



THE DARLINGTON TRAIL antedates the Appalachian Trail. It was founded in about 1908, by the PENNSYLVANIA ALPINE CLUB. It was named for their beloved Secretary, the Bishop Darlington, of St. Stephens Cathedral in Harrisburg.

Originally, the Trail ran from Overview, at the Susquehanna River to the Kings Trail, west of Chambersburg.

When the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club was organized in 1954, Col. Shumaker, the last President of the Pennsylvania Alpine Club, called Ralph Kinter, 1st President of S.A.T.C. and asked that Club to take over the Darlington Trail.

Unfortunately, only that portion from Overview to Sterritts Gap, plus about 300 yards west of Sterritts Gap could be found.

The present Darlington Trail is about twelve miles long, and is divided into four segments, depending on the access roads.

Section 1, runs from Overview to Tower Rd on Blue Mountain. Tower Road is the access road for WTPA-TV, Channel 27, Harrisburg. It can be reached via Mountain Street in Summerdale or via Railroad Ave.

**Trail data:**

- Park along Railroad Ave, near where it crosses Rte 15 in Overview.
- 00.00 Turn right on unnamed road and follow it up mountain side to orange blazed
- 00.62 Darlington Trail.
- 00.76 Reach crest of mountain and turn left.
- 2.52 miles, reach Tower Road,