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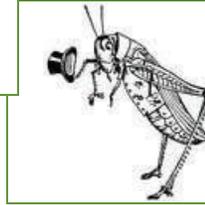


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FRIENDS OF THE ALLENTOWN PARKS

Join us today! Become a member and help make Allentown's great park system even better.

This Week's Discovery Walk

They creep! They crawl! They sometimes fly! Please join Friends of the Allentown Parks on Saturday **May 21** at 10:00 a.m. as Professor Marten Edwards helps us find **bugs** in Cedar Creek Parkway. We meet at the stone house on the corner of Ott. St & Parkway Blvd.



Arborist Randy Fey provided insight into identifying trees by leaves, bark and more at the Cedar Creek Arboretum during the May 7th **"Name that Tree" Discovery Walk**. Due to demand we will offer this again in the fall and view the beautiful fall foliage. Don't miss it!

"Fifteen Miles on the Erie Canal" - by Thomas S. Allen (1905)

I've got a mule, her name is Sal
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal
She's a good old worker and a good old pal
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal
We've hauled some barges in our day
Filled with lumber, coal, and hay
And we know every inch of the way...

Join the D & L Trail Patrol Today!

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor **seeks enthusiastic volunteers** to become members of the **D & L Trail Patrol**. Volunteers may walk or bike the Allentown sector of the D&L Trail and provide information to trail users, offer basic first-aid items and emergency contact information when needed. The section begins at the Hamilton Street Bridge, dam and guardlock 7 and ends at posts marking the Allentown-Bethlehem line.

The entire 165- mile D&L Trail follows the Delaware and Lehigh canal towpaths and former railroad corridors that once carried anthracite coal from Carbon and Luzerne counties to industry, markets and southeastern Pennsylvania. Currently, **two miles of the D&L Trail** are completed within the City of Allentown. However, this short section provides access to much longer sections of trail. From Allentown's Canal Park travel east along the D&L Trail for 16 miles to Easton where the trail follows the towpath of the Delaware Canal for another 60 miles to Bristol, Bucks County.



Within the next two years, the section of trail between Allentown and Cata-sauqua should also be completed, allowing someone to travel north from Allentown to Cementon, Slatington, Weissport, Jim Thorpe, and, eventually, Wilkes-

Barre. The D&L Trail will be the "spine" of a regional trail network that links our communities and provides multi-day biking and hiking trips without ever leaving the trail.



Allentown will sit at the geographical center of the trail network, making the city's small section of trail an essential component of the larger project. The D&L will work closely with members of our Trail Patrol and the Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation to make sure the trail re-

mains in good condition.

The program is flexible and interested persons may choose which services they feel most comfortable providing. Volunteers will receive training.



If you enjoy the great outdoors and want to play a role in keeping local history alive, join the D & L Trail Patrol today!

Contact Silas Chamberlin at 610-923-3548 x222 or silas@delawareandlehigh.org; information is also available at www.delawareandlehigh.org.

Interested in these and other Friends programs please contact us. Become a member and help keep our parks beautiful.

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