Columbia Crossing River Trails Center

Columbia Crossing River Trails Center is a convenient place to start your visit to the Susquehanna Riverlands. Located in Columbia River Park at the southern trailhead for the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail, this beautiful riverfront visitor education center is managed by Susquehanna Heritage for the Borough of Columbia. Columbia Crossing features visitor information, maps, guides, special exhibits and programs about the Susquehanna River and Columbia. The facility also offers visitors year-round public restrooms and a large covered front porch for picnics and watching the river—especially the beautiful sunsets!

Columbia Crossing is on the former site of a lumber yard once owned by William Whipple, a founder of the Underground Railroad. Columbia Borough is rich in history and culture; with museums, galleries, antique stores, and restaurants only a short walk from the river.

Zimmerman Center for Heritage

Visit the Zimmerman Center to hike, paddle, view river art, and learn about river history. This site on the York County riverfront offers an historic house, heritage walkway, waterfront pavilion, boardwalk, paddlecraft launch, floating dock, and trailhead for exploring the adjacent 180-acre Native Lands County Park. The 18th century home was restored by John and Kathryn Zimmerman, who donated the property to Susquehanna Heritage in 2007. The house hosts a display of Susquehannock Indian artifacts, along with historic items found on-site during the restoration.

The Zimmerman Center has been designated by the National Park Service as Pennsylvania’s official visitor contact and passport station for the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail. This one-of-a-kind water heritage trail traces 3000 miles of waterways that flow into and through the Chesapeake Bay, including the Susquehanna River. Visit the center for your National Park Passport stamp!

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