HERITAGE TRAIL

TRAIL RULES:
OPEN DAWN TO DUSK
ALWAYS RIDE WITH A FRIEND
CARRY A CELL PHONE
MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED
NO HUNTING, SHOOTING, OR ARCHERY
PLEASE RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF ADJACENT LAND OWNERS
LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS, TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES

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

TRAIL HISTORY:
The Town of Lancaster “Heritage Trail” is built on four miles of roadbed of the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad.

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

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

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