

## PLEIN AIR SITE DESCRIPTIONS/DIRECTIONS

### **Dale-Engle-Walker Property, 1471 Strawbridge Rd., Lewisburg**

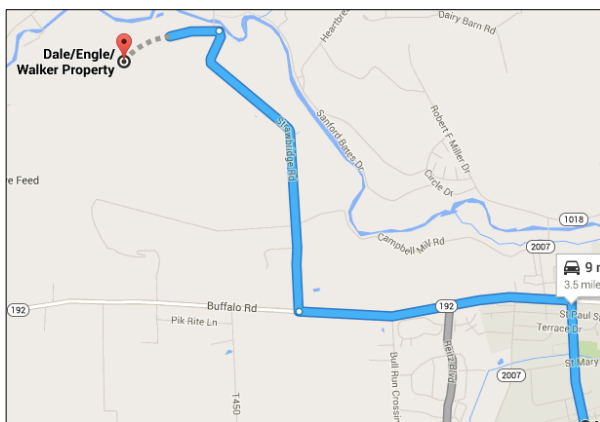


The Dale-Engle-Walker (DEW) property, bordered by Buffalo Creek, offers a variety of habitats including flood plain, streamside riparian buffer, mature woodlots and open fields. The property is home to Dale's Ridge Trail, which, to the north, presents scenic ridge-top views of Buffalo Valley farmland with White Deer Ridge and Nittany Mountain beyond.

In early spring, multitudes of wildflowers grace the property. Yellow trout lilies and Virginia bluebells appear in the rich soil of the floodplain. Wildflowers at the Dale's Ridge Trail switchback are white or purple hepatica, rue anemone and wild ginger. Mayapple, hepatica and eastern columbine are found in the woodlot, an old-growth stand of oak, hickories and ash, dominated by a healthy sugar maple population.

A shallow pond in the Buffalo Creek floodplain supports spring peepers, wood turtles and frogs. In springtime, jelly-like masses containing hundreds of frog eggs float just below the surface.

The Federal-style Dale-Engle-Walker House, constructed of locally quarried limestone by Samuel Dale in 1793, is a focal point of the property and a perennial favorite of artists and photographers.



**Directions:** 3.6 miles, 7 minutes, from Routes 15 & 45/Market St., Lewisburg

- Head north on Route 15 for 0.5 miles
- Turn left onto PA-192 W/ Buffalo Road for 1.7 miles
- Turn right onto Strawbridge Road/T4 and continue 1.4 miles Destination will be on the left. Drive up the lane to the DEW House parking area.

## Shikellamy Bluffs adjacent to Shikellamy State Park in Union Twp., Union Co.

In 2015 the Merrill Linn Conservancy purchased a 36-acre parcel of land known as Shikellamy Bluffs. This ecologically significant property abutted what was then the north edge of Shikellamy State Park Overlook. In 2017 the Conservancy passed the property on to the Pennsylvania State Parks system significantly expanding Shikellamy State Park's acreage and giving wildlife there a better chance to survive and thrive.

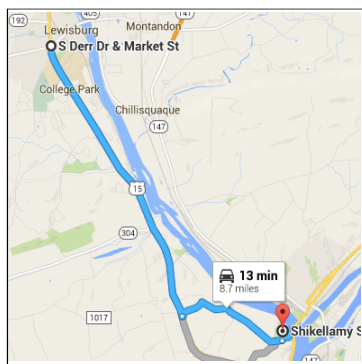


The property offers plein air artists breathtaking vistas of the confluence of the West and North Branches of the Susquehanna River, as well as the river valleys of both branches. Shikellamy Bluffs also provides an elegant natural backdrop to the Susquehanna River and Lake Augusta when viewed from either Sunbury or Northumberland.

In addition, the site provides woodland vistas along County Line Road and more than 2,400 feet of woodland buffer on the western boundary of Shikellamy State Park. A multi-tiered forest that has a canopy of red oak, chestnut oak, ash, American basswood, striped



maple, red maple, sugar maple, black birch, and Virginia pine dominates areas of native vegetation. White oaks, some sizeable, occur near and in the stream corridor that traverses the southwestern portion of the site. Wooded areas open to picturesque glades. Lowbush blueberry, pink lady's slipper orchids, and various herbs and grasses make up the understory, helping to provide valuable habitat for forest mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds. Ravens, great-horned owls, wood thrushes, titmice, and pileated, red-bellied, and downy woodpeckers, as well as many other species are seen and heard.



**Directions:** 8.7 miles, 13 minutes, from Routes 15 & 45/Market St., Lewisburg

- Go south on Route 15 for 5.9 miles
- Turn left onto County Line Road and continue for 2.4 miles
- Take a slight left onto Shikellamy State Park Road. Drive 0.4 miles to top of hill



## Turtle Creek Park at Furnace and Supplee Mill Roads in East Buffalo Township

Turtle Creek Park is 79 acres of open, natural land in East Buffalo Twp. It has long been a magnet for those who love to walk its trails and explore its habitats. Restoration projects are in the works, but visitors are welcome from dawn to dusk.

Visit Turtle Creek between May 4 and May 12 to create plein air art eligible to enter in the Plein Air Exhibit that will be held during the month of June at The Gallery, on Front St. in Lewisburg.



Turtle Creek Park offers a variety of habitats. The western end of the park (closer to Supplee Mill Road) is open space of meadows and wetland areas with a view of Montour Ridge in the distance. Turtle Creek ambles through the park. A picturesque bridge crosses to its eastern side where trails lead into hilly, quiet woodlands. The park is refuge for native wildlife.



**Directions:** 3.1 miles, 6 minutes, from Routes 15 & 45/ Market St., Lewisburg

- From PA-45/Market Street drive south on Route 15 for 2.8 miles
- Turn right onto Furnace Road and continue for 1.2 miles
- Turn right onto Supplee Mill Road. The entrance to the parking lot is immediately to the right

