

In the spring of 2025, PA Parks & Forests Foundation conducted an online survey of “Your Favorite Trail to ...”. Here are some resulting ideas for gravel riding.

All State Parks/Forests Mentioned

- Tioga and Tiadaghton State Forests
- Delaware Canal State Park
- Allegheny National Forest
- Black Moshannon State Park
- Laurel Hill State Park
- Little Pine State Park
- Michaux State Forest
- Pymatuning State Park
- Shawnee State Park
- Sinnemahoning State Park
- Weiser State Forest

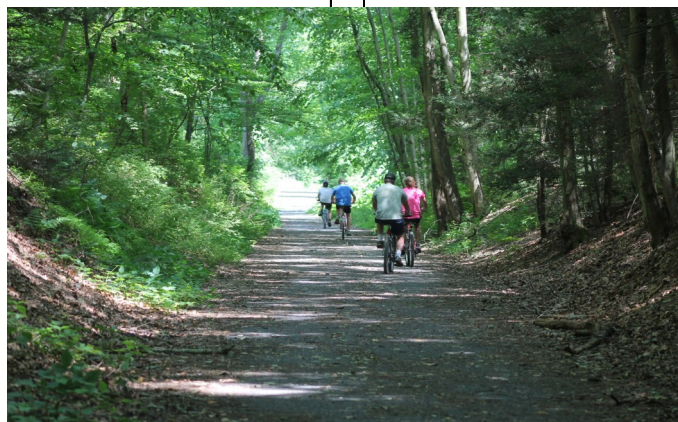


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What is Gravel Riding?

Gravel riding, also known as mixed-surface riding, has been growing in popularity. This activity is known as mixed-surface riding because it includes riding a bike on paved and unpaved roads as well as trails. With over 3,000 miles of public use roads and trails in Pennsylvania's state parks and for-

ests, gravel riding makes the perfect activity. If the thought of mountain biking scares you, gravel riding is a great alternative! Not only can it be seen as safer but it is also less technical than riding on designated mountain biking trails. It's about having fun, no matter your abilities!

Essential Gear for Gravel Riding

1. Helmet
2. Gravel bike
3. Tubeless tire setup
4. Tool and flat-tire kit
5. Food and water
6. Appropriate clothing (weather dependent)
7. Lights and reflectors for safety

Tioga and Tiadaghton State Forests

Counties: Tioga State Forest is in Tioga County while the Tiadaghton State Forest is primarily located in Lycoming County with some sections extending into Tioga, Potter, Clinton, and Union counties.

Pine Creek Rail Trail

- 62 mile stretch through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon
- You can choose to ride shorter sections or create loops using nearby forest roads
- Northern section of the trail is located in the Tioga State Forest while the southern section of the trail is located in the Tiadaghton State Forest
- Smooth, finely crushed limestone surface that is enjoyable for all bikes
- Trailhead access in Jersey Shore and near Wellsboro

Delaware Canal State Park

Counties: Delaware Canal State Park is located in both Bucks County and Northampton County

The Delaware Canal Towpath

- Section of the D&L Trail
- The towpath is approximately 60 miles long
- Multi-use trail
- Towpath section starts in Easton at the D&L Trail, forks off the Delaware Trailhead and continues to Jefferson Avenue in Bristol
- Passes through several small towns including New Hope and Lambertville which offer nice spots for restroom use or refreshments

Safety Tips!

- When riding solo, always be sure someone is aware of your riding plan
- Bring a navigation tool
- **BE PREPARED:** Cell reception may not always be the most reliable on roads and trails
- Be sure to check the weather
- Note that in winter months, roads may not be maintained
- Yield to hikers, equestrians, vehicles, and other bikers
- **RESPECT NATURE!**

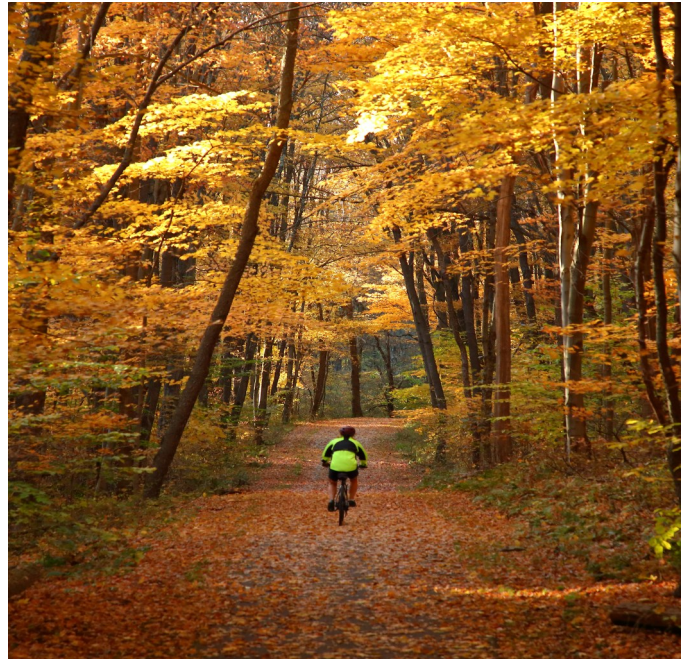


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