main point of contact for that day. The main point of contact will be responsible for making morning announcements, communicating important schedule or other updates, and will be available to Sojourn participants throughout the day to deal with any problems, issues, complaints, or concerns that arise. Day planners have scouted the river section to be paddled that day and are aware of current conditions and all planned stops along the day's route.

5. Land Coordinators: Each day, there will be designated Land Coordinators. In addition to handling check-ins, registration, the signing of waivers, transporting lunches, snacks, VIP's, and media, the land coordinators will meet the Sojourners at all of their stops and will be available to provide emergency support,

directions, and transportation. While dedicated emergency vehicles are not on-site, our land support team is able to provide emergency transportation, if needed.

6. Sojourn Ambassadors: Ambassadors are volunteers who act as the liaisons between sojourn participants and the safety team. Many of the ambassadors are members of the Sojourn Steering Committee. They are experienced paddlers and are there to help answer questions, demonstrate paddling best practices, and help sojourners with launches and landings.

II. Prevention: The Delaware River Sojourn Steering Committee places heavy reliance on planning and prevention as the means of assuring that the Sojourn will be a safe and enjoyable experience for all who participate. Members of the National Canoe Safety Patrol serve as partners on the Delaware River Sojourn Steering Committee and participate in planning the trip and the safety component of the Sojourn.

Safety Patrol members will conduct a daily mandatory safety briefing for the Sojourners (an outline of the topics covered is included as part of this safety plan). In addition, they will cover safety for a group paddling together so that Sojourners will know what they are supposed to do if there is an incident. If need be, they will conduct practice drills to ensure a quick response.

Experienced Sojourners are also invited to share their knowledge of the river and paddling with others.

The Sojourn has instituted policies to help assure a successful event.

- A. PFDs:** All Sojourners (adults and children) will be required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard Type III approved personal flotation device (PFD or lifejacket) when they are on the water. Inflatable PFDs are prohibited. Failure or refusal to wear a PFD will result in ejection from the Sojourn and forfeiture of the day's Sojourn fees. This is also mandatory during swim breaks.
- B. Children:** Children under the age of 18 are the responsibility of, and must be accompanied by, a parent or guardian. A waiver must be signed on their behalf. They should be able to swim. Children must weigh at least 40 pounds and be properly fitted with a PFD.
- C. Alcohol:** It is a written and stated policy of the Sojourn that no alcohol will be served or consumed prior to the completion of each day's on-river paddling activities or in campgrounds where it is not permitted.
- D. Glass containers:** Glass containers are not allowed on the river.
- E. Animals:** No pets are allowed.

- F. Safety:** All Sojourners must attend daily safety briefings, adhere to the guidelines presented, and follow the directions of the safety patrol in response to weather and river conditions, trip management, and emergencies.
- G. Spectators:** While at times there may be spectators at launch, take out, or lunch/program sites, this is not guaranteed. The Sojourn committee and day planners try to gauge in advance – to the extent possible – the number of potential spectators on any given day. If they are invited by the Sojourn, they will be notified of the day's plans and considered part of the Sojourn. These individuals will be treated like participants and will follow the same rules and adhere to the same procedures.
- H. Weather and Shelter:** Sojourn participants are notified of their supply needs prior to the event – i.e., sunscreen, hat, clothing, raingear, water shoes, plenty of water, snacks while on the water, etc. Sojourners are also required to provide their own camping equipment.

Sojourners know in advance that we paddle rain or shine, unless the Trip Leader and Safety Team decide that conditions are not suitable for paddling. These concepts and needs are reinforced in the Mandatory Safety Briefing. Daily weather conditions, pertinent river information, and thunderstorm policies are also outlined during the safety briefing. Sojourners are reminded to look out for one another and notify the Safety Team if they or someone else is in distress and in need of assistance (for example, if starting to show signs of heat fatigue).

- I. Water and Facilities:** Water and some snacks (in addition to meals) are provided by the Sojourn, but participants are encouraged to also bring supplies adequate for their own needs. Toilet facilities will be provided at all camping/registration locations and most lunch and rest stops; some facilities are flush, some may be portable. Shower facilities or sun showers are provided at camping locations.

III. Control: The members of the Delaware River Sojourn have given considerable thought to the development of policies and structuring their organization and event to assure both enjoyment and safety for participants. This plan is flexible and additions will be made as needed to assure a successful event. However, there are additional important components needed to make the plan and preparation effective.

A. Notice: Notice of the Sojourn's policies are included and emphasized in both registration and confirmation materials. Registration and policy information is also posted on the Sojourn website, <https://delawareriversojourn.com>.

B. Enforcement: In addition to developing plans, preparations, and policies, there must be the will to enforce. Sojourn leadership is responsible for making clear the

consequences of violating sojourn policies regarding its policies. Sojourners who do not follow the instructions of the daily trip leader, safety patrollers, and other sojourn leaders endanger themselves, their would-be rescuers, and the welfare of other Sojourners and the Sojourn itself. *They will be subject to ejection from the Sojourn and will forfeit all fees for the remainder of the trip.* The River Trip Leader, in consultation with Sojourn Staff and Steering Committee members present, has the responsibility and authority to enforce policies and to eject individuals who do not follow Sojourn policies or the directions of the Safety Patrol.

IV. Other Needed Permits: If needed, the Sojourn will obtain any and all Special Use Permits necessary, for example, from the National Park Service (NPS) in sections of the river managed by the NPS. The Sojourn will do likewise for Pa. Fish and Boat Commission river access sites, if applicable. The Special Use Permits address safety and insurance issues. Our trip leader, day planners, safety team members, and land coordinators will coordinate with one another in the event of an emergency.

In general terms, emergencies will be managed as follows: Sojourners will be instructed to pull to shore while the Safety Patrol performs rescues or provides treatment; safety will be sought in storms; and when necessary, contact will be initiated with the land coordinator.

V. Reporting and Incident Review: Incidents will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Sojourn Steering Committee members will have ACA packets with forms to fill out, if it becomes necessary. If an incident occurs on a section where the National Park Service has jurisdiction, the agency will document the incident and conduct an investigation, if warranted.

VI. Safety Plan Distribution: The Safety Plan will be distributed to Sojourn Steering Committee partners and to other individuals, agencies, and organizations on request. It will also be posted on the Sojourn's website.



SAFETY GUIDELINES – DELAWARE RIVER SOJOURN

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

1. **PFD's** (Personal Flotation Device) must be worn **at all times** on the river or within 10' of the water: kayaking, canoeing, swimming, and wading: ALWAYS. PFD's must be properly fastened and tightly fitted. Ask someone to pull upward on the shoulder straps of your PFD. If the straps move up to your ears, the PFD is not tight enough. When wet, the PFD can slide up on your body and interfere with arm movement, or even go over your head, so it is important that it is tightly fitted before getting out on the water. No inflatable or self-inflatable PFDs allowed.
2. **Wear protective foot gear.** River bottoms often contain broken glass and other sharp objects. Water shoes are best, but sneakers also work. Footwear should be closed-toe.
3. **Proper clothing.** Anticipate weather and water conditions. Dress and protect yourself accordingly. See gear list below.

DAILY CONDITIONS AND WEATHER

1. **Today's weather.** Going over the daily weather forecast is included in the daily safety briefing.
2. **Today's river conditions.** Going over the river conditions of the section to be paddled is part of the daily safety briefing.

PADDLING PROTOCOL

1. Keep **BOAT POINTED DOWNSTREAM**. If you are sideways and hit a rock, you are more likely to capsize.
2. **LEAD Boat** and **SWEEP Boat**. No one is to paddle in front of the LEAD boat or lag behind the SWEEP boat. If the lead boat is involved in a rescue, all paddlers are to wait for the Safety personnel to return to the lead position.
 - Paddling is an activity that demands effort on your part. We do not simply float, but paddle for several hours, which requires some work. Please keep up with the group and do not hold up others unnecessarily.
 - Likewise, we are not in a race. The lead boat will set a comfortable pace. Keep up, but do not paddle beyond the leader.
3. Always **follow the directions** of the lead boat and safety team members. When the lead boat stops, we all stop.
4. **Do not indulge in horseplay, splashing, or colliding with other boats.** In hot conditions, engage in water play only with those who have given permission. NEVER splash with paddles.
5. **RAPIDS.** Safety personnel will guide us through the more challenging rapids; follow their instructions. Proceed single file through the rapids spaced at least three or four boat lengths behind the boat in front of you. If someone gets stuck on a rock, you do not want to plow into them.
 - Avoid hazards well in advance. Rocks, trees in the water, bridge piers, boats pinned or stuck on rocks – all can cause you problems. Stay clear – start avoiding them well in advance.
 - Safety personnel will often position their boats behind partially submerged rocks. DO NOT paddle toward them. Watch for paddle signals to indicate which channel to take.
6. **STRAINERS.** Strainers are trees and other debris that project into the river from the shoreline that may not be visible. STAY AWAY!
7. Leave nothing but footprints wherever you are. Re-check before leaving. This is important.

COMMUNICATIONS

Rivers are wide and our group is large, so we communicate with **Paddle Signals** and **Whistle Blasts**. Safety personnel use radios to stay in communication with each other.

Paddle Signals:

1. **Paddle Straight Up.** Clear paddling. Continue straight ahead.
2. **Paddle Horizontal with both hands.** STOP paddling or back-paddle (pass the signal to boats upstream).
3. **Paddle aloft at an angle.** Best channel is in the direction the paddle is pointing.
4. **Paddle aloft at an angle – moving rapidly up and down.** MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION QUICKLY!!

Whistle Blasts:

One Blast. Everyone's attention is needed.

Two Blasts. Stop paddling downstream. Paddle towards shore.

Three Blasts. Danger or trouble! **-OR-** Someone is out of their boat ("Swimmer").

Verbal Communications:

1. If you have a medical concern that we should know about, please notify a member of the Safety Team.
2. If you need to leave the river, tell a member of the Safety Team before you do.

MISHAPS

1. Should you go **sideways against a rock – lean towards the rock** (away from the oncoming current). Begin to work the boat towards one end to pivot around the rock.
2. If you become **disconnected from your boat**, assume a float position on your back. Your feet should be kept together pointing downstream with toes out of the water. Knees should be bent, and your head should be tilted forward. Use your arms to guide/paddle yourself.
 - Do Not attempt to stand in swift moving water unless it is very shallow (i.e. your bottom is hitting the rocks). If the water is deeper than your mid-calf line, do not attempt to walk in moving water. Foot entrapment can occur, which is very dangerous in swift moving water.
 - If another boat is nearby, ask permission to grab the bow or stern.
 - If someone throws you a rope, they will yell "Rope". Thrust your arms upwards if you are able. Try to grab the rope even if it is a bit off target.
 - Stay upstream from your boat and stay away from it. Your PFD will support you. The danger of being downstream from your boat is that you may become pinned between it and a rock.

TIDEWATER RECOMMENDATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

1. All boats must stay 20' to 40' feet away from vertical walls (unless there is a storm or other safety issue).
2. Stay at least 50' away from large ships unless given permission to approach. Stay at least 50' from military ships –no exceptions.
3. If it becomes very windy and white caps cover the water surface – WAIT FOR SAFETY DIRECTION, HEAD TO SHORE.
4. If you are unskilled in rough water – approach waves at a 90 degree angle and practice balance like riding a bicycle. Tug boats and other motorcraft can make large wakes.
5. Never go into a channel between the red and green channel markers unless you are instructed or guided to cross the river. Channels are dangerous because large ships cannot see you; they need to stay in the channel and cannot stop or turn quickly.
6. If you become tired, get clammy, sweaty, or confused – call for help immediately. Do not try to ride it out.
7. Everyone is responsible for everyone else. Keep an eye on your fellow paddlers. Speak up if you suspect there is a problem or danger.
8. Do not take pictures of bridges from close up. You may be arrested by Homeland Security.
9. Leave nothing but footprints when on land. Re-check before leaving. This is important.

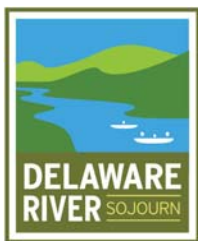
IMPORTANT GEAR TO HAVE WITH YOU

- * Sunscreen; long sleeve shirt; long pants
- * Rain gear

- * Insect repellent
- * Plenty of Water; other non-alcoholic drinking fluids (no glass containers)
- * Snacks
- * Pump or bailer, large sponge
- * Whistle
- * Change of clothes in a dry bag (or double garbage bag, tightly tied)
- * Sunglasses and/or brimmed hat
- * First aid kit
- * Medication you require
- * Eyeglass retainer
- * Trash bag
- * Optional camera and binoculars (waterproof enclosures)
- * Cell Phone or other means of communication (waterproof enclosure)

RENTAL BOATS

1. Adjust foot pedal distance and seat position suitable for you.
2. **Do Not** use the boat for a bathroom.
3. **Remove all Trash** and personal items at the end of each day.



Important Safety Information in Case of Unsafe Conditions during the 2025 Delaware River Sojourn

Water levels are a critical safety issue in river paddling for two reasons:

1. High water increases the speed of the river's flow and can inundate the riverbanks and islands where flooded trees and vegetation can create what are known as "strainers." Strainers are very, very dangerous and can trap boats and people under water.
2. High water changes the characteristics of the rapids on the river. Some "wash-out" while others become more dangerous with higher waves.

In times of high water and/or severe weather, the Sojourn Safety Team will determine whether it is safe to paddle at any time on any given Sojourn Day.

- Please note that high water rescues endanger the people making the rescue. While Sojourn Safety personnel are well trained in rescue techniques, the person nearest to a boat or boater in trouble could be another Sojourner. High water makes the river more dangerous for everyone.
- Equally important to be aware of is the chance and occurrence of storms or other adverse weather conditions, as it is very dangerous to be on the water during periods of lightning and high winds.

If deemed too dangerous to paddle, meals, programs, and camping will still be provided and alternate activities will be offered.

In addition to following the guidance of the Safety Team, the Delaware River Sojourn follows the high water policies of the National Park Service (NPS) Units in the Upper Delaware and Delaware Water Gap and also those that the liveries operating in the Lower Delaware follow.

NPS Upper Delaware River Guidance:

- 1. Barryville Gage at average water levels: 2.5 – 4 ft.** Everyone may take the trip in canoes or kayaks, even if it is raining.
- 2. Barryville Gage at moderate water levels: 4 – 6 ft.** We will take the trip even if it is raining. Rafts are recommended for less skilled boaters. The Sojourn Safety Staff will have the final word in determining who is a skilled boater and who should be in a raft.
- 3. Barryville Gage at high water levels: 6 – 8 ft.** Take the trip even if it is raining and the river is not expected to go above 8 feet. Rafts will be required for all people renting watercraft and for less skilled private boaters. High water waivers will be required for people using private boats; the Sojourn Safety Staff will have the final word in determining who is a highly skilled boater and who should be in a raft.
- 4. Barryville Gage at very high water: 8 feet and above.** There will be No Sojourn River Trip – Alternate activities will be offered.

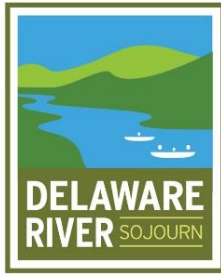
NPS Delaware Water Gap Guidance:

1. Montague Gage reads 8-15 ft. NPS Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area issues river advisories when the Montague gage hits 8-15 feet. The advisory closes swimming areas and makes PFD wearing mandatory for all people in boats (non-motor & motor boats).

2. Montague Gage is over 15ft. NPS Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area closes the river corridor to all boating.

Lower Delaware River Guidance:

1. Riegelsville Gage reads 8 ft. and above. The Safety Team will confer, but there will likely be no River Sojourn trip. Alternate activities will be offered.



2025 Delaware River Sojourn: Lodging & Restaurants near Sojourn camping locations

Disclaimer: All listings and ratings are taken directly from Google and have not been independently evaluated by the Sojourn Steering Committee; thus, no specific recommendations are implied, nor has availability been secured. This was compiled for reference. Most of these are within 20-30 min of the 2025 Sojourn campsites.

B&Bs and Hotels near Equinunk, PA (NEWE Camp)

Wagner Hill Guest Cottage

35 Wagner Hill Rd, Damascus, PA 18415

<http://www.wagnerhill.com/>

570-224-4712

4.9

Bass' Golf Course Cabins

NY-97 Scenic, Hancock, NY 13783

<http://www.basscabins.com/>

607-637-5253

4.9

Smith's Colonial Motel

23085 NY-97, Hancock, NY 13783

<http://www.smithscolonialmotel.com/>

607-637-2989

4.8

Lakewood Lodge & Restaurant

1440 Crosstown Hwy, Lakewood, PA 18439

<http://www.palakewoodlodge.com/>

570-798-2565

LGBTQ friendly

4.2

The Starlight Lodge B&B

169 Starlight Lake Rd, Starlight, PA 18461

<http://www.starlightlodge.com/>

570-798-2350

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.8

Upper Delaware Inn

521 W Main St, Hancock, NY 13783 <http://upperdelawareinn.com/>

607-637-1600

LGBTQ

Friendly

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.8

The North Branch Inn

869 N Branch Rd, North Branch, NY 12766

<http://www.northbranchinn.com/>

845-482-2285

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.7

Restaurants near Equinunk, PA (NEWE Camp)

The following restaurants serve breakfast. There are several taverns and other places that serve dinner nearby.

Callicoon Caffé (closest (10-12 min, easiest to get to))

Diner · Breakfast all-day

23A Dorrer Dr., Callicoon, NY 12723

<https://callicoon-caffe.business.site/>

845-887-6800

4.5 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Eagle View Saloon

Breakfast (Opens at 6 AM)

2923 Hancock Hwy, Equinunk, PA 18417

570-224-8439

LGBTQ+ friendly

<https://www.facebook.com/EagleViewSaloon/>

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.5

The Kitchen Table Café

(Opens at 9 AM)

33 Lower Main St, Callicoon, NY 12723

845-887-3313

<http://thekitchentablecafe.com/>

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.5

Long Eddy Hotel and Saloon

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

7 Depot St, Long Eddy, NY 12760

845-887-4554

<https://www.facebook.com/p/long-eddy-hotel-and-saloon-100064126383762/>

★ ★ ★ ★ 4.5

Black Walnut

39 Lower Main St, Callicoon, NY 12723

845-887-3174

<https://www.thefarmhouseproject.com/blackwalnut>

LGBTQ+ friendly/owned

★ ★ ★ ★ 4.5

B&Bs and Hotels near Upper Mount Bethel, PA (Driftstone Camp)**The RoseMary Inn B&B**

88 Hainesburg River Rd, Columbia, NJ 07832

<http://www.therosemaryinn.com/>

908-496-8855

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5.0

Hotel Belvidere

430 Front St, Belvidere, NJ 07823

<http://hotelbelviderenj.com/>

908-475-2006

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.5

LGBTQ Friendly; Breakfast

Chelsea Sun Inn

487 Stone Church Dr, Mt Bethel, PA 18343

<http://www.chelseasun.com/>

484-810-4786

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.5

The Inn At Millrace Pond B&B

313 Johnsonburg Rd, Hope, NJ 07844

<http://www.innatmillracepond.com/>

908-459-4884

★ ★ ★ ★ 4.3

Hunter's Lodge Restaurant and Motel

64 US Highway 46, Delaware, NJ 07833

<https://hunterslodgenj.com/>

908-475-5119

NOTE: Many more options are available in Stroudsburg, Pa., about 30 min away

Restaurants heading from Dingmans to Driftstone (~north to south)

Marlucas [Just N. of the Water Gap]

\$ \$ · American

3251 US-209, Bushkill, PA 18324

570-588-9000

<http://marlucasmenu.com/>

4.0 ★ ★ ★ ★

Minisink Hotel

\$ · Bar & Grill

110 Post Office Rd, Minisink Hills, PA 18341

570-421-9787

4.6 ★ ★ ★ ★

Bosco Pizza

\$ · Pizza Restaurant

107 Buttermilk Falls Rd, Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

570-234-3360

<https://bosco-pizza.com/menu>

4.2 ★ ★ ★ ★

Doughboy's Of The Poconos Pizza

\$ · Pizza Restaurant

124 Main Street, PA-611, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327

570-421-1900

<https://www.doughboypoconospizza.com>

4.3 ★ ★ ★ ★

Sycamore Grille

\$ · American Restaurant

92 Main Street, PA-611, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327

505-426-1200

<http://www.sycamoregrille.com/>

4.4 ★ ★ ★ ★

The Gem and Keystone Tavern

526 River Road

Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

570-424-0990

Alaska Pete's

151 Seven Bridges Rd
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
570-223-8575

Petrizzo's Restaurant

6171 Milford Rd
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302
570-588-6414

Hunter's Lodge Restaurant and Motel

64 US Highway 46, Delaware, NJ 07833
<https://hunterslodgenj.com/>
908-475-5119

Dalton's Columbia Inn

31 Decatur St, Columbia, NJ 07832-2350
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057604503459>
908-496-4700

Humpty Junior's

72 US Highway 46, Columbia, NJ
<https://humptyjuniors.com/>
908-475-4376

Buck Hill Brewery and Restaurant

45 State Route 94, Blairstown, NJ 07825
<https://buckhillbrewery.com/>
908-854-5300

Blairstown Inn

70 State Route 94 , Blairstown, NJ 07825
<https://www.facebook.com/blairstowninn>
908-362-8121

Blairstown Diner

(Featured in Friday the 13th original film)
53 NJ Route 94, Blairstown, NJ 07825
<https://www.blairstowndiner.com/>
908-362-6070

Rustica Artisan

\$\$ · Global cuisine
101 Allegheny Rd, Mt Bethel, PA 18343
484-404-9393
<http://rusticaartisan.com/>

4.7 ★ ★ ★ ★

TK's Bar and Grill

\$\$ · Family restaurant

2500 N Delaware Dr, Mt Bethel, PA 18343

570-897-6112

<http://tksrestaurant.com/>

4.2 ★ ★ ★ ★

Mt Bethel Pizza

\$\$ · Pizza & wings

13 Mount Bethel Plaza, Mt Bethel, PA 18343

570-897-9145

4.4 ★ ★ ★ ★

NOTE: There are several others in Mt Bethel, and a few on the N.J. side.