

Daily Plan – Day 1

Friday, June 19, 2026



Day Coordinators:

Brit Kondravy, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor
Bryan Cope, Northampton County Parks & Recreation
Nicole Landis, Wildlands Conservancy

Recreation Activity:

Canoe, kayak or paddleboard

Stretch to be Paddled:

Sand Island, Bethlehem (River Mile 13) to Route 33 Boat Launch, Easton (River Mile 6)
7 miles ~ Flatwater

Level of Paddler: Beginner friendly. Recommended for 8-years or older.

**Youth under 8 may sit in canoe with adults. Contact staff for details.*

Evening Camping

Walnutport Canal Association Pavilion, 416 Lehigh St, Walnutport, PA 18088

MORNING OF FRIDAY, JUNE 19: Everyone meets at [Route 33 Boat Launch](#) for breakfast and registration.

****NOTE ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE**

8:00-8:30am Drop Personal Boats off at Sand Island, Bethlehem ([Wildlands Conservancy Bike & Boat Adventures at 210 River St, Bethlehem, PA 18018](#))

(Proceed directly to Route 33 if you are not bringing your own boat.)

(Proceed directly to Route 33 if you rented a paddleboard through MMY)

8:30-9:30am Registration & Breakfast at Route 33 Boat Launch ([D&L Trail - Route 33 Boat Launch Trailhead](#), Easton)
Breakfast – provided by [Roasted](#)

Guest Speaker: Melanie Smith, MMY Paddleboards

Activity: 5-minute Morning Yoga for Paddlers provided by Miss Melanie

Note: A staff member will be onsite to ensure security of bikes brought by participants for Day 2

9:30am Shuttle leaves from Route 33 Boat Launch to Sand Island, Bethlehem

10:00am Safety Briefing & Launch

10:30-2pm Paddle downriver from Bethlehem towards Easton

2:00-2:30pm River Cleanup near Route 33

2:30 pm Take out at Route 33 Boat Launch

Lunch provided by St. Luke's University Health Network

Outreach: Provided by Penn State Extension

4:00 pm Camp Set Up at Walnutport Canal Association

6:30pm [Potluck Dinner](#) at Walnutport Canal Association

7:00pm Entertainment available inside WCA Pavilion

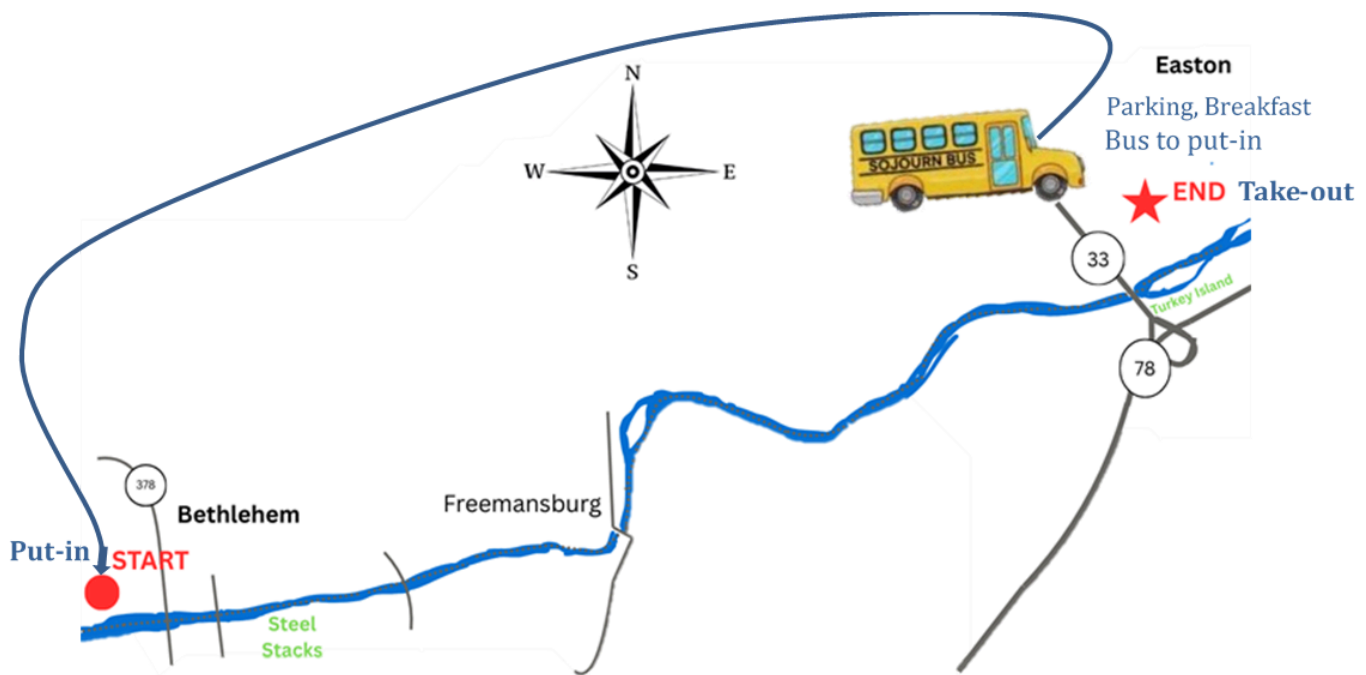
10pm Quiet Hours

Safety Overview:

- **Required:** Life vest, Closed toe-shoes, comfortable clothing. Helmet required for kayakers. *We provide all PFDs and equipment for participants utilizing a canoe, included with registration. Anyone bringing their own boat is expected to bring their own safety equipment.*
- **Optional:** Drybag, hat, sunscreen, water bottle, snacks.
- **Note:** Early morning temperatures may be cooler and then warm up during the day. Thick, wool or cotton clothing is not recommended.
- **Water Conditions:** flat water
- **Lehigh River Water Trail Map** - <https://www.wildlandspa.org/lehigh-river-water-trail/#see-the-map>

For more information on river experiences and/or questions regarding age, health or paddler experience levels, please contact:

- Canoeing / Kayaking: Jerry McAward, River Safety Team Leader (P: 610.751.9761, E: jerry@jraft.com)
- Paddleboarding: MMY Paddleboards, (E: info@missmelanieyoga.com)

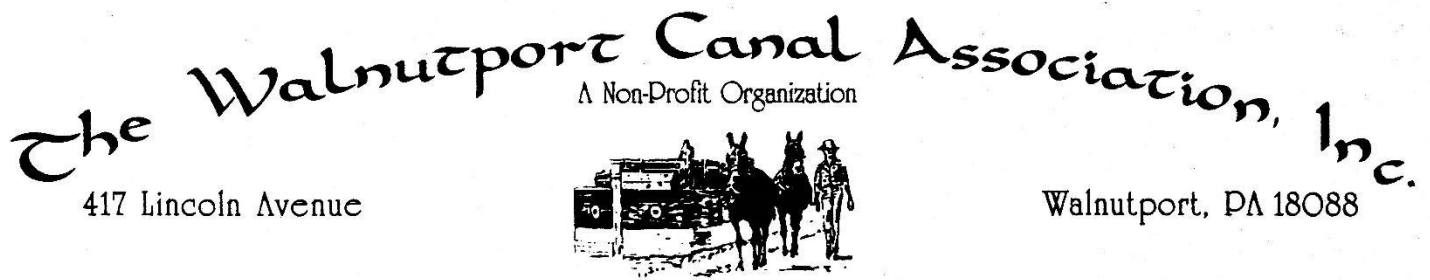


Many Thanks to Today's Sojourn Partners:

Lehigh River Sojourn Steering Committee, Jim Thorpe River Adventures River Safety Team, Walnutport Canal Association, MMY Paddleboards, Penn State Extension Master Watershed Stewards, PA Fish and Boat Commission, Roasted, City of Bethlehem

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Welcome to Walnutport Canal Association

[416 Lehigh St. Walnutport, PA 18088](http://416%20Lehigh%20St.%20Walnutport.%20PA%2018088)

Walnutport Canal Association (WCA) was incorporated on February 4th, 1982, "for improving and maintaining the Lehigh Canal in Walnutport and its banks." The Association currently oversees and maintains a canal park consisting of 145 acres and 4.5 miles of canal and adjoining towpath. The area houses the Heritage Center, WCA Pavilion, and Locktender's House. The Walnutport Canal Association, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Through their generous partnership, we are able to provide camping opportunities for sojourners. Please be aware that the campsites are a shared space, and we ask for your cooperation to help make the experience smooth and enjoyable for all.

What to Expect:

- Parking lot is located next to greenspace beside the WCA Pavilion. Campers may park and unload supplies, choosing their own camp space within the greenspace. Sojourn staff will be on hand to direct you.
- Campers must bring their own camping supplies.
- Bathrooms and potable water are available inside the Pavilion. Showers are not.
- Trashcans are located onsite.
- Please note that for the Sojourn, no pets (even leashed) are allowed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Things to Do:

- Walk: Enjoy a walk along the canal's towpath. [This spur section of D&L Trail](#) follows the canal towpath north and south of Walnutport for a total length of 3.9 miles. To the north, users will catch glimpses of the Lehigh River and the remnants of canal locks. Where the canal and river meet, a small peninsula provides a unique view of the Lehigh Gap. On the southern side of Walnutport, trout and muskrat troll the wide waters of the canal and you won't want to miss the remains of the old aqueduct at Bertsch Creek.
- Fish: Visitors are welcome to fish from the banks. (Fishing license required.)
- Photography: Capture the historic structures at WCA
- Ice cream Break: Enjoy a scoop [Scoopendorf's Ice Cream Company](#) (1 mile)

