

A Paddler's Map & Guide

Susquehanna River Water Trail – North Branch

*Includes the Great Bend area,
and from Sayre, PA to the confluence
with the Susquehanna River
West Branch at Northumberland*



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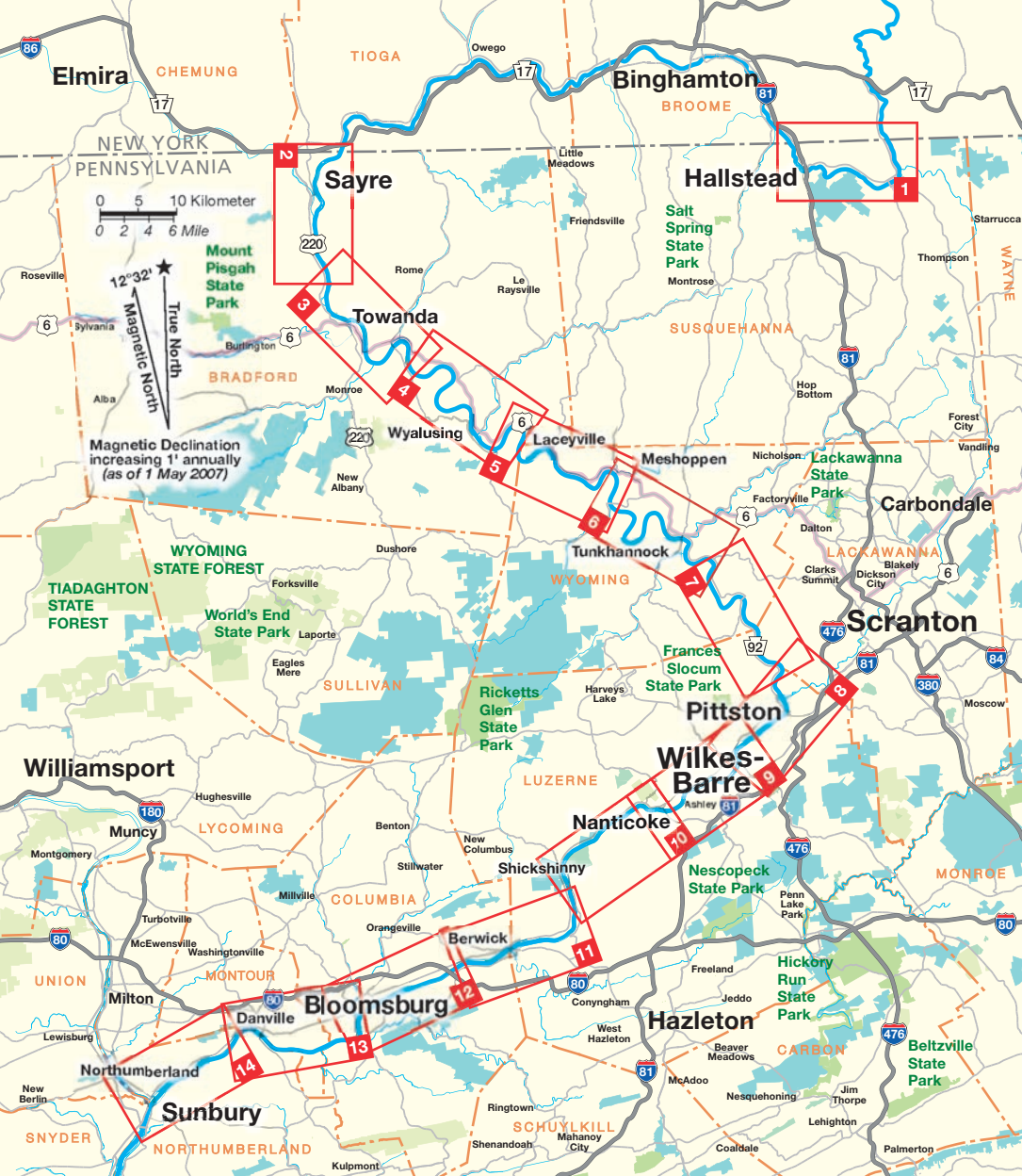


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The **INDEX MAP** shows the location of the water trail, which is divided into 14 sections. Individual **SECTION MAPS** show major roads, county boundaries, boat access areas, river obstructions, portages, and public lands, including state parks and game lands. Descriptive text provides information on river navigation, points of interest and emergency services.

INSET MAPS that accompany several of the section maps provide more detailed information on access sites and portage areas.

Best Practices for Paddling

- **Be prepared** — make sure you have all necessary boating and camping equipment for your trip.
- **Follow boating safety regulations and tips.** See pages 18-19 for information on PADDLING & BOATING SAFETY and BOATING REGULATIONS.
- **Practice good stewardship** — the North Branch is ecologically important, both locally and in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Follow the LEAVE NO TRACE practices outlined on the inside back cover.
- **Paddling may be limited by water levels.** Review information for the specific section of river you are planning to visit; check water levels before leaving on your trip. The Trip List section (page 5) lists gauging stations accessible online.

The key to an enjoyable trip on the water trail is advance planning and safe boating. This guide will assist you in preparing for your trip. Included are maps, information on trip planning, portages, safety, camping, and equipment to bring.

The North Branch meanders through some of the most remote and diverse plant and animal communities found in Pennsylvania. Trail users will be presented with multiple opportunities to witness many of the more common species, and quite possibly a few of the state's rarest ones as well.

Eagles commonly soar high along the rock cuts. Peregrine falcons can be found nesting under a bridge in the Wyoming Valley. Whitetail deer, beaver, river otters, and great blue herons are seen along the river banks, and the water abounds with smallmouth bass and other fish.

Geologic Origins

The fertile valleys of Northeastern Pennsylvania have supported scattered agricultural villages since pre-historic times. The steep terrain, however, historically restricted travel through the region, limiting the creation of large settlements. The majority of the region is located on the Allegheny Plateau, a portion of the much larger Appalachian Uplands.

Glacial action and erosion over the eons have created a landscape of broad rolling hills crisscrossed by an extensive network of valleys and streams. A prominent regional feature is the North Branch of the Susquehanna River, which meanders through Susquehanna, Bradford, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, and Northumberland Counties. The river was once a major transportation corridor, although its shallow rocky waters are now considered unnavigable in the modern sense.

Following the retreat of the Wisconsin Glacier 15,000 years ago, the region underwent a gradual transformation from a relatively barren, post-glacial landscape inhabited by nomadic bands of hunters and gatherers to a largely forested region supporting diverse wildlife and small agricultural villages.

Historic Points

The Susquehannocks, a powerful Iroquoian-speaking tribe, lived along the North Branch of the Susquehanna River at the time of the earliest European contacts. As they moved south, other peoples moved in, among them the Delaware, or Lenni Lenape. A group of thirteen mostly Algonquian tribes, they once lived on the Atlantic coast. They were called "Delaware's Indians" after Lord De la Warr, governor of the colony where they originated.

Like the Iroquois, who also settled in the region, the Delaware were farmers. Both quickly adapted to life in the rich Susquehanna River Valley, taking advantage of the river's resources and abundant game. The North Branch Susquehanna River Valley became known as the "Breadbasket of the Indians," supplying tons of corn and other foods for the Delaware and Iroquois peoples. The well-known Route 6 scenic overlook at Wyalusing Rocks was once a strategic lookout.

Friedenshütten

In 1765, David Zeisberger established Friedenshütten, a Moravian mission, with Delaware people led by Chief Paupunhank at M'chwihlusing (Wyalusing). The mission closed in 1772 before the outbreak of the American Revolution. Despite wars and removals, some Native Americans remained in the region, their crops and agricultural techniques adopted by European settlers.

Route of the North Branch

In Pennsylvania, the Susquehanna River North Branch Water Trail starts with a 15-mile-long paddling journey from Oakland to Great Bend in Susquehanna County. The River enters New York State at river mile 340 for 49 miles. It re-enters the Commonwealth in Bradford

County at Sayre and continues 166 miles, ending at Shikellamy State Park in Northumberland - Sunbury at the confluence with the West Branch of the Susquehanna. You will paddle through a region of beautiful meandering river cuts in the Endless Mountains and then through the Wyoming Valley, passing many river towns on your way to the confluence. While following the North Branch Water Trail, you can see Native American lookout points, the remnants of a past canal system, and an area that was the hub of the nation's anthracite coal and industrial boom in the 1800s.

Water Trail Management

The Susquehanna River Water Trail – North Branch is co-managed by the Endless Mountains Heritage Region and the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership. More information about these organizations can be found on Page 16. The North Branch Water Trail serves as one branch of the Susquehanna River Water Trail, which traverses the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As part of this larger system, the North Branch is also within the nationally designated Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

North Branch Canal Extension

Nearly twenty years in the making from 1836-1855, the extension of the North Branch Canal greatly contributed to the development of the region. The Canal connected Pittston, just north of Wilkes-Barre, to Athens in Bradford County and ultimately with the Junction Canal along the Chemung River to Elmira, New York, and points north.

Laborers were contracted and work began along the river in 1836. By the end of the year, funds had been exhausted and work came to a halt. In 1849 operations resumed and the building of the canal moved forward, although slowly, until 1854 when the canal was completed. For a variety of reasons including expensive repairs due to poor workmanship and harsh winters, and insufficient toll income, the canal was sold in 1858 to the North Branch Canal Company headed by a local man, C.F. Welles, Jr.

Anthracite Coal

Northeast Pennsylvania is home to 98% of the anthracite coal in the United States. Hard coal contains more carbon and burns hotter and cleaner than bituminous. In the Wyoming Valley in the 1800s and early 1900s, most of the male population worked in the coal industry.

Iron Heritage in Danville

Founded on land purchased by General William Montgomery in 1774 and named after his son Daniel Montgomery, who laid out the town in 1792. The first American iron "T" rail railroad track was rolled here in 1845 using iron ore mined from the nearby Montour ridge. Market Street runs parallel to the river one block north, where many fine 19th-century homes reflect the wealth of their iron mine and iron mill owners who resided there.

Fishing

The PFBC shares this information on North Branch fishing:

The entire North Branch has high numbers of fish including smallmouth bass, sunfish, carp, walleye, muskellunge, and channel catfish. Very popular areas with anglers are where the feeder streams enter the river. Some sections of the North Branch have been written about in popular magazines such as Field and Stream.

For more information, regulations and permits for fishing and boating in Pennsylvania visit the PFBC website. fishandboat.com

Birding

Spring and early summer are great times to see birds on the North Branch. Watch for migrating waterfowl and listen for the songs of colorful warblers. Bald eagles and osprey are seen soaring over the river looking for fish to eat. Many great blue herons, kingfishers, and mergansers also can be seen feeding along

the riverbanks. Large numbers of songbirds use the river corridor as a migration route in the spring and fall. Enjoy birding from your canoe or stretch your legs with a leisurely stroll while enjoying the bird life of Pennsylvania.

Additional information on birding is available on the Susquehanna Birding and Wildlife Trail map — contact Audubon Pennsylvania at (717) 213-6880 or visit their web site at pa.audubon.org.

Biking & Hiking

Bicycle PA Route Y follows Route 6 across Pennsylvania and parallels the Susquehanna River from Towanda to Tunkhannock. paroute6.com/bike-route-y

The **D&H Rail-Trail** runs along the river above Lanesboro and then south 30 miles to Simpson. neparailtrails.org

Luzerne County Rail Trail is a 13-mile urban gravel trail that will run from Pittston to Wilkes-Barre along an active freight line on the east side of the Susquehanna River. susquehannagreenway.org/luzerne-county-rail-trail

The **Susquehanna Warrior Trail**, an 18-mile trail, is located on the former Delaware, Lackawanna and Western rail bed between the PPL Riverlands Park and Larksville Borough. susquehannawarriortrail.org



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The North Branch Susquehanna is suitable for both motorized and non-motorized watercraft, depending on the stretch of the river, flow conditions, and season of the year. Some 181 miles long, it can be used for day trips or longer journeys. The average speed of a canoe powered by two adults is 2–3 miles per hour. Novice boaters should plan on covering 10–14 miles per day (paddle time about 4–5 hours) or one trail section map. Experienced canoeists, with average water and weather conditions, can plan to paddle 20–24 miles a day and the entire route in 8–9 days. Novice paddlers should not attempt the full route.

Be sure your experience level matches the trip — some sections may be more challenging than others. If you are a novice boater or unfamiliar with the North Branch, complete a boating training course before setting out. Information on weather, river levels and trip planning are available from outfitters, canoe clubs and other organizations. For specific information check the link to the water trail website at emheritage.org

Dam Safety and Portages

The North Branch has one dam in the Pennsylvania section of the trail corridor. There are several dams on the New York section of the North Branch Water Trail near

Binghamton and you should carefully note their locations on the map, for all are potentially dangerous. New York State law requires all boaters to stay at least 200 feet upstream and 100 feet downstream from these dams. Each dam must be portaged, by vehicle or by foot.

CAUTION: Susquehanna Depot Hydro Dam [in Pennsylvania] Susquehanna Hydroelectric Dam. Stay close to left shore. Take out 50 yards upstream of dam on river left. Carry boats around the dam abutment to the path below the dam. **USE EXTREME CAUTION** approaching dam and entering water below dam. Keep boats away from turbulent water. When Windsor USGS gauge reads 5 feet or higher, take out at the Susquehanna Depot Access at RM 351 and portage 1 mile to the Front Street Private Access: canoe launch next to the railroad bridge downstream of Susquehanna Dam. **Note: see inset map on section map one: Great Bend.**

Potable Water

Water is available at a limited number of sites listed in the RIVER ACCESS table (pages 12-15). Take enough water for drinking and cooking to carry you between sites. River water may also be purified using commercial drinking water filters, iodine tablets, or by boiling for at least 10 minutes. While these methods will remove most biological pathogens, only some of the

commercially available filters will remove other contaminants such as heavy metals or sediments.

Respect Private Property

Much of the land along the water trail is privately owned. Do not trespass. You should camp only at officially designated areas. The good will and stewardship of private landowners are essential

to sustaining the water trail and the river itself. Several access points, particularly in the upper reaches of the water trail, are on private land. These access sites are made available to the water trail by special agreement with the landowner, which is subject to change at any time. Please check with the landowner prior to using these sites.

New York Section of the Susquehanna Water Trail

The Susquehanna river from river mile 340 to river mile 291 is in New York State.

If paddling through this section use caution and be aware of low head dams and hazards in the Binghamton area.

Kirkwood	Access point	Kirkwood Park
Conklin	Access point	Schurbusch Park
Binghamton	Access point	Sandy Beach
Binghamton	Rock Bottom Dam	Portage RR
Binghamton	CAUTION: Dam	Pipe crossing
Binghamton	Confluence	Chenango River
Binghamton	CAUTION: Dam	Twin 30 inch pipes
Binghamton	Goudy Station Dam	Portage RL
Vestal	Access point	Harold Moore Park
Endicott	Access point	Grippen Park
Apalachin	Access point	NYSDEC
Owego	Access point	Hickories Park
Nichols	Access point	Nichols
Barton	Access point	Barton Access

Additional information:

- Binghamton**
cityofbinghamton.com
- Owego**
villageofowego.com
- Broome County**
gobroomecounty.com
- New York Department of Environmental Conservation**
dec.state.ny.us

River Flow and Forecasts

Real-time information on river levels and forecast levels are available from the Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center:
<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/marfc>

River Gauge Readings

Current readings from the U.S. Geological Survey gauges: (717) 730-6900
<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/rt>

Safe Paddling Levels - Gauge Station Readings

Location	Gauge Number	MAP Section	Lower Limit	Good Paddling	Upper Limit
Windsor, NY	01502731	1	1 ft	3 ft	6 ft
Waverly, NY	01515000	2 - 3	0 ft	3 ft	5 ft
Chemung, PA	01531000	2 - 3	2 ft	3 ft	6 ft
Towanda, PA	01531500	3 - 5	Negative 0.5 ft	2 ft	5 ft
Meshoppen, PA	01533400	6 - 8	7 ft	9 ft	13 ft
Wilkes-Barre, PA	01526500	10 - 11	0 ft	2 ft	5 ft
Bloomsburg, PA	01538700	12 - 13	1 ft	3 ft	6 ft
Danville, PA	01540500	13 - 14	2 ft	4 ft	7 ft

Public and Privately Owned Campgrounds

Mile	Owner	Contact
275.5	Larnard Hornbrook County Park	Bradford County (570) 265-1719
265.5	Riverside Acres Campground	Private (570) 265-3235
241.5	Endless Mountains Campground	Private (570) 869-2580
206.6	Susquehanna Shores Campground	Private (570) 388-6921
146.6	Indian Head Campground	Private (570) 784-6150
133.6	Wray's Riverfront Campground	Private (570) 275-5783
125.4	Fantasy Island Campground	Private (866) 882-1307

Outfitters and Canoe Liveries

Local outfitters are invaluable sources of information about current river and weather conditions and can assist with trip planning, camping information, transport around dams and canoe rentals:

Endless Mountain Outfitters

Sugar Run, PA (570) 746-9140 emo444.com

Susquehanna Kayak & Canoe Rentals

Falls, PA (570) 388-6107 kayaktheriver.com

Five Mountain Outfitters

Shickshinny, PA (570) 885-0081
fivemountainoutfittersco.com

Susquehanna Outdoor Adventures

Bloomsburg, PA (570) 854-4333
kayaktheriverpa.com

Riverside Adventure Company

Danville, PA (570) 854-2437

Lake Augusta Boat Rentals

Sunbury, PA (570) 988-2804
lakeaugustaboatrentals.com

Launch Tags - PFBC

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

Landings/Access areas require a launch permit for all boats. Tags available at some local outfitters and on-line fish.state.pa.us. Launch permits are also required at DCNR properties and State Parks. (888) 727-4741

Camping

The North Branch Water Trail passes several numbered State Game Lands. **Camping is prohibited on Pennsylvania State Game Lands.** There are public campgrounds and areas to camp in municipal parks along the river including some DCNR-owned islands. Prior camping permits are required at most municipal parks along the river.

Contact phone numbers are provided on the map sections. Public facilities should be used when available to minimize the impact on the river environment.

Please note that most of the river islands are privately owned, camping or stopping is not permitted without prior written permission.

IMPORTANT Information

Portage around all dams as noted on maps and in notes. Be aware of safe river levels for paddling. Wear an approved life jacket/Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and a carry whistle or noise device (by law).



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A **PFBC Oakland Access 354.4 to PFBC Hallstead Access 342.5**
11.9 miles; 4-5 hours
Section Map #1 Great Bend

Other Public Access:

- 351.1** RL, Ira Reynolds Riverfront Park
- 350.5** RL, Front Street Private
- 347.8** RL, PFBC Great Bend

Overnight Stops:

- 354.6** RL, Cascade "Wye" primitive campsite
- 352.2** RR, P.J. O'Hare's private campsite

Points of interest:

- 355.4** PA Rt. 92 Pennsylvania Scenic Byway.
- 355.4** D&H Rail Trail to RM 353.0, RL.
 A 38-mile trail on former Delaware and Hudson railbed that runs from N.Y. State line south along river to Lanesboro, south to Forest City, and along Lackawanna River to Simpson.
- 352.5** Starrucca Viaduct, RL. 1,040' long, 110' high, with 17 arches. Built in 1848 with local bluestone it is the oldest bluestone railroad bridge still in use in the state.
- 350.9** RL, Starrucca House
 Beautiful large brick train station.

CAUTION – DAM

- 350.5** RL, Susquehanna Depot, portage around dam at Susquehanna Depot Municipal Access. Alternatively, to avoid dam: use Front Street Private Access 350.5 to Hallstead 342.5; 8.0 miles; 2-3 hours
- 348.9** Mormon Monument, RR. Depicts location where priesthood was conferred on Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints founder Joseph Smith.
- 342.5** PFBC Hallstead Access

B **PFBC Sayre Access 290.5 to Ulster Bridge Access 278.8;**
11.7 miles; 3 – 4 hours
Section Map #2 Tioga Point

Other Public Access:

- 287.8** RR, Sayre Riverfront Park Borough
- 286.8** RR, Susquehanna Street Bridge Municipal

Stopping Points:

- 286.6** Harrigan Island. Donated by Dick and Amy Harrigan in 2006 for the use of River paddlers.
- 286.6** RR, Tioga Point Museum.
 Path from river. Exhibits include local Native American artifacts, Sullivan's Expedition, Stephen Foster, early canals and the Civil War.
- 286.5** RR, Fort Sullivan. Stone monument marking site of wooden fort built 1779 by General Sullivan's expedition.

- 284.0** RR, Tioga Point, at confluence with Chemung River. Private property but stopping at the point is OK.

Overnight Stops:

- 286.6** Harrigan Island, primitive campsite.

Points of Interest:

- 288.6** RR, Lehigh Valley Railroad Station
 Built in 1881.
- 287.9** Carantouan Greenway, RR. Destiny Kinal Loop Trail located at Sayre Riverfront Park.
- 285.5** RR, Start of Tioga Point to river mile 284.
 Arrow-shaped landform at confluence of Chemung and Susquehanna Rivers. Location of Teoga, an Iroquois sentry town. 1778 gathering point for Indians and British allies before attacks on Wyoming Valley settlements.
- 283.7** Tioga Point Overlook, RL. Scenic views overlooking valley and the confluence of Chemung and Susquehanna rivers.
- 281.0** RL, Sheshequin Universalist Church
 1827 church and cemetery with graves of American Revolution soldiers from Battle of Wyoming in July 1778.

C **Ulster Bridge Municipal Access 278.8 to Wysox Township Park Municipal Access 267.5;**
11.3 miles; 4 hours
Section Map # 3 Towanda

Other Public Access:

- 275.5** RL, Larnard Hornbrook County Park
- 271.1** RR, Towanda Borough
- 271.0** RL, Towanda Riverfront Park Borough
- 268.6** RL, PFBC Wysox

Stopping Points:

- 271.1** RR, Towanda Borough.
 Towanda Historic District. Bradford County Court House. Bradford County Historical Society Museum;
 (570) 265-2240. Two-mile trail.
 Washington Street Station, RR. Large brick freight station built in 1880s.

Overnight Stops:

- 275.5** RL, Larnard Hornbrook County Park

CAUTION: 274.6 RR, Current flows into trees.
 Stay RL.

CAUTION: 272.0 Fast riffles under railroad bridge arches

CAUTION: 270.9 Bridge: Route 6, Veterans Memorial Bridge (Towanda).
 Fast current flows toward bridge pier on left. Paddlers should stay to the center or paddle on left side of small island prior to the bridge.



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D **Wysox Township Park Municipal Access 267.5 to Endless Mountains Outfitters Public Access 249.3 18.2 miles; 4–6 hours**
Section Map #4 French Azilum

Other Public Access:

- 260.4** RR, French Azilum Access
- 256.7** RR, Asylum Township Old Mill Park Access
- 256.7** RL, Homet's Ferry PennDOT Access
- 253.9** RR, PFBC Terrytown Access
- 252.0** RR, PA Game Commission Access

Stopping Points:

- 261.6** RR, Standing Stone, a 24-foot-high glacial rock
- 260.4** RR, French Azilum Historical Site: Site of French refugee colony from 1793–1803 for exiles escaping French Revolution.
- 256.7** RR, Asylum Township Old Mill Park Access. Site of small village, Homet's Mill and Ferry.

- 251.3** RL, Wyalusing Museum Private Access. Located on early 1800s Welles' family homestead. Nature trails located along Susquehanna River and Wyalusing creek.

Overnight Stops:

- 265.5** RR, Riverside Acres Campground.
- 260.4** RR, French Azilum Historical Site.

Points of Interest:

- 263.5** RL, Standing Stone Community Vespers Church. Built in 1858, large mosaic donated to church in 1921.
- 259.6** RL, Marie Antoinette Overlook. 1930's scenic overlook on old Route 6 with view of French Azilum.
- 257.9** RR, French Asylum Methodist Church. Built in 1860s. Church's interior retains original design.
- 253.3** RL, Wyalusing Rocks Overlook on Route 6. Used by Iroquois and Delaware as a signal point. Dramatic views from 500-ft high cliffs.
- 251.5** RL, Wyalusing Historic District. Quaint Victorian town located ¼ mile along Wyalusing Creek. Wyalusing Hotel.
- 249.4** RL, Friedenshutzen Monument. Moravian mission settled in 1765 and abandoned in 1772 when pastors led 200 Christian Indians to Ohio to avoid frontier troubles.

E **Endless Mountains Outfitters Public Access 249.3 to Laceyville Borough Access 240.9; 8.4 miles; 3 hours**
Section Map #5 Indian Hill

Overnight Stops:

- 241.5** RL, Endless Mountain Campground

Points of interest:

- 246.0** RL, Indian Hill Battlefield Monument. Site of skirmish between Native Americans and troops of Colonel Hartley in 1778 after the Battle of Wyoming.
- 241.6** RR, Scenic rock cliffs 500 feet up from the River.



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F **Laceyville Borough Access 240.9 to Mehoopany Private Access 230.3; 10.6 miles; 4 hours**
Section Map #5 Indian Hill

Other Public Access:

- 232.7** Meshoppen Boat Launch Municipal

Overnight Stops:

- 238.4** RR, River island. Owned by PA DCNR
- 235.6** RR, River Island. Owned by PA DCNR

Points of Interest:

- 237.8** RL, Village of Black Walnut. Known as Black Walnut Bottom for abundant black walnut trees that once grew along the local creek.
- 235.5** RL, Kiwanis Wyoming County Fairgrounds. One-mile nature trail.
- 230.3** RR, Mehoopany, town name based on Native American word "Hoppeny, place of wild potatoes."

G Mehoopany Private Access 230.3 to Tunkhannock Riverside Park Municipal Access 218.5; 11.8 miles; 4 hours
Section Map #6 Vosburg Neck

Stopping Points:

- 227.0** RL, North Branch Canal
- 224.0** RL, Howland Preserve. Prior permission only

Overnight Stops:

- 229.2** River island. Owned by PA DCNR
- 228.3** Two river islands. Owned by PA DCNR
- 225.6** RL, Camp Lackawanna Private Access. Prior permission only.

Points of Interest:

- 229.9** RL, Procter and Gamble Paper Plant
Large paper-products plant, employing 2,300 people.
- 228.0** RL, Start of Vosburg Neck to mile 223, Long river meander flanked by scenic 500 foot high rock cliffs. Bald eagles commonly seen in area. Start of Vosburg 4000 foot long Lehigh Valley Railroad tunnel.
- 223.0** RL, Howland Preserve
Ownership: North Branch Land Trust. Over 2 miles of River frontage. (570) 310-1781

H Tunkhannock Riverside Park Municipal Access 218.5 to PFBC Apple Tree Access 201.7; 16.8 miles; 5-6 hours
Section Map #7 Falls

Other Public Access:

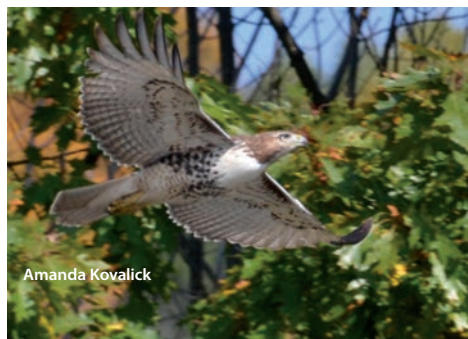
- 217.0** RR, PFBC Tunkhannock
- 211.3** RR, PFBC Whites Ferry
- 207.2** RR, PFBC West Falls

Overnight Stops:

- 210.3** River island. Owned by Pa. DCNR
- 206.6** Susquehanna Shores Campground

Point of interest:

- 218.5** RL, Tunkhannock, name derived from Native American word "Tonkhoneink," meaning "two small streams of water falling into one another" referring to Tunkhannock Creek and Bowman's Creek. Wyoming County Courthouse. National Register Historic District.
- 207.4** RL, Mouth of Buttermilk Creek. Paddle under the railroad bridge on RL to view lower waterfall.



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I PFBC Apple Tree Access 201.7 to Nesbitt Park Municipal Access 188.0; 13.7 miles; 4 – 5 hours
Section Map # 8 Pittston (Upper Wyoming Valley)

Stopping Point:

- 195.5** RL, Pittston Riverfront Park

CAUTION: **196.8** Lower River levels expose a pipe that crosses the River. It has sharp steel sticking out of the water that can damage a boat. Stay RL just past bridge.

Point of interest:

- 198.0** RL, Campbell's Ledge. Scenic sandstone cliff, located .75 miles north of confluence of Susquehanna and Lackawanna Rivers. Carved by glaciers; divides Wyoming and Lackawanna Valleys. Used by early settlers as a sundial: the sun lights up the cliff face at approximately noon.
- 197.5** RR, Start of West Side Trail. 19-mile trail.
- 196.8** RL, Twin Shaft Disaster. Site of massive cave-in at the Newton Coal Company's Twin Shaft Colliery on June 28, 1896, killing 58 men.
- 195.6** RL, Pittston Riverfront Park. 8-acre riverfront area, walkways, artwork, and amphitheater.

195.5 RL, Start of **Luzerne County Rail with Trail** to river mile 189.7.

11.6 mile trail to connect Pittston and Wilkes-Barre.

194.5 RL, Knox Mine Disaster. In 1959 miners dug too close to the riverbed causing the Susquehanna River to flood the anthracite mines killing 12 miners. This disaster ended underground mining in the Wyoming Valley.

193.4 RR, Queen Esther's Bloody Rock Marker. Marks murder site of the 14 captive American soldiers by a local Indian woman, traditionally identified as "Queen Esther" Montour, on the night of July 3, 1778 after the Battle of Wyoming.

192.9 RR, Wyoming Monument. Commemorates Battle of Wyoming on July 3, 1778. 700 British, Tories, and Seneca Indians defeated 375 patriots under the command of Colonel Zebulon Butler. Remains of the battle's dead are buried in a mass grave below monument.

192.5 RR, Wyoming Valley Levee Trail, completed to river mile 187, Connects to West Side Trail.

192.0 RR, Luzerne County Recreation Complex. Soccer fields, softball fields, picnic pavilions, and walking trails. Connects with the Wyoming Valley Levee Trail System.

J **Nesbitt Park Municipal Access**
188.3 to Canal Park Municipal
Access 179.6; 8.7 miles; 3 hours
Section Map: # 9 Wilkes-Barre
(Central Wyoming Valley)

Other Public Access:

185.0 RL, PFBC Hanover Township

CAUTION: 180.0 Nanticoke Rapids: Class II at certain river levels; stay right of center, be cautious of boulders.

Points of interest:

- 188.0** RL, City of Wilkes-Barre. Attractions include the new River Commons Park, Lion Brewery, Luzerne County Courthouse, Luzerne County Historical Society, F.M. Kirby Center, Kings College, and Wilkes University.
- 188.0** Black Diamond Trail, RL. A 10-mile stretch from Middleburg Road near White Haven to Route 437 just below Glen Summit in Mountain Top.
- 186.0** Susquehanna Warrior Trail
- 168.0** RR, 18-mile trail located on former Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad.
- 181.4** Avondale Mine Disaster, RR. Historic marker along Route 11 details catastrophic death of 110 men and boys who perished in 1869 mine fire.

180.5 Tilbury Knob, RL. Locally renowned sandstone rock outcrop. Legend has it that a captive of a local Native American tribe leapt from a cliff with his horse in the middle of the night, while attempting to escape captors.

K **Canal Park Municipal Access 179.6 to Shickshinny Municipal Access 171.4; 8.2 miles; 3 hours**
Section Map: #10 Nanticoke
(Lower Wyoming Valley)

Other Public Access:

178.3 RR, Hunlock Township Gardens

174.0 RR, PFBC Union

Point of interest:

179.5 – 176.3
 RR, Remnants of North Branch Canal.

L **Shickshinny Municipal Access 171.4 to Test Track Park Municipal Access 158.4; 13.0 miles; 4–5 hours**
Section Map #11 Council Cup

Other Public Access:

166.3 RR, Wetlands Nature Area

CAUTION: 160.5 Nescopeck Falls. Very hazardous during low river levels (2 feet and lower at the Bloomsburg gauge). Paddle close to right shore for safest route.

Stopping Point:

166.3 RR, Wetlands Nature Area Access

Points of Interest:

- 171.0** RL, Mocanaqua Trail. A 9-mile system with four trails. Ridgetop area has several scenic overlooks. Trailhead located in Mocanaqua along Susquehanna River.
- 167.4** RR, PPL/ Berwick Power Generating Plant
- 166.9** RR, Susquehanna Riverlands Environmental Preserve. Established in 1980. Encompasses 1,200 acres on east and west banks of Susquehanna River. Jointly owned by Talen Energy and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. Provides year-round facilities for hiking, boating, fishing and attracts abundant wildlife. Connection to Susquehanna Warrior Trail.
- 161.5** RL, Nescopeck Borough. Known as Nescopeck Village; built on former site of a Delaware Indian village.
- 160.1** RR, Berwick. Jackson Mansion: built by Civil War colonel, now borough offices.

M **Test Track Park Municipal Access 158.4 to Bloomsburg Town Park Municipal Access 147.8; 10.6 miles; 3 hours**
Section Map #12 Bloomsburg

Other Public Access:

155.9 RL, Mifflinville Municipal

154.4 RR, Columbia Park Municipal

150.0 RR, Espy Park Municipal

148.8 RR, PFBC Bloomsburg Access Municipal park located on land used as an obstacle course to test military tanks produced at Berwick American Car & Foundry plant during World War II and the Korean War.



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N Bloomsburg Town Park Municipal Access 147.8 to Danville Montgomery Park Municipal Access 136.4 ; 11.3 miles; 3 hours Section Map #13 Danville

Other Public Access:

- 145.0** RL, Catawissa Access
- 138.6** RR, North Branch Canal Trail Access
- 137.9** RR, PFBC Danville

Overnight Stops:

- 146.6** Indian Head Campground (570) 784-6150. Private access; launch site for patron use only.

Stopping Point:

- 146.6** RR, Mouth of Fishing Creek. Paddle up the creek about 0.5 mile to Rupert Covered Bridge and an old canal aqueduct.

Points of interest:

- 147.0** Fort McClure House, RR. One of a line of stockaded log houses or 'forts' reaching from the West Branch to the North Branch of the Susquehanna built after the Wyoming Massacre in 1778.
- 146.0-141.0** RR, Stone remnants of the 1830 canal wall.
- 145.0** RL, Opera House; constructed as Masonic Hall in 1869, also used later as an Opera House and to screen silent movies. Catawissa Railroad Company.
- 138.6** RR, North Branch Canal Trail Access **North Branch Canal Trail**; a 6.1 natural surface trail along the towpath of the old canal system.

- 137.0** RR, Danville Borough. Montour County Court House. Danville Historic District. First American iron "T" rail was rolled here in 1845. Mid-1800s buildings constructed during peak years of Danville's iron production.

O Danville Montgomery Park Municipal Access 136.4 to Shikellamy State Park North Access 125.2; 11.2 miles; 3-4 hours Section Map #14 Northumberland

Other Public Access:

- 125.6** RR, Right of island, Hanover Street Municipal
- 125.2** RL, Riverside Borough Access

- 125.2** RL, Right of island, Shikellamy State Park North. On West Branch RR, Right of island, Northumberland Point Municipal
- 125.2** RR, Left of island, Shikellamy State Park South

Overnight Stops:

- 133.6** RR, Wray's Riverfront Campground Private
- 125.4** RL, Right of island, Fantasy Island Campground (570) 286-1307
- CAUTION: 129.9** Start of Lake Augusta; Memorial Day to Labor Day the lake may be congested with powerboats.
- CAUTION:** Sunbury Fabridam. Portage trail can be accessed RL just up stream of the Route 61 Bridge with prior permission from the park manager at Shikellamy State Park Complex, (570) 988-5557.

Stopping Points:

- 125.4** Sunbury Riverfront Park and Marina
- 125.4** RR, Joseph Priestley House
- 125.2** Shikellamy State Park

Points of interest:

- 125.5** RR, Joseph Priestley House. Home and lab of noted English scientist, discoverer of oxygen, and Unitarian theologian, who lived in Northumberland from 1794 - 1804. Now a museum.
- 124.9** Confluence of the West Branch and North Branch of the Susquehanna River.



Access OR Campsite	River Mile	Map No.	River Side	Launch Type	Parking	Restroom	Picnic Area	Lodging	Camping	Fresh Water	Grocery Food	GPS
354 Cascade "Wye" Campsite	354.6	1	L	None	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	41.988030, -75.598970
354 PFBC Oakland Access	354.4	1	R	Gravel/Paved	Y-10	N	N	N	N	N	N	41.988030, -75.59898
351 Ira Reynolds Riverfront Park	351.1	1	L	Future/Paved	Y-30+	N	N	Y-.25mi	N	N	Y-.25mi	41.947838, -75.606750
CAUTION: Susquehanna Hydroelectric Dam	350.5	1		Portage								41.943741, -75.617102
350 Front Street Private Access	350.5	1	L	Carry	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	41.942529, -75.618364
348 PFBC Great Bend Access	347.8	1	L	Paved	Y-10	N	N	N	N	N	N	41.960475, -75.661092
342 PFBC Hallstead Access	342.5	1	L	Paved	Y-15	N	N	Y-.25mi	N	N	Y-.25mi	41.963023, -75.741410
CHE Tozer's Landing Municipal Access (On Chemung River)		2	R	Paved	Y-30	Y-S	Y-P	N	Y-Perm	N	N	41.985493, -76.553545
290 PFBC Sayre Access	290.5	2	L	Paved	Y-20	N	N	N	N	N	N	41.995932, -76.473493
288 Sayre Riverfront Park Borough Access	287.8	2	R	Gravel	Y-30+	Y-S	Y-P	Y-1mi	Y-Perm	N	Y-.5mi	41.973086, -76.511645
287 Susquehanna St. Bridge Municipal Access	286.8	2	R	Carry	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y-.25mi	41.958087, -76.516263
Harrigan Island DCNR	286.6	2		None	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	41.952805, -76.510660
279 Ulster Bridge Municipal Access	278.8	2	R	Carry	Y-30	Y-nearby	N	N	N	Y-nearby	Y-nearby	41.849146, -76.497242
275 Larnard Hornbrook County Park Access	275.5	3	L	Paved	Y-30+	Y	Y-P	N	Y-\$-F	Y	N	41.806872, -76.486063
271 R Towanda Borough Access	271.1	3	R	Carry	Y	N	Y	Y-.5mi	N	N	Y-.25mi	41.762386, -76.441709
271 L Towanda Riverfront Park Borough Access	271.0	3	L	Paved	Y-30+	Y	Y-P	Y-.25mi	Y-Perm	N	Y-.25mi	41.765249, -76.438286

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269 PFBC Wysox Access	268.6	3	L	Gravel	Y-20	N	N	N	N	N	N	41.753570, -76.410521
267 Wysox Township Park Access	267.5	3	L	Paved	Y-20	Y	Y-Perm	Y-.25mi	N	N	Y-.25mi	41.767712, -76.397729
Riverside Acres Campground	265.5	3	R	Gravel	Y	Y	Y-P	Y	Y-\$-F	Y	N	41.761996, -76.376408
260 French Azilum Access	260.4	4	R	Carry	Y-30+	Y-S	Y-P	N	Y-Perm-\$-F	Y	N	41.738127, -76.309481
257 R Asylum Township Old Mill Park Access	256.7	4	R	Gravel	Y-10	Y-S	Y-P	N	N	N	N	41.698439, -76.329881
257 L Homet's Ferry PennDOT Access	256.7	4	L	Carry	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	41.698152, -76.326212
254 PFBC Terrytown Access	253.9	4	R	Gravel	Y-20	Y-S	N	N	N	N	N	41.694170, -76.281846
252 PA Game Commission Access	252.0	4	R	Carry	Y-5	N	N	N	N	N	N	41.668076, -76.278744
249 Endless Mountain Outfitters	249.3	4	R	Carry	Y-20	Y	Y	Y-.5mi	Y-\$-F	Y	N	41.641895, -76.237211
Endless Mountains Campground	241.5	5	L	Gravel	Y	Y	Y-P	N	Y-\$-F	Y	Y-2mi	41.638234, -76.174758
241 Laceyville Borough Access	240.9	5	L	Gravel	Y-10	N	Y	N	Y-Perm	N	Y-.25mi	41.643447, -76.163227
River Island DCNR	238.4	5	R	None	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	41.616597, -76.137451
River Island DCNR	235.6	5	R	None	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	41.609281, -76.110929
233 Meshoppen Boat Launch Municipal Access	232.7	5	L	Gravel/Paved	Y-20	N	N	N	N	N	Y-.25mi	41.610829, -76.049065
230 Mehoopany Private Access	230.3	6	R	Carry	Y-5	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	41.576546, -76.060144
River Island DCNR	229.2	6		None	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	41.568467, -76.045572
River Island DCNR	228.3	6		None	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	41.564871, -76.028491
225 Camp Lackawanna Private Access	225.6	6	L	Carry	Y-20	Y	Y-Perm	Y	Y-Perm-\$-F	Y	N	41.533024, -76.033965
223 Howland Preserve	223.3	6	L	Carry	Y	N	Y-Perm	N	N	N	N	41.5495, -76.0070

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219 Tunkhannock Riverside Park Boro. Access	218.5	6	L	Paved	Y-30	Y-Seas	Y-Perm	Y-.25mi	Y-Perm	N	Y-.25mi	41.535222, -75.957458
217 PFBC Tunkhannock Access	217.0	6	R	Paved	Y-20	N	N	N	N	N	Y-.25mi	41.522597, -75.940743
211 PFBC Whites Ferry Access	211.3	7	R	Paved	Y-10	Y-Seas	N	N	N	N	N	41.477650, -75.905073
River Island DCNR	210.3	7		None	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	41.462767, -75.894696
208 Falls Township Municipal Access	207.6	7	R	Carry	Y	Y	Y	N	Y-Perm	Y	N	41.462273, -75.857034
207 PFBC West Falls Access	207.2	7	R	Paved	Y-20	N	N	N	N	N	Y-.25 mi	41.459368, -75.853322
Susquehanna Shores Campground	206.6	7	R	Paved	Y	Y	N	N	Y-\$-F	Y	N	41.452319, -75.854259
202 PFBC Apple Tree Road Access	201.7	7	R	Paved	Y-20	N	N	N	N	Y-nearby	Y-nearby	41.388328, -75.823568
192 Plains Township	192	8	L	Carry	Y-10+	N	Y	N	N	Y-.5 mi	Y-.5 mi	41.2911, -75.8518
188 River Common Park Access	188.3	9	L	Gravel	Y	N	Y	Y-.25mi	N	Y-.25mi	Y-.25mi	41.2497, -75.8830
188 Nesbitt Park Municipal Access	188.3	9	R	Paved	Y-30+	N	Y-Perm	Y-.5 mi	N	N	Y-.5 mi	41.250975, -75.884735
185 PFBC Hanover Township Access	185.0	9	L	Paved	Y-30+	N	N	N	N	N	Y-1	41.237129, -75.938106
178 Hunlock Township Gardens Access	178.3	10	R	Paved	Y-10	Y	N	N	N	N	N	41.212057, -76.042414
174 PFBC Union Access	174.0	10	R	Paved	Y-30+	Y	N	N	N	N	N	41.178963, -76.106207
171 Shickshinny Municipal Access	171.4	10	R	Paved	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y-.5 mi	41.152032, -76.147240
166 Wetlands Nature Area Access	166.3	11	R	Carry	Y-10	N	Y	N	N	N	N	41.090993, -76.131286
165 Nescopeck VFW Launch	165.4	11	L	Paved	Y-10	Y-Seas	N	N	N		Y-.5 mi	41.069187, -76.140346
158 Test Track Park Municipal Access	158.4	11	R	Paved	Y-20	Y-Seas	Y	Y-1mi	Y-P	N	Y-1mi	41.040126, -76.260558

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156 Mifflinville Municipal Access	155.9	11	L	Carry	Y-20	Y-Seas	Y-Perm	Y-1mi	N	N	Y-1mi	41.034332, -76.309172
154 Columbia Park Municipal Access	154.4	12	R	Carry	Y-20	Y-S	Y-P	Y-2mi	N	Y	Y-2mi	41.026464, -76.333934
150 Espy Park Municipal Access	150.2	12	R	Carry	Y-10	Y-S	Y-P	Y-2mi	N	N	Y-2mi	41.005188, -76.409210
149 PFBC Bloomsburg Access	148.8	12	R	Paved	Y-20	Y-S	N	Y-1mi	N	N	Y-1mi	40.996681, -76.432782
148 Bloomsburg Town Park Municipal Access	147.8	12	R	Carry	Y-20	Y-S	Y-P	Y-1mi	N	Y	Y-1mi	40.989870, -76.450253
146 Indian Head Campground Private Access	146.6	12	R	Paved	Y-10	Y	Y-P	Y-2mi	Y-\$	Y	Y	40.974354, -76.469560
139 North Branch Canal Trail Access	138.6	13	R	Carry	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	40.942102, -76.587665
138 PFBC Danville Access	137.9	13	R	Paved	Y-30	N	N	N	N	N	N	40.943490, -76.598507
136 Montgomery Park Municipal Access	136.4	13	R	Carry	Y	N	N	Y-.5mi	N	N	Y-.5mi	40.959161, -76.61964
136 Riverside Borough Access	136.3	13	L	Carry	Y-4	N	N	N	N	N	Y-.5mi	40.962389, -76.633444
134 Wray's Riverfront Campground Private	133.6	13	R	Paved	Y	Y	N	N	Y-\$-F	Y	Y-1mi	40.953143, -76.664439
126 R Hanover Street Municipal Access	125.6R	14	R	Paved	Y-5	Y-S	N	Y-1mi	N	N	Y-1mi	40.890045, -76.788232
Fantasy Island Campground	125.4R	14	L	Paved	Y	Y	Y-P	N	Y-\$-F	Y	Y-.5mi	40.887208, -76.787138
125 R State Access Shikellamy State Park West	125.1R	14	L	Carry/paved	Y-30+	Y	Y-P	Y-1mi	N	Y	Y-.25mi	40.883406, -76.792510
125 L State Access Shikellamy State Park East	125.1L	14	R	Paved	Y-30+	Y	Y-P	Y-1mi	N	Y	N	40.880559, -76.789685
0 Northumberland Point Municipal Access	124.9	14	R	Paved	Y-10	N	N	Y-1mi	N	N	Y-1mi	40.884250, -76.796679
CAUTION: Sunbury Fabridam	122.6	14		Portage								40.850203, -76.806689
122 PFBC Sunbury Access	122.5	14	L	Paved	Y-10	N	N	Y-1mi	N	N	Y-1mi	40.846957, -76.804388

WB - Susquehanna River West Branch joins the North Branch

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Endless Mountains Heritage Region
emheritage.org

The EMHR is a non-profit organization created in 1998 under the Heritage Areas Program administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Our region covers Susquehanna, Bradford, Wyoming and Sullivan counties and it contains a multitude of scenic, natural, historic and recreational resources that collectively exemplify the rural agricultural heritage of Pennsylvania. Since 1998, the EMHR has funded numerous projects with partner organizations, all oriented to increasing the quality of life for residents and visitors.

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Water Trails in Pennsylvania

The Susquehanna River Water Trail – North Branch is part of the Pennsylvania Water Trail System and the program is coordinated

by Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) with funding support from DCNR. At Sunbury, the water trail connects with two other routes – the Susquehanna River Water Trail's Middle Section and West Branch.

For more on Pennsylvania water trails visit:
pawatertrails.org



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Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is dedicated to developing and sustaining the Susquehanna Greenway to connect communities and

enrich lives through enhanced recreation, healthy living, economic prosperity and environmental stewardship. The Partnership guides planning for the Susquehanna Greenway and fosters community action to establish the Greenway. Establishment of the Greenway is a farsighted undertaking shaped by regional values and an over-arching vision, extending nearly 500 miles through 22 Pennsylvania counties. Greenway plans and designs are based on consideration of existing, currently planned, and newly proposed projects and ideas identified through public involvement. Please join us in creating the Susquehanna Greenway!

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Sections 1 through 10

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Sections 11 through 14

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State Agencies

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC)

fishandboat.com (888) 723-4741

Pennsylvania Game Commission

pgc.state.pa.us (717) 787-4250

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Frances Slocum State Park (570) 696-3525

Nescopeck State Park (570) 403-2006

Shikellamy State Park (570) 988-5557

DCNR Dept. of Forestry

DCNR owned islands

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Information for Lodging, Businesses & Attractions

Section 1 through 7

Endless Mountains Heritage Region

Towanda
emheritage.org (570) 265-1528

Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau

Tunkhannock
endlessmountains.org (800) 769-8999

Section 2 (Sayre, Athens)

Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce

Sayre (570) 888-2217

Section 3, 4 (Towanda, Wysox)

Central Bradford Co. Chamber of Commerce

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towandawysox.com (570) 268-2732

Section 5 (Wyalusing)

Greater Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce

Wyalusing
wyalusing.net (570) 746-4922

Section 6, 7 (Tunkhannock, West Falls)

Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce

Tunkhannock
wyccc.com (570) 836-7755

Sections 8, 9, 10

(Pittston, Wilkes-Barre, Shickshinny)

Lackawanna County Convention & Visitors Bureau

visitnepa.org (800) 229-3526

Visit Luzerne County Tourism Agency

visitluzernecounty.com (570) 819-1877

Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce

Pittston
pittstonchamber.org (570) 655-1424

Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce

City of Wilkes-Barre
wyomingvalleychamber.org (570) 823-2101

Sections 11, 12, 13

(Berwick, Bloomsburg, Catawissa, Danville)

Berwick Area Chamber of Commerce

Berwick
berwickpa.org (570) 752-3601

Columbia-Montour Chamber of Commerce

Bloomsburg (570) 784-2522
columbiamontourchamber.com

Columbia-Montour Visitors Bureau

Bloomsburg (570) 784-8279
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Section 14 (Northumberland, Sunbury)

Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce

Shamokin Dam
gsvcc.org (800) 410-2880

Susquehanna Valley Visitors Bureau

Lewisburg
visitcentralpa.org (570) 524-7234

The PA Fish and Boat Commission offers these tips from its publication *Paddle Pennsylvania*

Wear your life Jacket. Some 80 percent of all recreational boating fatalities happen to people who are not wearing a life jacket.

Expect to get wet. Even the best paddlers sometimes capsize or swamp their boats. Bring extra clothing in a waterproof bag.

Be prepared to swim. If the water looks too hazardous to swim in, do not go padding.

If you capsize, hold on to your boat, unless it presents a life threatening situation. If floating in a current, position yourself on the upstream side of the capsized boat. Always re-enter the boat from the upstream side.

Scout ahead whenever possible.

Know the river. Avoid surprises. Be prepared for the weather. Get the local forecast before you go. Sudden winds and rain are common and can turn a pleasant trip into an unpleasant adventure.

Wear wading shoes or tennis shoes with wool, polypropylene pile or neoprene socks.

Never take your boat over a low-head dam.

Portage (carry) your boat around any section of water about which you feel uncertain.

Never boat alone. Boating safety increases with numbers.

Keep painter lines (ropes tied to the bow) and any other ropes collied and secured.

Never tie rope to yourself or to another paddler, especially a child.

If canoeing, kneel to increase your stability before entering rougher water such as a rapid.

If you collide with an obstruction, lean toward it. This will usually prevent capsizing or flooding the boat.

File a float plan with a reliable person, indicating where you are going and when you will return. Remember to contact the person when you then returned safely.

Aids to Navigation

Markers designate the edges of a channel and direction of open water. When traveling downstream boaters should navigate with the red markers on the port (left) side and green markers on the starboard (right) side. Marker numbers get smaller as you continue downstream.

Leave No Trace Guidelines

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know your route.
- Carry the proper equipment and clothing.
- Know the limitations and skills of yourself and your group.
- Notify someone of when you intend to return.
- Allow adequate time to find a campsite.

Camp and Recreate on Durable Surfaces

- Use existing clearings that won't be damaged by your stay.
- Avoid long stays on a site.
- Avoid trampling plants.
- Keep groups small.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Carryout all waste including human and pet waste.
- Do all washing as far from the river as possible.
- Scatter strained dish water away from camp.
- Clean fish away from camp.
- Use biodegradable soaps and use sparingly.
- Plan meals to minimize waste.

Leave What You Find

- Leave rocks, plants, trees, and artifacts as you found them.
- Minimize campsite alterations.

Minimize Use and Impact of Fires

- Use existing fire rings and keep fires small or use a camp stove.
- Use only downed, dead wood narrower than your wrist.
- Leave limbs on standing trees (dead or alive).
- Make sure that your fire has been extinguished before leaving the site.

Respect Wildlife

- Enjoy all wildlife from a distance and do not disturb.
- Keep well away from nests and burrows.
- Never feed animals or leave food scraps where they might be eaten by wildlife.
- Store rations securely.

Be Considerate of Others

- Respect the privacy of others.
- Maximize the sense of solitude (minimize noise and visibility).
- Be courteous to other river users (anglers, boaters, and hunters).
- Respect private property.
- Practice good pet etiquette.



PFD/Life Jackets & Lights

One wearable Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD/Life Jacket) in serviceable condition and of the appropriate sizes required for each person in your boat. Power boats 16 feet or longer must carry one throwable device (seat cushion or ring buoy).

PFDs must be worn by children 12 years and younger while underway on boats 20 feet or less in length and all canoes and kayaks. Others are strongly encouraged to wear a PFD.

All boats MUST display an anchor light (a white light visible 360 degrees) when at anchor between sunset and sunrise. Boats can use lantern or clip-on battery-powered unit to meet this requirement.

All powered boats must display running lights between sunset and sunrise. And unpowered boats must carry a white light (visible 360 degrees) installed or portable ready to be displayed in time to avoid a collision.

Operating watercraft, including canoes, kayaks and rafts, under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal. The law is actively enforced for user safety.

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Boat Registration and Permits

Motorized boats must have valid boat registration.

Unpowered boats:

Must be registered or display a valid launch sticker when using PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) access sites.

State Parks: May display a state park launch permit (in lieu of boat registration or PFBC launch sticker) when using state park access sites.

Registration display stickers, or permits are not required at other access sites.

Forms to register your boat are available at many marine dealers, county treasurer offices, and at any Fish and Boat Commission regional law enforcement office.

Launch permits for non-motorized boats are available at State Park offices, the Fish and Boat Commission Harrisburg office, and from local agents listed on the PFBC website: **fishandboat.com**

There are risks involved in waterpaddling and boating. Weather and water conditions can change quickly, and it is up to each paddler to learn the proper skills and to exercise prudent judgment. The ultimate responsibility for safety is solely with the individual.

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Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network: Your Chesapeake Connection

The Susquehanna River Water Trail-North Branch is one of over 140 Chesapeake Bay Gateways, each connecting you with a special experience in the Chesapeake watershed. At Chesapeake Bay Gateways you can paddle virtually the entire Susquehanna River and broad marshlands along the Bay itself. You can experience living history and nature's glory.

Find detailed water trail information — and order a free Gateways Network Map & Guide — at baygateways.net. The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network is coordinated by the National Park Service.

Map Legend

	Access Point		Food/Grocery
	Boat Ramp		Food Services
	Soft Ramp		Gaging Station
	Canoe Carry		Hospital/Medical Services
RL	River Left		Information
RR	River Right		Library
	Portage Take-Out/Put-in		Parking
	Dam		Picnic Area
	Danger/Whitewater		Picnic Shelter
	Riffle/Rapids/Hazard Area		Point of Interest
350°	River Milepost		Restroom
	Airport		Telephone
	Bridge		Trailhead
	Camping		Bicycle Trail
	Camping/Primitive		Self-Guiding Trail
	Camping/RV campground		Walking Trail
	Lodging		Tunnel
	Rental Cabin		Viewpoint/Overlook
	Drinking Water		Waterfowl/Birding

