

LOCAL HISTORY PAST-PORT

FOR THE NORTHERN POCONO MOUNTAINS REGION
AND SURROUNDING AREAS



**A Guide to the
Area's Must-See
Historical Sites**

Collect Past-Port Stamps from Ten of These Historic Sites and Receive a Free Prize

When you visit the historic sites listed in this booklet, please have your Local History Past-Port stamped on the adjoining page. When you have collected ten stamps, please bring your Past-Port to the Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center of the Pocono Mountains Visitors

Bureau located at 2512 Route 6 in Hawley, PA. You will receive a free prize donated by one of the local history organizations.



Please note that some of the local history sites are not open on a regular basis or are not staffed. For these sites, you may have your Past-Port stamped at another site operated by that organization or simply take a "selfie" at the site to show at the Visitors Center when you redeem your prize.



Welcome to Northeast Pennsylvania

Whether you are a visitor to the region or a local resident, the Local History Past-Port Project is intended to provide a useful guide to many of the historic sites and attractions in the Northern Pocono Mountains region and surrounding areas. We hope that you will take advantage of the information in this guide, and that you will visit many of these sites and attractions to learn more about our rich heritage.

The Northern Pocono Mountains region and surrounding areas have a particularly rich and varied history, and many of the area's historic sites are preserved and open to the public through the work of the organizations described in this booklet. Some sites and attractions are dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the agricultural heritage of the region and the region's early settlement. Others interpret the many industrial innovations that took place in the area, including energy production from coal mining, coal transportation by means of gravity railroads, the development and operation of the Delaware & Hudson Canal, and the first operation of a railroad locomotive on commercial tracks in the United States. This region was also home to a world-renowned glassmaking industry in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Several of the historic sites and attractions included in this guide tell the story of these local companies, the fine crystal tableware that they produced, and the glass manufacturing process.

On page two is a map of Pike and Wayne Counties in Pennsylvania identifying the location of each participating local history organization. This guide also provides a description of the sites and attractions operated by the participating organizations and other helpful information, including the days and hours of operation, any admission charge, and the address and other contact information. As you visit each location, please have this Local History Past-Port stamped by the participating organization. As an incentive to learn as much as possible about our local history, visitors who collect stamps from ten of the participating organizations will receive a free gift donated by one of the participating organizations. To receive your free gift, please visit the Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center at 2512 Route 6, Hawley, PA 18428.

We look forward to welcoming you to our many historic sites and attractions, and to sharing our local heritage with you.

Sincerely,

James K. Asselstine
Chair, Local History Roundtable



The Equinunk Historical Society

1972 Pine Mill Road, Equinunk, PA 18417

MAILING: PO BOX 41, EQUINUNK, PA 18417

www.equinunkhistory.org • 570-224-6722 or 570-224-4466

The Equinunk Historical Society is a 501c3 educational institution that collects, preserves and interprets the history of the Upper Delaware corridor of Northern Wayne County and surrounding areas. The Society's collections include books, documents, photographs and cultural objects for the purpose of a museum, educational programs, public events, and publications.

Also held in the Calder Hall is "First Friday at the Calder Cafe." This takes place on the first Friday evening of November and goes through April. Come join us in an evening of song and acoustic music of all genres. Refreshments available.

Our Annual Car Show in June draws many cars, vendors and car enthusiasts to a delightful day of meticulously restored cars, trucks and tractors of a bygone era. Check papers and website for information on dates, etc.

The Calder Corner Shop supports the Society's mission by offering interesting gifts and crafts. Open Saturdays when the museum is open and for holiday sales.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Equinunk, PA, has the largest historic district in the Upper Delaware region. Located on the scenic Delaware River, it offers a wide variety of things to do and see for the day or overnight visitor.

HOURS: May through October Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Noon to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays June and September, Sundays in July and August

ADMISSION: Donations gratefully accepted

GPS ADDRESS: 1972 PINE MILL ROAD, EQUINUNK, PA 18417



Joel Hill Sawmill

Duck Harbor Road, Equinunk, PA 18417
570-224-6722 • www.equinunkhistory.org

The only water-powered mill remaining in northeastern Pennsylvania was built by William Holbert & John Branning in 1873, during the peak of the lumber industry in Wayne County. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The mill is in nearly original condition, except for the waterwheel, which was lost in the famous pumpkin flood in the early part of the twentieth century. The wheel was replaced by a more modern double turbine that visitors view when touring the mill. Through a series of belts and pulleys, the 54 inch saw blade is turned at 850 RPMs.

The volunteer led tours and demonstrations take place five days in the year: twice in July, twice in August, and on the first Saturday in October. Special demos can be arranged for groups through the Equinunk Historical Society. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the newly built deck by the waterfall.

The sawmill is located off Creek Rd. which turns from Rt. 191 just south of the Lookout Fire House on Rt. 191. Follow Creek Rd. to the end, turn right, and then immediately left. The mill is on your left.

HOURS: Open five days a year: twice in July, twice in August and on the first Saturday in October.

ADMISSION: Donations



Damascus Historical Society

1708 Cochection Turnpike,
Damascus, PA 18415

www.DTHS1755@yahoo.com

The Damascus Township Historical Society, Inc. was organized as a non-profit corporation in 1992 for the sole purpose of preserving local history. Subsequently its members were granted a ninety-nine-year lease by the Hill-side Cemetery Association to the circa 1850 tiny Gothic Revival building, which once housed the nineteenth-century office of Doctor Theron Appley and his son Otto, both members of the large Appley family of doctors. The membership lovingly restored the small building. In 2015 the Society received an Historic Preservation Award from the Wayne County Historical Society.

The quaint building houses artifacts, reference books including many years of the Damascus High School yearbooks, genealogical aides — especially related to local families, maps and photographs of our local area.

In summer months, the Society hosts a speaker series on the fourth Tuesday 7:00 p.m. at the Damascus Township Community Building, 60 Conklin Hill Road, Damascus, PA. (Dr. Appley's office is too small to host more than four or five people.) Watch for yearly brochure.

HOURS: Last Saturday in May to second Saturday of October
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

ADMISSION: DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

GPS ADDRESS: 1708 COCHECTION TURNPIKE, DAMASCUS, PA 18415



Waymart Area Historical Society

118 South Street, Waymart, PA 18472

MAILING: PO BOX 255, WAYMART, PA 18472

570-488-6750

The Waymart Area Historical Society members are from Waymart and Prompton Boroughs and Canaan, Clinton and South Canaan Townships. When formed in 1994, the mission of WAHS was to save the last D&H Gravity Depot. In 2006 the completion of the renovated D&H Gravity Depot Railroad Museum was dedicated. Artifacts, memorabilia, photographs, family histories, trunks, handmade clothing, dairy bottles, yearbooks, and the South Canaan Post Office were donated. A large collection of D&H items such as strap rail, Roebling twisted iron cables, lanterns, mine tools, switches, chains, maps, and coal are in the D&H collection. A twenty-four foot moving exhibit shows coal cars from Carbondale climbing the mountain to Farview Amusement Park and its Summit Plane going down to Waymart and the waiting D&H canal in Honesdale. All items are marked clearly for self-guided tours. The majority of items are welcomed to be picked up and examined.

D&H Open Air Passenger Car #43 stands on tracks by the east side of the Depot Museum.

The museum is open in the summer months by appointment for any groups, reunions or clubs.

HOURS: Saturdays and Sundays, July & August, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

ADMISSION: Donations

GPS ADDRESS: 118 SOUTH STREET, WAYMART, PA 18472



Carbondale Historical Society and Museum

Delaware and Hudson Transportation Museum

One North Main Street, 3rd Floor
Carbondale, PA 18407

MAILING:

PO Box 151, Carbondale, PA 18407

570-282-0385

carbondalepahistorical.org

There are two primary reasons why people visit the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum / Delaware and Hudson Transportation Museum:

1. To enjoy the experience of a visit to a traditional local history museum. There are three exhibition galleries on the third floor of Carbondale City Hall, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. On display in those galleries and throughout City Hall are hundreds of artifacts that chronicle not only Carbondale's rich history but also the history of anthracite mining in Northeastern Pennsylvania and the history of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company and its Gravity Railroad from Carbondale to Honesdale.

2. To conduct historical and genealogical research. In our library and research archives are a vast quantity of primary and secondary resources that are potentially useful to historians and genealogists. Our holdings of city directories, birth and death records, cemetery records, and nineteenth- and twentieth-century newspapers are extensive.

HOURS: Monday through Friday, year around; Noon to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment

ADMISSION: One may visit the exhibition galleries at no charge, with donations welcomed.
Use of research holdings, \$25 per day.

GPS ADDRESS: ONE NORTH MAIN ST., CARBONDALE, PA 18407



Wayne County Historical Society

810 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

MAILING: PO Box 446, Honesdale, PA 18431

570-253-3240 • wchs@ptd.net

The Wayne County Historical Society's Main Museum is home to the full-size 1929 replica of the Stourbridge Lion, the first steam locomotive to run in the western hemisphere.

The museum and museum shop are housed in the 1860 Delaware & Hudson Canal Company office. The D & H Gravity Railroad, which carried anthracite coal from the mines of Lackawanna County to Honesdale, met the D & H Canal directly behind the building. The canal carried the coal 108 miles from Honesdale to the Hudson River from 1828 to 1898.

The Museum's permanent exhibits include:

- Movin' Energy: The History of the Delaware & Hudson Canal 1828-1898.
- D&H Gravity Railroad Passenger Car, the Eclipse.
- The D&H Paymaster's Buggy.
- "Faces in Clay," a 4,600 piece archaeology collection showing the Native American presence in the upper Delaware River Valley.
- A seventeenth-century dugout canoe discovered in Wayne County.
- Wayne County's Glass: Window Panes to White House Crystal, show casing glass produced in Wayne County from the 1820s to 1980s.
- Children's History Lab with hands-on experiences for children of all ages.

New exhibits are featured each year that reflect a fresh view of our historically rich Wayne County. Visit us today and explore our history!

HOURS: Wed thru Sunday: (In winter only Fri & Sat) 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sundays Noon to 4:00 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$5.00 for adults. Kids are FREE

GPS ADDRESS: 810 MAIN ST., HONESDALE, PA 18431



Dorflinger Factory Museum

5 Elizabeth Street, White Mills, PA 18473

MAILING: PO Box 353, White Mills, PA 18473

570-253-0220 • www.dorflingerfactorymuseum.org

The Dorflinger Factory Museum is a regional industrial heritage museum located in the two remaining Dorflinger glass factory buildings, the glass cutting shop and the factory office building, in White Mills, PA. White Mills is a nineteenth century industrial village with many historic structures built to support the Dorflinger factory. The Dorflinger glass works in White Mills produced some of the finest cut glass tableware made in America from 1865 until 1921, and was one of the largest industrial enterprises of its kind. The museum's exhibits include working scale models and actual equipment and furnishings from the Dorflinger factory used in the manufacture and decoration of cut glass tableware. Another exhibit recreates a late nineteenth century dining room set with china, silver, and Dorflinger glass to illustrate how this glass was used in society. Other exhibits illustrate how the Dorflinger companies advertised, marketed, and sold their products. Finally, the museum exhibits one of the largest and finest collections of Dorflinger glass on public display, covering the full spectrum of products produced by the Dorflinger companies from 1852-1921. The museum offers guided tours of the exhibits throughout the day. Group tours are welcome. The Dorflinger Factory Museum's exhibits are intended to complement the extensive collection of Dorflinger glass in the Dorflinger Glass Museum, which is a separate and independent organization.

HOURS: Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Open May 1 through December 31

ADMISSION: Donations

GPS ADDRESS: 670 TEXAS PALMYRA HWY, TEXAS TWP, PA 18431



Dorflinger Glass Museum

At the Top of the Hill in White Mills
Long Ridge Road, White Mills, PA 18473
 MAILING: PO Box 356, White Mills, PA 18473
 570-253-1185 • www.dorflinger.org

Beginning in the 1860s, Christian Dorflinger transformed White Mills from a sleepy hamlet on the banks of the Lackawaxen River into a bustling industrial center. For more than half a century the Dorflinger Glass Works produced exquisite cut lead crystal that graced many of America's finest tables, including those of several White House administrations.

The museum features over 1,000 pieces of cut, engraved, etched, gilded and enameled crystal. A docent starts visitors on a self-guided 30-minute tour. Highlights include a short film showing the making of glass in the factory in 1916 and presidential glass made for the Lincoln and Harrison White House. Special exhibit changes yearly.

The Walter and Marilyn Barbe Wayne County Gallery is a collection of glass from other glass factories in the county. Located off the gift shop, there is no admission charge. The museum's gift shop features a unique variety of glass items, including an eclectic collection of handmade glass jewelry, paperweights, handblown Blenko Glass, reproductions from Mosser Glass, art glass from Tom Stoenner and Glass Forge Studio, glass ornaments made in the USA, and more. All proceeds from the gift shop benefit the museum.

HOURS: Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 Open May 1 through the last Sunday in October; weekends only through November.

ADMISSION: Adults: \$5; Members & Seniors 55+: \$4.00;
 Ages 6 to 18: \$2.00. Group rates available for fifteen or more.

GPS ADDRESS: 55 SUYDAM DRIVE, HONESDALE, PA 18431



D&H Canal Park at Lock 31

179 Texas Palmyra Hwy., Hawley, PA 18428
 MAILING: PO Box 446, Honesdale, PA 18431
 570-253-3240 • wchs@ptd.net

The D&H Canal Park at Lock 31 has sixteen beautiful acres to explore. The site features the historic Daniels' Farmhouse (circa 1820), the D&H Canal, and Canal Lock 31. Throughout the park you can read the many interpretive signs giving a brief history of the site. A walk along the towpath reveals many local tree varieties (some rare!), beautiful scenic views and many species of wildlife living along the Lackawaxen River. The park is open every day from sunrise to sunset. The River Trail follows the Lackawanna River banks and offers viewing wildlife including bald eagles.

The Delaware & Hudson Canal is a 108-mile-long civil engineering achievement, built over three years largely by hand. The D&H Canal was conceived by the Wurts brothers as a means to transport anthracite coal from their Pennsylvania mines to the Hudson River at Kingston, New York, from where it was shipped downriver to New York City. This 108-lock waterway operated from 1828 until 1898. After seventy years of operation it no longer was practical to transport the coal and other materials on the canal when compared to using the railroads. In 1898 the last coal boat made the trip from Honesdale to Kingston. After the canal was closed it was drained and the canal land was sold and split up.

Each summer a Canal Festival is held in August with historical speakers, guided walks, artisan vendors and great food available. The Canal Festival is free and open to the public.

If you would like more information on the park and its events, please contact the Wayne County Historical Society. www.WayneHistoryPA.org

HOURS: Daily Year Round, Sunrise to Sunset

ADMISSION: Free

GPS ADDRESS: 179 TEXAS PALMYRA HIGHWAY, HAWLEY, PA 18428



Wallenpaupack Historical Society

103 Manor Woods Court, Paupack, PA 18451

MAILING: PO Box 345, Paupack, PA 18451

570-226-8980 • www.wallenpaupackhistorical.org

president@wallenpaupackhistorical.org

The Wallenpaupack Historical Society was incorporated in 1998 in order to preserve and promote the history of the Lake Wallenpaupack region. The Society maintains a collection of local documents and artifacts at the Williams House, which is the Society headquarters, in addition to publishing numerous books pertaining to local history. Wallenpaupack Historical Society also maintains rotating artifact displays at the following locations:

Brookfield Environmental Learning Center, 126 PPL Drive, Hawley

Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center, 2111 Rt. 6, Hawley

Palmyra (Pike County) Township Building, 115 Buehler Lane, Paupack

The Williams House is located at 103 Manor Woods Court at the corner of Route 507 and the Whispering Pines community in Paupack, Pike County. For information about local history publications, please call or go to the website, or visit the Williams House during public hours.

HOURS: Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or by appointment (call 570-226-8980)
During June, July, August and September

ADMISSION: Free



Shohola Railroad and Historical Society

128 Route 434, Shohola, PA 18458

MAILING: PO Box 79, Shohola, PA 18458

“Shohola” has been interpreted as meaning *peaceful*. The name was first given to the tranquil waters of the Shohola Creek over 250 years ago. Shohola Township was formed in 1852. Lumbering, bluestone quarrying and tourism were the major industries. The Erie Railroad came through Shohola in 1848. The Shohola Glen Amusement Park (today a portion of which is now Rohman Park on Twin Lakes Road) opened in 1881 and for twenty-six years was visited by thousands from New York City and Sullivan and Orange Counties, NY.

In 1990 Conrail, a successor to the Erie Railroad, donated a caboose to Shohola Township. The Shohola Railroad & Historical Society transformed the caboose into the museum and visitor's center. Inside the caboose are many historical pictures of the Pike County railroad stations, the Shohola Glen Amusement Park and the old mills in the Glen and more. There are model trains, antique railroad tools, archeological artifacts, books and brochures. Displays tell the story of the 1864 Shohola Train Wreck, Shohola schools and baseball, the train stations and bridges.

The caboose is open on Saturday and Sunday from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. Gifts, books and souvenirs are available.

HOURS: Saturday and Sunday, Memorial Day through Labor Day

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

ADMISSION: No charge

GPS ADDRESS: 128 ROUTE 434, SHOHOLA, PA 18458



The Columns Museum Pike County Historical Society

608 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18447
570-296-8126 • www.pikehistorical.org

The Columns Museum is a local history museum located in Milford, PA. The museum is housed in a 1904 Neo-Classical twenty-two-room mansion that once belonged to Jersey City mogul Dennis McLaughlin.

In addition to being a local history museum library and archives, The Columns is home to a very special artifact—a blood relic. The Lincoln Flag is a flag removed from Ford's Theater the night of President Lincoln's assassination. This American flag is stained with the blood of the United State's sixteenth president.

The Columns boasts two floors of exhibits pertaining to Pike County's people, places and events. Exhibits include World War II Posters, vintage clothing, Chief Thundercloud, Gifford Pinchot and the Pinchot family and more. Visitors may also view the stagecoach "Hiawatha," an original nineteenth century stagecoach, built during the late 1840s or early 1850s.

HOURS: Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, year-round; Additional hours in summer 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADMISSION: Adults: \$5.00; Students: \$3.00; Children: Free

GPS ADDRESS: 608 BROAD STREET, MILFORD, PA 18447



Grey Towers National Historic Site

122 Old Owego Turnpike, Milford PA 18337

MAILING: PO BOX 188, Milford, PA 18337

www.fs.usda.gov/greytowers or www.greytowers.org • 570-296-9630

Grey Towers was built in 1886 by James and Mary Pinchot as a summer retreat. It was James who first recognized the reckless destruction of natural resources that was overtaking the nation in the 19th century. James encouraged his eldest son, Gifford, to consider a career in forestry, thus introducing the idea of conservation to America.

Gifford Pinchot went on to establish and serve as the first Chief of the US Forest Service, and he was twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania. Between family, friends and political associates, Grey Towers was always bustling with activity and was central to advancing the Pinchots' social, political and conservation ideals. In 1963, Gifford Bryce Pinchot, the son of Gifford and Cornelia, donated Grey Towers and its surrounding 102 acres to the US Forest Service. The US Forest Service works with numerous partners to carry on the Pinchot legacy by delivering public programs, interpretive tours and conservation education programs. In addition, Grey Towers serves as a conservation conference center to bring together a diversity of leading conservation and environmental thinkers.

HOURS: Grounds are open daily for pedestrians from sunrise to sunset; gates are open for vehicles 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1-April 30 and 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. May 1-October 31. (Free)

Six Mansion Tours are offered daily from Memorial Day weekend through October 31, on the hour from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Access to the mansion is by guided tour only.

ADMISSION: Adults: \$8; Seniors: (62+) \$7; Young Adults (12-17) \$5; Children under 12: Free. We honor all Federal Interagency Passes; half-price tours for pass holder.

GPS: 122 OLD OWEGO TURNPIKE, MILFORD, PA 18337



PEGGY BANCROFT HALL & MUSEUM

Greene-Dreher Historical Society

465 South Sterling Road, South Sterling, PA 18460

MAILING: PO BOX 176, GREENTOWN, PA 18426

www.greenehs.org

Peggy Bancroft Hall is owned by the Greene-Dreher Historical Society and named in honor of its founder. Built in 1904 by the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Washington Camp 422, the building has served as a meeting hall and community gathering place for more than 100 years. Because of the prominence of the P.O.S. of A. and its contributions to the local community, and because of the architectural integrity of the building, Peggy Bancroft Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2010.

The museum features exhibits that tell the story of our rural community. Special displays shed light on important episodes from our past, such as the Moravian mission settlement, water-powered mills and steam-powered stick factories, family farms and summer boardinghouses. Outdoor exhibits feature agricultural tools and machinery that were used to work the land. The original root cellar on the grounds has been restored, and replica outbuildings have been added, including a small barn, icehouse and an “earth closet,” or outhouse.

In addition to the exhibits, the Historical Society publishes numerous books and journals on local history, and they are available for sale at the museum and on the GDHS website.

HOURS: Programs are free and open to the public on the first Monday of each month, April through November. Open Houses and tours are offered in June, July and October. The museum is also open by appointment. Please check the GDHS website for a schedule of events.

ADMISSION: Free

GPS ADDRESS: 465 SOUTH STERLING ROAD, SOUTH STERLING, PA 18460



Zane Grey Museum

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

135 Scenic Drive, Lackawaxen, PA 18435

MAILING: 274 River Road, Beach Lake, PA 18405

upde_interpretation@nps.gov • 570-685-4871

Prolific western author Zane Grey (1872 – 1939) began his career relating stories of his experiences fishing along the Upper Delaware River. He lived in Lackawaxen, Pennsylvania, from 1905 until 1918. Lackawaxen always held a special place in his memories, and was chosen as the site of his final resting place. Today, Grey’s home from 1914 – 1918 is preserved by the National Park Service as part of Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

Zane Grey was born on January 31, 1872, in Zanesville, Ohio. Grey’s baseball prowess led to a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1896 with a degree in dentistry, but chose to play amateur baseball for several seasons, practicing dentistry intermittently. He established his own dental practice in New York City in 1898.

He loved to get away from the city and began to visit Lackawaxen. On one of these outings in 1900, Zane met Lina Elisa Roth, or “Dolly” as he called her. Grey’s first published article was “A Day on the Delaware,” in *Recreation* magazine, May 1902. In 1903, Grey wrote, illustrated and published his first novel, *Betty Zane*, with private funds.

In 1905, Dolly became Zane’s wife and he left dentistry to pursue writing full-time. The couple settled into a farmhouse overlooking the Lackawaxen and Delaware Rivers. In 1914 Zane and Dolly moved into the “Big House” built by his brother. The couple and their family lived there until 1918 when they moved to California where Zane continued to write westerns.

Today the house is open to the public where visitors can learn more about famed Western writer Zane Grey. Along with exhibits a self-guided trail takes visitors through the property. A sales outlet is in the museum where visitors can purchase books by the author.

HOURS: Daily; Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day 10:00 am to 5:00 pm **ADMISSION:** Free

GPS ADDRESS: 135 SCENIC DRIVE, LACKAWAXEN, PA 18435



Roebling Bridge

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River

4225 State Route 97, Barryville, NY 12719

MAILING: 274 River Road, Beach Lake, PA 18405

update_interpretation@nps.gov • 570-685-4871

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is the home of the oldest existing wire suspension bridge in the United States — the Delaware Aqueduct — or Roebling Bridge as it is now known. Begun in 1847 as one of four suspension aqueducts on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, it was designed by and built under the supervision of John A. Roebling, future engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge.

The aqueduct operated for fifty years until the closing of the canal in 1898. It was then converted to a private toll bridge and underwent a series of modifications through the years. About 1900 new owner Charles Spruiks built a tollhouse abutting the New York side of the structure.

The Delaware Aqueduct continued to function as a vehicular bridge until 1979. In 1980, the National Park Service purchased the aqueduct to be preserved as part of Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The Toll House offers self-guiding exhibits and historic photographs about the D&H Canal and John Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct.

Visitors to the Roebling Bridge may walk across the former aqueduct, following the path taken by canalers and their mules over a century ago. Where canal boats once slowly floated, modern vehicles now cross the Delaware River effortlessly.

To get a closer look at the remains of the D&H Canal visitors can take the 1/4 mile Towpath Trail, which goes underneath the Roebling Bridge, along the old towpath, and past one of the canal locks.

HOURS: Open Daily—Weather Permitting 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free

GPS ADDRESS: 4225 STATE ROUTE 97, BARRYVILLE, NY 12719



Gouldsboro Railroad Station

Main Street, Gouldsboro, PA 18424

570-842-8584

The Gouldsboro Train Station, on Route 507 dates back to 1850s. The restored train station is now a museum that depicts the golden age of railroads, leather tanning, and ice harvesting.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad (DLW) constructed a major train line from Scranton through Gouldsboro to Hoboken, NJ, to haul anthracite coal to New York. Passenger trains also used the route to link New York to the Poconos.

Raw leather was shipped into Gouldsboro, tanned, and shipped back to New York. With the invention of refrigerated box cars in 1890, Gouldsboro for the next fifty years became a major supplier of ice for refrigerated box cars and for ice boxes.

Gouldsboro was also the site of a major train service yard with as many as eight spurs. Just south of the station, a concrete switch tower was built in 1912. Trains were switched between the main lines and the spurs regularly during the day.

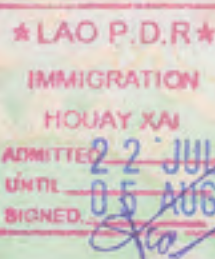
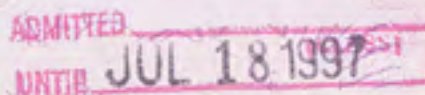
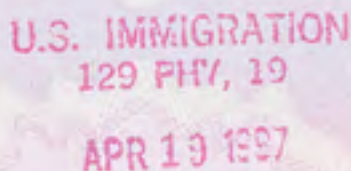
The DL&W constructed the present train station in 1907. The station was abandoned in the 1970s after passenger service to Hoboken ceased. The station fell into disrepair but through the efforts of the Gouldsboro Area Foundation (GAF) the station was restored.

The station today houses exhibits, displays, historic documents, videos, and photographs that take you back in time to the days of the heyday of iron rails, leather making and ice harvesting. Through the dedicated effort of volunteers from the GAF and Gouldsboro Historic Society, this station preserves that heritage.

Open May to October on Saturday mornings, the station includes a museum, gift shop, and a community room.

HOURS: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., May to October or by request

ADMISSION: Donations



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