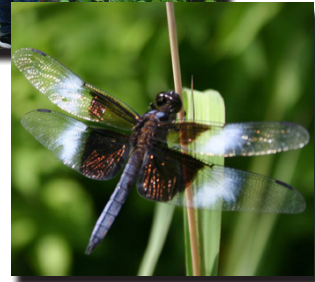




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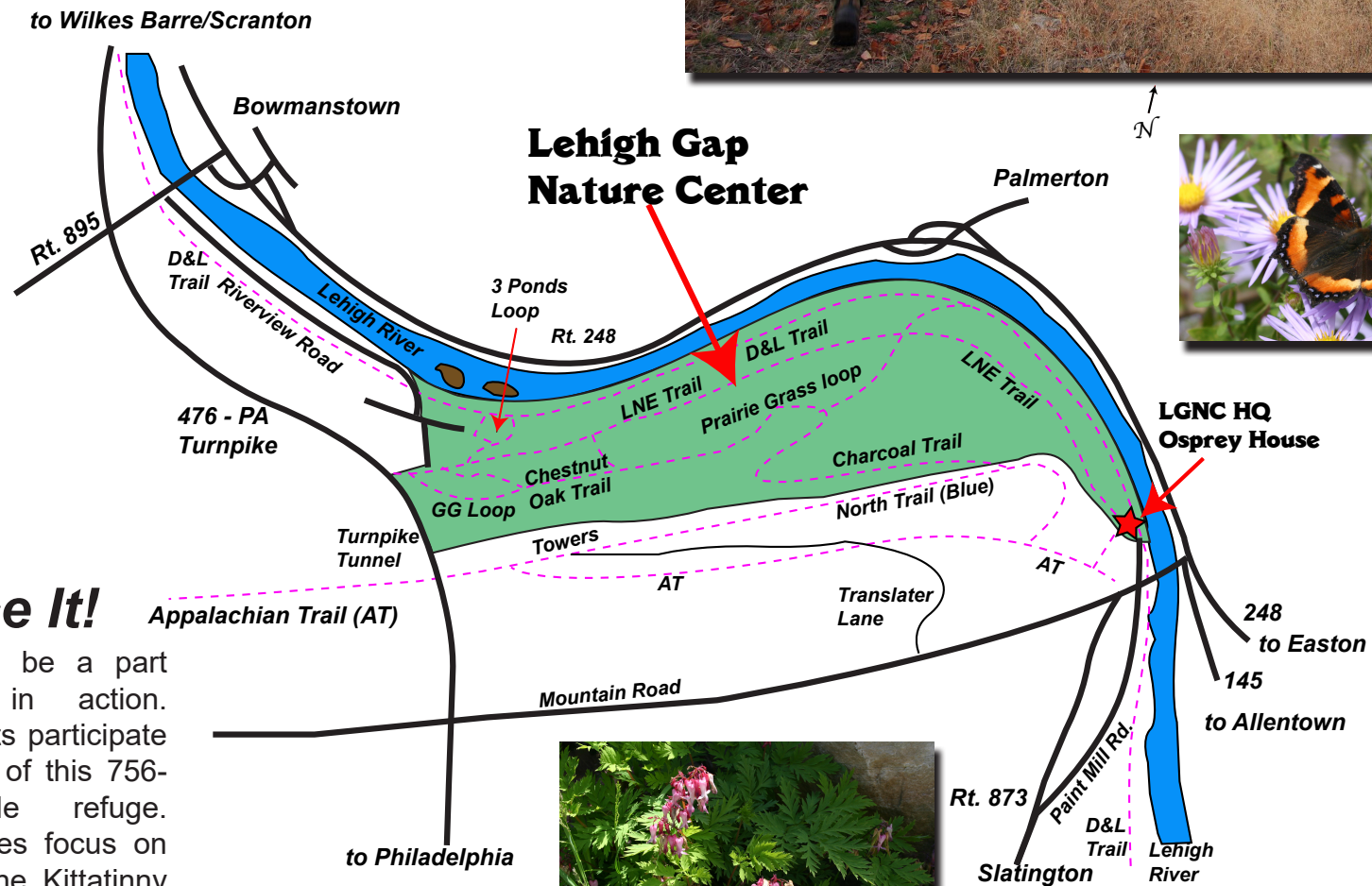
Go birding, explore native plant life, photograph remarkable wildlife -- songbirds, eagles, ospreys, hawks, beavers, river otters. There is no wrong time to visit. What you encounter will vary depending upon when you come. Spring is friendly with budding growth. Summer sun and warm breezes bring LGNC alive. With fall comes the annual spectacle of hawks and other raptors migrating along the Kittatinny. Winter is serene with stark hills and icy waters. All contribute to the annual cycle of regeneration.



## Experience It!

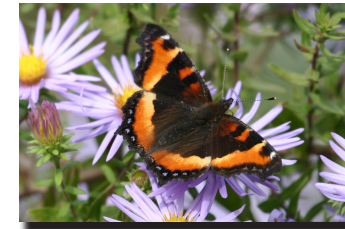
You are invited to be a part of conservation in action. Community scientists participate in the regeneration of this 756-acre mountainside refuge. Activities for all ages focus on the restoration of the Kittatinny Ridge and include wildlife monitoring, habitat restoration, public education, hawk counts, biodiversity studies, and other research.

**Hike it!** Choose from trails that appeal to various skill levels and interests. Hiking loops from 2.5 to 15 miles connect to both the Appalachian Trail and the D&L Trail and are perfect for walking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Join a group hike or go alone through forest, hillsides, and spectacular savannah habitat atop the Kittatinny Ridge. Great views!



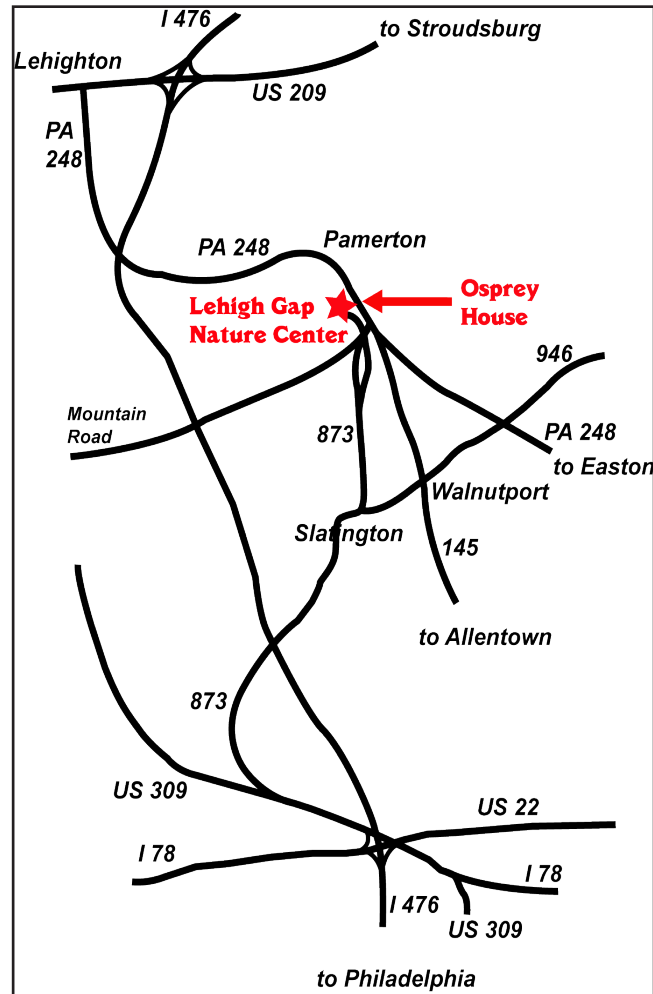
## Bike & Boat It!

From Wilkes-Barre to Bristol, the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor follows the Lehigh and Delaware rivers and their canals. Adjacent to the Lehigh River, at Lehigh Gap, the D&L Trail cuts through the Kittatinny Ridge, where it intersects with the Appalachian Trail and passes through the former industrial landscape that has been reclaimed and converted into the Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Follow the Lehigh River from an access point in Bowmanstown through Lehigh Gap, or bike from Slatington to Bowmanstown on the D&L Trail.



# Lehigh Gap Nature Center

Protecting Wildlife and Habitat  
through  
Conservation, Education, and Research



Visit our refuge to see native plants and wildlife. Experience nature's powerful forces amid forested slopes, cliffs, ponds, and paths. Discover the fascinating story of a landscape reclaimed from the ravages of industrial pollution.

## About LGNC

In 2002, the Lehigh Gap Nature Center purchased 756 acres of the Kittatinny Ridge along the Lehigh River. Much of the land was degraded by industrial pollution and is being restored using native, warm-season (prairie) grasses. Today this land serves as a wildlife refuge and site for wildlife research by scientists and dedicated volunteers. It is also an outdoor classroom that supports LGNC's educational programs.



The Osprey House (above) serves as the headquarters and visitor / education center for LGNC and houses a conservation library. It is located near the intersection of the Appalachian Trail and the D&L Trail and is the place where most of the Center's programs begin. The surrounding wildlife refuge occupies 2.5 miles along the Kittatinny Ridge from Lehigh Gap to Bowmanstown in Carbon and Lehigh counties.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Trails are open dawn to dusk. The public is always welcome. Some trails may be under construction or not permanently marked. Please check in at the Osprey House for updates.

## Be a Volunteer or a Member!

While there is no admission fee, you are invited to join the Lehigh Gap Nature Center to help support our environmental education and conservation efforts. Your time and financial support are equally valuable. Membership donations are fully tax-deductible.



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Along the Appalachian Trail  
on the Lehigh River...



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