

§3 Lehigh Gap to PA-309

SB	NB	LOCATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0.0	13.3	PA-873 [Walnut Drive]	40.78122	-75.60867
0.1	13.2	via LGNC trails	40.78500	-75.60956
5.0	8.3	Ashfield Road—Blue Mountain Road	40.76960	-75.69416
8.4	4.9	Bake Oven Road	40.74471	-75.73858
13.3	0.0	PA-309 [West Penn Pike] NE	40.70780	-75.80772
13.3	0.0	PA-309 [West Penn Pike] SW	40.70715	-75.80845

§§ Mp 0.0/13.3: PA-873 [Walnut Drive]

Orient: The north terminus of §3 joins the southwest end of the PA-873 bridge, which carries §2 over the Lehigh River. From I-476 at exit 74: follow US-209 S for 1.9 mi to left onto PA-248; follow PA-248 for 6.8 mi to right onto PA-873; continue on PA-873 across bridge for 0.3 mi to right into pull-off.

Park: Room for 6–8 cars in pull-off on west side of road, near southwest end of bridge over Lehigh River.

Note: • Additional parking is available under the bridge along the DL Trail (Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor). From the southwest end of the bridge: follow PA-873 south for 0.3 mi to hairpin left onto Paint Mill Road; continue on Paint Mill Road north towards river for 0.2 mi or 0.3 mi to lots on right. • Paint Mill Road also serves a boat ramp for the Lehigh River Water Trail.

§§ Mp 0.1/13.2: via LGNC trails

Orient: From the Lehigh Gap Nature Center (LGNC) in Slatington, the Prairie Warbler Loop and Woodpecker Trail together connect to the AT. From the southwest end of the PA-873 bridge (Mp 0.0/13.3, above): follow PA-873 south for 0.3 mi to hairpin left onto Paint Mill Road; continue on Paint Mill Road north towards river for 0.5 mi to left into lot.

Park: Room for 2–3 dozen cars in LGNC lot at north terminus of Paint Mill Road; no fee, restrooms. Overnight hikers should register in center’s Osprey House.

Connect: Follow Prairie Warbler Loop from Osprey House briefly to Woodpecker Trail at tree line; continue on Woodpecker Trail for 0.3 mi to AT {40.781099, -75.610045}. For AT northbound, turn left. For AT southbound, turn right.

§§ Mp 5.0/8.3: Ashfield Road—Blue Mountain Road

Orient: The AT crosses gravel Ashfield Road—Blue Mountain Road at Lehigh Furnace Gap 2.2 mi southeast of PA-895 [Lizard Creek Road] in Ashfield and 2.4 mi northwest of Mountain Road in Slatington. Between PA-895 and the AT crossing (approximately), the road is named Blue Mountain Road. Between the AT crossing and Mountain Road, the name is Ashfield Road.

Park: Room for 8 cars near antenna tower at crossing. Additional parking is available nearby in several small pull-offs along road.

§§ Mp 8.4/4.9: Bake Oven Road

Orient: The AT crosses gravel Bake Oven Road at Bake Oven Knob 1.6 mi southeast of Germans Road in Lehighton and 2.3 mi northwest of Mountain Road in Germansville.

Park: Room for dozens of cars in two SGL lots straddling Bake Oven Road adjacent to trail crossing.

Note: Some sources say Bake Oven Knob Road.

§§ Mp 13.3/0.0: PA-309 [West Penn Pike] NE

Orient: The AT crosses PA-309 in Andreas at Blue Mountain Summit 2.9 mi southeast of PA-895 [Summer Valley Road, Lizard Creek Road] and 4.8 mi northwest of PA-143 [Decatur Street] in New Tripoli. From I-78/US-22 at exit 49 in Allentown: follow PA-100 N for 8.4 mi to left onto PA-309; follow PA-309 for 7.4 mi to right onto SGL road; continue briefly on road to left into lot. The SGL road is not explicitly signed. Look for the AT sign marking the crossing on the north side of PA-309, then make immediate right after passing sign.

Park: Room for a couple-dozen cars in SGL lot near terminus of service road catty-corner (NE to SW) to Blue Mountain Summit Restaurant. There is an AT sign on north side of road, just east of driveway.

Connect: Follow blue-blazed connector path east for 20 yd to AT. For AT northbound, turn left. For AT southbound, turn right.

§§ Mp 13.3/0.0: PA-309 [West Penn Pike] SW

Orient: See Mp 13.3/0.0, above. The AT crosses PA-309 adjacent to Blue Mountain Summit Restaurant, where hikers are permitted to park.

Park: Room for dozens of cars in the parking lot of Blue Mountain Summit Restaurant, on the south side of PA-309. Use east end of lot, adjacent to AT, catty-corner (NE to SW) to service road above.