Discover Lancaster County’s Scenic Southern Trail

Experience railroad heritage by riding the Enola Low Grade Trail. The crushed gravel trail crosses creeks and streams on historic stone arches and bridges, reveals picturesque views of the Susquehanna River and winds through woodlands and beautiful southern Lancaster County farmlands.

Bridges & Woodlands

- The trail traverses the Conestoga River and Pequea Creek on trestle bridges. The Safe Harbor trestle bridge stands 140 feet high and stretches 1,560 feet over the Conestoga River, making it one of the largest in Pennsylvania. The Martic Forge trestle bridge over the Pequea Creek stands nearly 120 feet high. The view from either bridge shows the rugged terrain the PRR had to contend with when creating the Low Grade Line.

As the trail turns east, river views are replaced with expansive farm country and natural habitat. Snakes, mink, turtles, deer, foxes, turkeys, hawks, falcons, and bald eagles are common sites along the way. The varying habitats of woodland, wetlands, and meadows have attracted many species of birds and butterflies, and some of the more elusive mammals and amphibians in southern Lancaster County.

Quarryville & Farmlands

- The trail crosses Church Street on a historic skewed arch bridge and then skirts the northern edge of town, which began as a company town for the nearby quarry. Today, Quarryville is a central hub for the southern Lancaster County community, especially Amish residents. Quaint shops, stores, and restaurants are not far from trail access points.

Beyond Quarryville, the trail runs in a cut through classic Lancaster countryside along working Amish farms. Pennsylvania Railroad electric lines still stand on the side of the trail supplying electricity from Safe Harbor Dam to Parkesburg for Amtrak service.