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## The Mighty Susquehanna



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### Directions

Welcome to Susquehanna State Park! Your Park Quest adventure will start in the Deer Creek Picnic Area, located on Stafford Road. Please place your passport on the dashboard of your vehicle, so that the staff of Susquehanna State Park knows you are authorized to park there without paying the day use charge. Walk back to Stafford Road and turn left. You will see a bridge to your right. Walk across this bridge to reach the trailhead for the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Trail. **Please be careful and watch out for traffic as you make your way to the trail.**

You will be walking the trail from the trailhead to the Conowingo Dam. It is 2.5 miles in length, and follows along the Susquehanna River. As you walk, your job is to create a photo journal of your time. Follow the directions on each page to complete the quest.

In place of a stamp, in your passport either draw or attach a photo of your favorite thing along the trail.

Enjoy the beautiful Susquehanna as you memorialize your trip with pictures!

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1. As you enter the trail, you will notice a structure to your right. You are standing at a flint furnace that derived power to operate from the Susquehanna River. This is just one of many important industrial places that relied on the river to operate. Place your picture of the furnace and Deer Creek below.

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2. Plants. The plants that rely on the river for survival are numerous! Sometime while walking draw or take a picture of an interesting plant! The choice is yours. Wildflowers abound in the spring, but don't forget the mosses, lichens, and trees. Which plant draws your attention? Capture it's likeness to identify later.



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3. Animals. What type of animals do you think you might see along the Susquehanna River? The possibilities are endless! Come in the spring and summer when the fish are active and you will see them, as well as Eagles, Osprey, Heron, and others all doing some fishing of their own. But the area doesn't clear out in the winter. Don't forget our insect friends! Draw or take a picture of some animal species that you see.

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4. The River. Take a few minutes to enjoy the river itself. Rivers are and have been used to provide much for humans. The water we drink, fostering plants and animals that provide a food source, travel from one place to another, powering industrial pursuits, a pleasant afternoon of swimming and relaxation, as well as powering our homes. The Susquehanna River, which runs from New York State to the Chesapeake Bay, has done all of these things. Take a minute to enjoy the river, then draw or take a picture to later remember your experience.

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5. The Conowingo Dam. Your final destination is the Coniwingo Dam. In 1928, the Mighty Susquehanna's power was captured to provide electricity. The Dam still works in that capacity, but also offers some fantastic bird watching opportunities.

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6. The Mill. A little extra credit if you still want to memorialize your trip. Take a quick stop by the Grist Mill in the Historic Area of Susquehanna State Park. The Mill is open and operating from 1-3 pm every Saturday and Sunday from Memorial Day– Labor Day. See how the Susquehanna River supplied power to the operation here. A bonus inside the mill is a display featuring Native American petroglyphs taken from the river to protect them. Read the plaques, see the petroglyphs and learn their story. Your picture of the mill and petroglyphs can be captured below.

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## Conclusion

We hope you enjoyed your time here at Susquehanna State Park. In place of a stamp in your passport, draw or take one last picture. Make it your favorite sight or activity from the day!



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