One County. A Variety of Trails.

Located in northwest Pennsylvania along the Ohio border, Lawrence
County is home to a variety of walking, biking and hiking trails. Whether you're visiting McConnells Mill State Park or want to hike part of the North Country National Scenic Trail, walk/bike the Stavich Bicycle Trail into Ohio or bicycle through the Amish countryside, you can do it here.

Lawrence County is easily accessible from I-80, I-79, I-376, I-76/PA Turnpike and US 422. For more information on visitors and tourist attractions in Lawrence County, please go to visitlawrencecounty.com.





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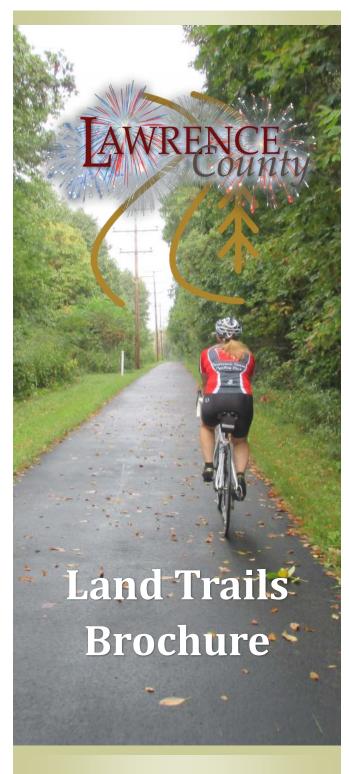
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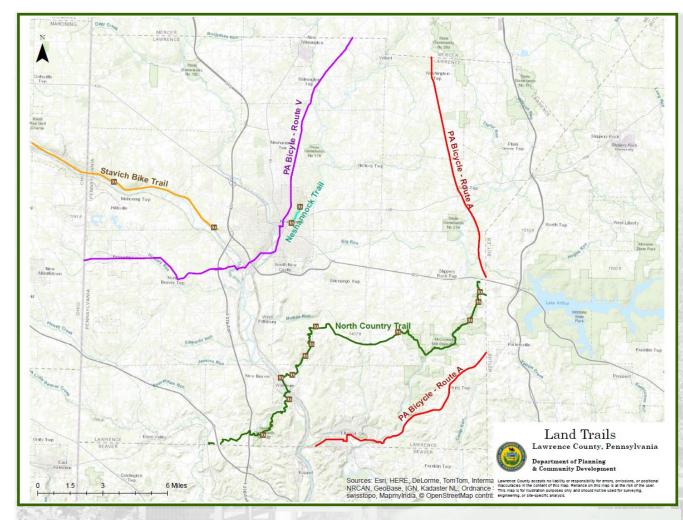


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North Country National Scenic Trail



Lawrence County encompasses approximately a 20-mile section of the North Country National Scenic Trail, of which 14 miles are offroad, through both public and private land. The trail enters the County along US 422 and then traverses McConnells Mill State Park, where it follows the park's Slippery Rock Gorge Trail, then heads westward on private ground, passes north of Ellwood City Borough, then through State Game Lands #148 in New Beaver Borough near Wampum and southwestward into Beaver County. Wampum is a designated Trail Town, the first along the North Country Trail.

The North Country Trail is among the most famous footpaths in the United States, passing through forests, communities and prairies throughout seven northern states: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. To date, 1,700

miles of trail have been certified off-road, with other portions following shared-use trails or roads. The trail serves as a main spine of connectivity for other regional trails in Pennsylvania and beyond.

Stavich Bicycle Trail





The Stavich Bicycle Trail stretches westward from New Castle through Union and Mahoning Townships, across the state border through the village of Lowellville, ending in Struthers, Ohio. This trail follows the former Youngstown-New Castle Streetcar line through rolling farmland and tiny communities. Several areas along the trail also boast colorful wildflowers and the beaver pond near the trail offers opportunities for watching birds and wildlife (turtles, beavers, snakes, fish, herons, ducks and more). In 2003, the Stavich Trail was designated a National Recreational Trail by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Most of the trail is on level or gently-sloping grades, with scattered steeper sections. The trolley track tolerated steeper grades than conventional railroad lines. To date, ten miles of paved trail have been completed and the trail utilizes streets in some of the small communities it passes through. A trailhead is located on West Washington Street near Covert Road in Union Township and parking is available on Hillsville Road in Mahoning Township.

Neshannock Creek Trail





The Neshannock Creek Trail opened in 2015 and is a rail-trail located in the City of New Castle. The trail begins at Croton Avenue and runs approximately one mile along the Neshannock Creek to Dilworth Avenue. History buffs can view abandoned coke ovens along the trail, evidence of the region's steel history. Coke ovens were used to make coke out of coal, which was then used to create molten pig iron in blast furnaces, the raw material for steel.

Park Harbor Trail







The Park-Harbor Trail opened in 2010 as a two-mile trail at West Park Nature Center in Union Township and intended for mountain biking. hiking, and cross country running. The trail is part of a system of trails in the nature center which also includes walking trails, a wildlife sanctuary, bluebird nesting boxes, wetlands, wildflowers, an observation deck and wildlife habitat enhancements.

New Castle Riverwalk Trail





The Riverwalk Trail is a on-road signed trail that connects the Riverwalk Park in downtown New Castle to the Neshannock Creek Trail via the North Street Bridge and Croton Avenue.

Pennsylvania Bike Route A



Pennsylvania Bike Route A stretches nearly 200 miles from Erie to Greene County, PA just north of Morgantown, WV. Route A enters Lawrence County from the north along US Route 19 into Washington Township, then heads south through Scott Township and Slippery Rock Township, then along SR 488 through Perry Township and Ellport Borough into Ellwood City, and continuing into Beaver County.

Pennsylvania Bike Route V



Pennsylvania Bike Route V was designated in 2008 and is the State's newest Bike Route. Route V runs east-west from Ohio to New Jersey through 17 counties. This bike route enters Lawrence County from Ohio along SR 317 through North Beaver Township and Bessemer Borough, then along SR 108 into the City of New Castle. Route V then heads north along several different roads before ultimately following SR 1005/Mercer Road through Neshannock Township and Wilmington Township, continuing into Mercer County.