

Wildlands Conservancy's Bike & Boat program offers several options for scouting organizations that are looking for a unique outdoor adventure on or near the Lehigh River. Whether you are looking to work on specific tasks as part of a badge, or simply looking for a fun troop or family trip right here in the Lehigh Valley, let our professional team of guides and naturalists provide your troop with an unforgettable outdoor recreation experience that will leave you with an astonishing sense of personal satisfaction and appreciation for our local environment.

Bike & Boat Adventures

Wildlands Conservancy's Bike & Boat program is an exciting outdoor-learning, paddle/peddling excursion and is very popular with local scouting organizations. This single day, 5-hour trip is for up to 70 people and costs only \$30/person (min 10 people). The trip starts at Canal Park in Allentown with a canoe safety review and a short practice paddle period in the canal before we start out along the Lehigh River. We stop at Sterner's Island along the way for a little exploration and take-out at Sand Island in Bethlehem. Groups with lunches will often opt to eat at this time. We then enjoy a leisurely bicycle ride back to Allentown along the canal's tow path. Bicycles, canoes, and other safety equipment that may be needed (PFDs, helmets, etc.) are provided. We also have certified safety instructors that accompany every group.

Trips run everyday from April to October and can be booked with the Rivers Department by phone at (610) 965-4397 ext. 35. This program is a lot of fun, and we've had a wonderful response. We recommend that you book this program early, so that you have a better chance of getting the date that meets the needs of your group. We require a \$30 credit card deposit at time of booking, but full payment does not need to be received until one week after the trip.

River Island Camping

River Island Camping is our popular river program that features an overnight stay on an island in the middle of the Lehigh River. The adventure begins in Allentown, with canoe safety instruction and paddling techniques practice. Then, we shove off and head down the Lehigh River. Along the way, we often spot mink, white-tail deer, great blue heron, osprey, and even the occasional bald eagle! The day ends at Freeman's Island where scouts set up camp, cook around an open fire and participate in survival activities. After a good breakfast the next morning, we bicycle to Bethlehem. (Instead of bicycling, some groups opt to continue their adventure on the river and canoe to Hugh Moore Park.) We provide tents, canoes, bicycles, dinner/breakfast, utensils, and certified safety instructors.

The cost is \$75/participant (min 10 people, max 60 with a minimum age of 10 years). Note: It is your responsibility to arrange pick-up/drop-off, as the start

and end locations could be different, depending on your trip's logistics. This trip runs daily from April to October, and weekends fill fast. We recommend booking programs early to maximize the chances of reserving your preferred dates. We require a \$75 credit card deposit at time of booking, but full payment does not need to be received until one week after the trip. The deposits will be applied to the cost of completed trips.

Navigators

Navigators is a scientific, environmental and historical education program that tours the upper section of the Lehigh River watershed. Focus is on water quality of the Lehigh River and the unique environment of the Lehigh Gorge, along with the history of human impact, its physical characteristics and natural resources. Participants have the opportunity complete a 9-23 mile bicycle trip through some of the most dramatic and beautiful scenery along the Lehigh River. We provide bicycles, program materials, guides and access to areas normally closed to the public.

The cost is \$20/participant (min 15 people, max 60 with a minimum age of 10 years). This trip runs daily from April to October, and weekends fill fast. We recommend booking programs early to maximize the chances of reserving your preferred dates. We require a \$20 credit card deposit at time of booking, but full payment does not need to be received until one week after the trip. The deposits will be applied to the cost of completed trips.

Please contact Wildlands Conservancy's Rivers Department at 610-965-4397 ext. 35 to set up your group's Lehigh River Bike and Boat Adventure. These trips are our most common; please feel free to ask us about different options and trip logistics to provide you with an experience that is personalized to the needs of your group.