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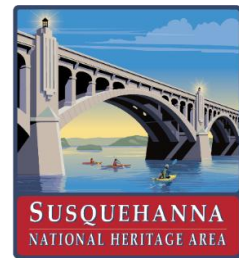
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## **SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA RELEASES TICKETS FOR RIVER DISCOVERY TOURS ABOARD HISTORIC CHIEF UNCAS ELECTRIC BOAT**

**YORK COUNTY, Pa.** - Susquehanna National Heritage Area (SNHA) is preparing for their 2025 River Discovery tour season this summer – fall. Tickets are now available to purchase for 1-hour guided boat tours July – Labor Day weekend. SNHA will welcome guests aboard the Chief Uncas, a historic 112-year-old electric powered boat for tours on the Lake Clarke reach of the Susquehanna River June through October. Boat Tours will embark from the dock at SNHA’s Zimmerman Center for Heritage, located at 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA. Tours will be offered Thursday – Sunday. These guided tours offer passengers the chance to explore the Susquehanna aboard a 112-year-old electric boat as tour guides share stories of the river’s rich history and heritage. Tickets are available to purchase on SNHA’s website.

**River Discovery Boat Tours:** SNHA guides up to 22 passengers on a 1-hour guided tour of the Susquehanna. On SNHA’s signature tour, passengers will be able to take in the spectacular river views and learn about the river’s cultural and natural heritage. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$12 for youth (ages 5 to 17). If you are 65 or older take advantage of the senior discount by purchasing a senior ticket for \$22. Children under 5 years old are \$5. Guests can personalize their experience aboard the Chief Uncas and explore the Susquehanna on one of SNHA’s specialty themed tours.

**Themed Boat Tours:** Special themed boat tours are offered throughout the tour season and highlight interesting heritage stories of the river’s Civil War, Native American, and Haunted Heritage. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$12 for youth (ages 5 to 17). If you are 65 or older take advantage of the senior discount by purchasing a senior ticket for \$22. Children under 5 years old are \$5.

### **About the Chief Uncas**

The Chief Uncas was built in 1912 for Adolphus Busch, co-founder of the famous American beer company, to enjoy cruises at his summer estate on Otsego Lake in Cooperstown, NY – the headwaters of the Susquehanna River. SNHA purchased the Chief Uncas in 2021 and transported the boat to Pennsylvania. Generous donors for the project include Ann Barshinger of Lancaster and Doug Hoke and George and Bambi Long of York. Additional grant support was provided from the National Park Service and PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Heritage Areas Program. Brookfield Renewable Energy also supported the boat project with a generous contribution. To learn more about the history of the Chief Uncas, read SNHA’s history brochure: <https://susqnha.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Chief-Uncas-Brochure-2-24.pdf>

### **About Susquehanna National Heritage Area**

SNHA is a regional non-profit organization and Congressionally-designated coordinating entity for America’s 55th National Heritage Area. We collaborate with local, state, and national partners to connect people to the nationally important places and stories of Lancaster and York Counties in South Central Pennsylvania. Our work focuses on the cultural and natural resources of the Susquehanna River and the scenic and historic landscapes and communities of Lancaster and York Counties. SNHA manages Zimmerman Center for Heritage, an historic home on the river at Long Level near Wrightsville, and Columbia Crossing River Trails Center, a visitor education center on the waterfront in Columbia. SNHA recently acquired the Mifflin House Farmstead and is transforming the property into an Underground Railroad Learning Center and Heritage Park.

**Web:** <https://susqnha.org/programs/boat-tours/>