

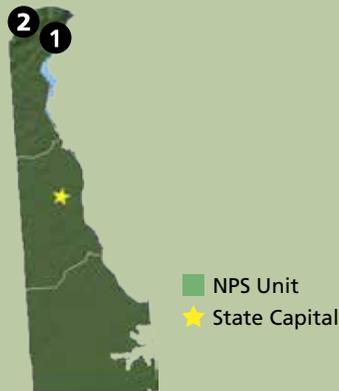


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Prestige Academy students reflect on their paddling experience.
Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014



CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Delaware River Urban Waters Federal Partnership**
US Forest Service
- 2. First State/Brandywine Creek Trails**
Delaware State Parks

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ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

Recent Successes

The Canoemobile Stops in Wilmington

The Wilderness Inquiry Canoemobile—a traveling fleet of six 24-foot voyageur canoes from Minneapolis—made its way to the Christina River this fall to give students from East Side Charter School and Prestige Academy an opportunity to paddle their local river.



Students learning to row in the tanks at Wilmington Youth Rowing Association.
Photo: NPS

The canoes held up to nine students and one highly experienced boat captain, allowing participants to have their first paddling experience without any prior boating or swimming knowledge

required. In addition to the on-water program, participants also learned about the river's cultural history, water quality, wildlife, and athletic opportunities through a series of land-based programs facilitated by the Kalmar Nykel Foundation, the University of Delaware Water Resources Agency, the Delaware Nature Society, Breaking Barriers, and the Wilmington Youth Rowing Association.

This event—an initiative of the Delaware River Urban Waters Federal Partnership—brought together federal and local resources to provide a unique opportunity for youth to learn about and reconnect with their nearby water resource. Over the course of four days on the Delaware and its tributaries, the Canoemobile engaged over 440 students in Wilmington, Philadelphia, Camden, and Chester.

Current Projects

We're Here For You!

Could your project benefit from NPS Staff Assistance?
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2013 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,357 Miles of Trail Developed

736 Miles of River Conserved

20,270 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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The Kalmar Nykel made a surprise appearance during the Canoemobile event in Wilmington. Photo: NPS

1. Delaware River Urban Waters Federal Partnership--Wilmington

Project Partner: US Forest Service

NPS Contact: Dave Lange

Location: Camden, NJ; Philadelphia and Chester, PA; Wilmington, DE

Congressional Districts: NJ - 1; PA - 1, 2, 8, 13; DE - 1

Project Goal

Reconnect urban communities with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and collaborating with community-led revitalization efforts to improve waterways and promote their economic, environmental, and social benefits.

NPS Role

Act as a co-lead with the US Forest Service and assist the partnership

with cataloging and directing federal resources to address locally identified needs and priorities.

2. First State/Brandywine Creek Trails

Project Partner: Delaware State Parks, First State National Park

NPS Contact: Sherry Peck

Location: Northern Delaware
Congressional District: DE - 1

Project Goal

Provide a seamless recreational hiking experience between Brandywine Creek State Park and the former Woodlawn Trustees property now part of First State National Historic Park.

NPS Role

Work in partnership to create a new recreational hiking map.



The federal co-leads of the Delaware River Urban Waters Federal Partnership held listening sessions in each of the four focus cities, ending in Wilmington. Photo: NPS