

Fishing & Paddling Guide



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Legend

FISH SPECIES KEY

b – Bullhead	p – Pickerel
bg – Bluegill	rb – Rock Bass
c – Carp	s – Sucker
cc – Channel Catfish	sf – Sunfish
cr – Crappie	sm – Smallmouth Bass
e – Eel	t – Trout
f – Fallfish	w – Walleye
lm – Largemouth Bass	yp – Yellow Perch
m – Muskellunge	hb – Hybrid Bass
np – Northern Pike	

COLOR KEY

-  Impoundment & Lake Regulation Areas
-  Flowing Water Special Regulation Areas
-  Approved Trout Waters
-  Class A Wild Trout Streams
-  Year-Round Approved Trout Waters
-  Water Access Points





Requirements

A current license, signed in ink, is required for persons age 16 and over, to fish for any species of fish and to take fishbait, baitfish, and species of amphibians and reptiles from Commonwealth waters and by those legal methods established by Commonwealth law.

Lack of knowledge is not a defense for illegal harvesting of fish. Become familiar with all requirements and laws at www.fishandboat.com

A license shall be kept about the person while fishing and shown upon request to any waterways patrolman or other officer designated by the PA Fish and Boat Commission. In addition to showing the license / permit to the officer, the holder thereof shall, upon demand, provide further identification to the satisfaction of the officer by producing some other positive means of identification.

In other words, carry a State issued Identification to confirm who you are and have it readily available for presentation.

Licensing and Permits

Fishing licenses are sold by license issuing agents through an electronic point-of-sale system. This system brings increased efficiency, more options, and easier upgrades for anglers.

Cost of Licenses / Permits along with the list of licenses and special license qualifications can be found at www.fishandboat.com and purchases can be made utilizing the same website.

Mentored Youth Trout Days

Youth Anglers must obtain a current year Mentored Youth Permit or a Voluntary Fishing License and be accompanied by a licensed adult angler with a trout permit (16 years or older) to participate.

All applicable information for this program can be found at www.fishandboat.com/mentoredyouth.htm.

This is NOT intended for adult anglers to get a jump start on trout season. Play by the rules and enjoy the opportunity it's intended to provide.



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Responsibilities

Learn the rules and follow them. Prepare yourself properly with the right tackle and equipment for the species of fish you intend to harvest and the conditions you want to harvest them in.

Respect the waterways that provide the fish and follow the "Leave no Trace" guidelines of planning for your outing, proper waste disposal, respect wildlife, and respect your fellow anglers.

It is each angler's responsibility to be aware of and to follow legal fishing practices. Ignorance of Fishing Regulations and Commonwealth laws are not a valid defense for violating them.

Know proper catch and release procedures. You're not always going to catch "the big one" or "the right one," so know the proper techniques to handle this situation when it happens.



Paddling Safety Tips

- Wear your life jacket and ensure all other participants are as well
- Be prepared to swim - If the water looks too rough to swim, don't paddle it. If it looks like an area you shouldn't paddle, then don't
- Practice Portage (carry your boat around sketchy areas)
- If you capsize **HOLD ON TO YOUR BOAT**
- Wear appropriate footwear, you never know if you'll have to walk where you paddle
- Research your route to help avoid issues
- NEVER tether two people together, especially children
- File your trip plan with a reliable person that isn't with you with your finish window and let them know when you've finished
- Never boat alone, safety in numbers
- Never take your boat nearby, or go over, a low-dam head regardless of upstream or downstream
- Expect to get wet and bring extra clothing in a waterproof bag
- **PADDLING AND ALCOHOL ARE NOT FRIENDS AND THEY SHOULDN'T BE INTRODUCED**

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Water Hazards Are A Thing!

Dams: Water going over a dam creates a back current, or undertow, that can pull a boat into the turbulence and capsize it. It can cause occupants and the boat to become trapped underwater. **AVOID THEM ALWAYS.**

Current: Never underestimate the power of moving water. If it looks rough, it is. Don't overestimate your ability and stay aware of water speed.

Strainers: Trees in and under the surface do not stop water flow around them. Be aware of current changes near them as they can trap and flood your boat.

Cold Water: Sudden immersion can cause body temp decrease that can lead to disorientation, shock, and cardiac arrest. Hypothermia is possible so get out of the water and get dry / warm as soon as possible. (DO NOT rub areas of the body exposed warm them with layers and dryness.) Wear easily dryable and breathable material in cooler weather, like wool, and avoid cotton material that absorbs heavily and dries slowly.

Heat Stroke and Sunburn: When the sun is bright wear sunglasses to help protect from water reflection burning your eyes. Wear lighter clothing, hats, screening to protect your skin. Drink plenty of water.

Pennsylvania Paddling Regulations

One Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) that is serviceable and appropriately sized is required for each person in your boat. Life jackets must always be worn by all boat occupants 12 years and younger, while on the water. Others are strongly encouraged to wear a life jacket while on the water. (*ALL BOATERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A LIFEJACKET DURING COLD WEATHER MONTHS [Nov 1 – April 30] REGARDLESS OF AGE OR BOAT UNDER 16 FEET.) All boaters are required to wear a lifejacket on all Pittsburgh District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes (only) in all crafts under 16 ft.

If your boat is 16 ft. in length (or more), you're required to have a throwable flotation device as well. Kayaks & canoes are exempt from carrying a throwable device.

Unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, standup paddleboards, rowboats, rafts) using PA Fish & Boat Commission or PA state parks or forests access areas must either be registered OR display a valid launch use permit. Out of state permits are NOT recognized.

To register and / or obtain a launch permit visit www.fishandboat.com

Operating watercraft, including canoes, kayaks, and rafts while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal. This law is strictly enforced to ensure user / paddler safety.

Boating and Alcohol

It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol (or any controlled substance) The consequences are not worth the risk. **DON'T DO IT!**



Jefferson County



● FLOWING WATER SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS

- 1 North Fork Redbank Creek

● APPROVED TROUT WATERS

- 1 Big Run
- 2 Elk Run
- 3 Callen Run
- 4 Canoe Creek
- 5 Cathers Run..... bg, cr, sf
- 6 Clear Creek
- 7 Cloe Lake..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf
- 8 Five Mile Run
- 9 Horm Run
- 10 Little Sandy Creek..... bg, cr, sf
- 11 Little Toby Creek
- 12 East Branch Mahoning Creek
- 13 Mill Creek
- 14 Mill Creek..... bg, cr, sf
- 15 Pekin Run
- 16 Rattlesnake Creek
- 17 Rattlesnake Run
- 18 Red Bank Creek..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf
- 19 North Fork Redbank Creek..... bg, cr, sf
- 20 Sandy Lick Creek..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf
- 21 Walburn Run
- 22 Wolf Run



● PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS

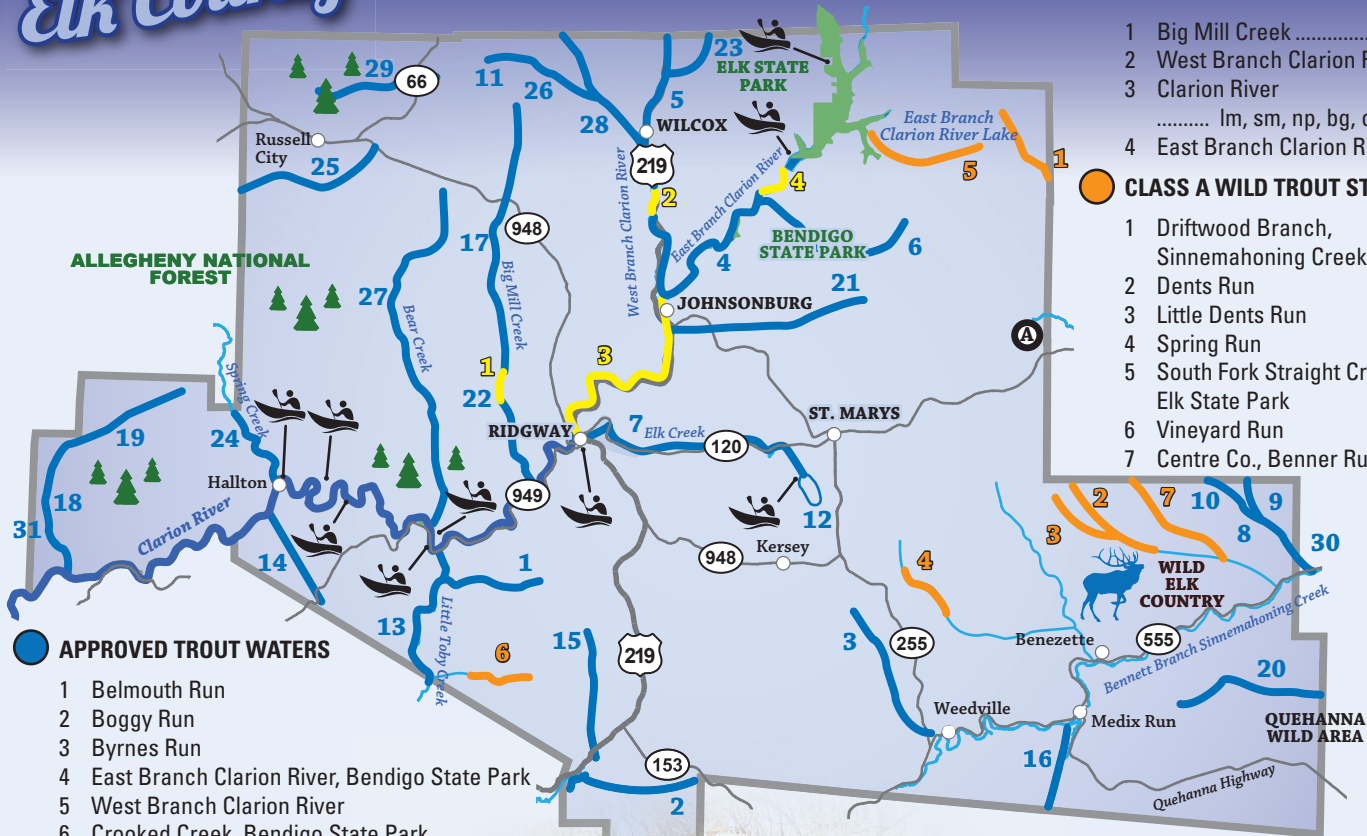
- 1 Clarion River, Cook Forest Canoe Livery
- 2 Clarion River, Clarion River access
- 3 Clarion River, State Game Lands #54-PGC
- 4 Clarion River, Heath Pump Station
- 5 Little Toby Creek
- 6 North Fork Creek, Moore Bridge
- 7 North Fork Creek, Big Dam
- 8 Redbank Creek, Brookville Borough
- 9 Kyle Lake..... cc, bg, lm, w
- 10 Redbank Creek, Summerville
- 11 Cloe Lake..... t, lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf

● IMPOUNDMENT AND LAKES SPECIAL REGULATIONS AREAS

- 1 Kyle Lake..... cc, bg, lm, w
- 2 Cloe Lake..... t, lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf



Elk County



● FLOWING WATER SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS

- 1 Big Mill Creek t
- 2 West Branch Clarion River t
- 3 Clarion River
..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf, t, w
- 4 East Branch Clarion River t

● CLASS A WILD TROUT STREAMS

- 1 Driftwood Branch, Sinnemahoning Creek
- 2 Dents Run
- 3 Little Dents Run
- 4 Spring Run
- 5 South Fork Straight Creek, Elk State Park
- 6 Vineyard Run
- 7 Centre Co., Benner Run

● APPROVED TROUT WATERS

- 1 Belmouth Run
- 2 Boggy Run
- 3 Byrnes Run
- 4 East Branch Clarion River, Bendigo State Park
- 5 West Branch Clarion River
- 6 Crooked Creek, Bendigo State Park
- 7 Elk Creek
- 8 Hicks Run
- 9 East Branch Hicks Run
- 10 West Branch Hicks Run
- 11 Hoffman Run
- 12 Laurel Run Reservoir bg, cr, sf
- 13 Little Toby Creek
- 14 Maxwell Run
- 15 Mead Run
- 16 Medix Run
- 17 Big Mill Creek
- 18 Millstone Creek lm, sm
- 19 East Branch Millstone Creek lm, sm
- 20 Mix Run
- 21 Powers Run
- 22 Ridgway Reservoir lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf, w
- 23 Rocky Run
- 24 Spring Creek lm, sm, bg, cr, sf
- 25 East Branch Spring Creek
- 26 Twin Lakes
- 27 Bear Creek
- 28 Wilson Run
- 29 Wolf Run
- 30 Potter Co., Big Moores Run
- 31 West Branch Millstone Creek lm, sm

● PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS

- 1 Clarion River Lake, East Branch, Instanter
- 2 Clarion River Lake, East Branch, East Branch Lake
- 3 Clarion River, Loves Canoe Rental
..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sn, t, w
- 4 Clarion River, Carmen Canoe Launch
..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sn, t, w
- 5 Clarion River, Arroyo Canoe Launch
..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sn, t, w
- 6 Clarion River, Irwintown Canoe Launch
..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sn, t, w
- 7 Clarion River, Hallton Canoe Launch
..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sn, t, w
- 8 Clarion River, Portland Mills Canoe Launch
..... lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sn, t, w
- 9 Laurel Run Reservoir

● YEAR-ROUND APPROVED TROUT WATERS

- A West Creek



Clarion County



● FLOWING WATER SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS

- 1 Piney Creek.....lm, sm, bg, cr, sf, t

● APPROVED TROUT WATERS

- 1 Beaver Creek
- 2 Canoe Creek
- 3 Cathers Run
- 4 East Sandy Creek
- 5 Leatherwood Creek
- 6 Mill Creek
- 7 Piney Creek.....lm, sm, bg, cr, sf, t
- 8 Richey Run
- 9 Toms Run
- 10 Turkey Run
- 11 Redbank Creek m, np, bg, cr, sf, w
- 12 Big Cook Creek

● PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS

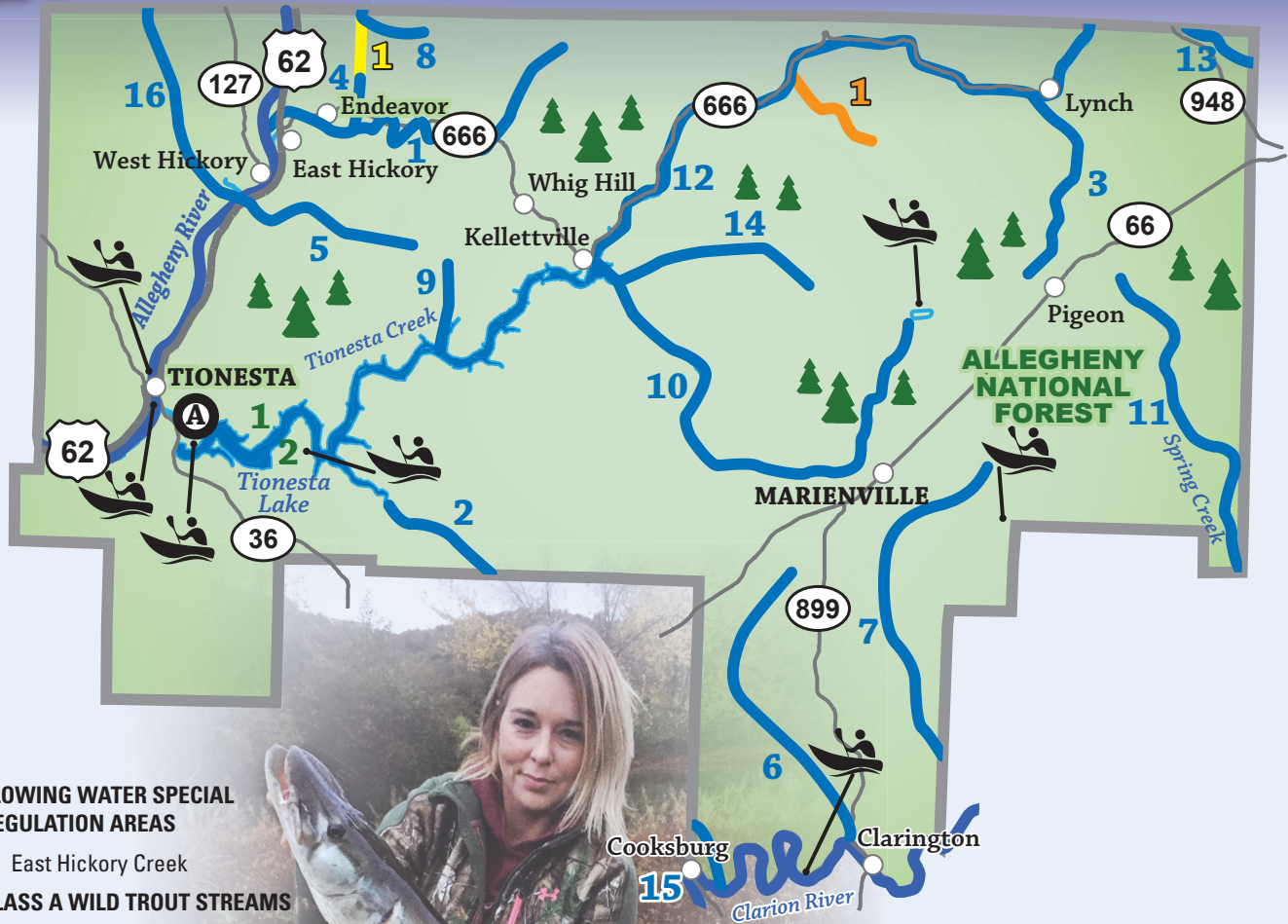
- 1 Clarion River, Mill Creek.....lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf, t, w
- 2 Clarion River, Gravel Lick.....lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf, t, w
- 3 Kahle Lake..... lm, sm, m, bg, cr, sf, w
- 4 Allegheny River, Parker City.....lm, sm, m, np, bg, w
- 5 Allegheny River, Brady's Bend
.....lm, sm, m, np, bg, cr, sf, w
- 6 Clarion River, Toby Boat Launch
.....lm, sm, np, bg, cr, sf, t, w

● IMPOUNDMENT AND LAKES SPECIAL REGULATIONS AREAS

- 1 Beaver Creek Ponds



Forest County



FLOWING WATER SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS

1 East Hickory Creek

CLASS A WILD TROUT STREAMS

1 Logan Run

APPROVED TROUT WATERS

1 Beaver Run

2 Big Coon Creek

3 Bluejay Creek

4 East Hickory Creek

5 Little Hickory Run

6 Maple Creek

7 West Branch Millstone Creek

8 Queen Creek

9 Ross Run

10 Salmon Creek

11 Spring Creek

12 Tionesta Creek

..... lm, sm, m, bg, cr, sf

13 South Branch Tionesta Creek

14 The Branch

15 Toms Run

16 West Hickory Creek



PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS

1 Allegheny River, Tionesta

2 Allegheny River, Light House Island at the Hunting and Fishing Museum Lodge

..... lm, sm, m, np, bg, cr, sf

3 Tionesta Lake, Tionesta Dam

4 Tionesta Lake, Nebraska

5 Beaver Meadow Lake lm, sm, bg, cr, sf

6 Clarion River bg, cr, sf, t

7 Buzzard Swamp lm, sm, bg, cr, sf



YEAR-ROUND APPROVED TROUT WATERS

A Tionesta Lake

A Tionesta Dam



IMPOUNDMENT AND LAKES SPECIAL REGULATIONS AREAS

1 Tionesta Dam

2 Tionesta Lake

Cameron County



● FLOWING WATER SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS

- 1 Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek
.....lm, sm, t
- 2 Hunts Run

● CLASS A WILD TROUT STREAMS

- 1 Little Bailey Run
- 2 Bronson Run
- 3 Brooks Run
- 4 Canoe Run
- 5 Colbert Hollow
- 6 Cowley Run
- 7 Finley Run
- 8 Grove Run
- 9 Hunts Run
- 10 Lick Island Run
- 11 McNuff Run
- 12 Miller Run
- 13 Norcross Run.....lm, sm
- 14 Driftwood Branch.....lm, sm
- 15 Sinnemahoning, Portage Creek
- 16 Square Timber Run
- 17 Whitehead Run
- 18 Muley Run
- 19Waldy Run

● APPROVED TROUT WATERS

- 1 Brooks Run, Sinnemahoning State Park
- 2 Clear Creek
- 3 Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek.....lm, sm
- 4 Stevenson Reservoir
- 5 East Branch Hick's Run
- 6 Upper Jerry Run
- 7 North Creek
- 8 First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek.....lm, sm
- 9 Sinnemahoning Portage Creek
- 10 Wykoff Run
- 11 West Branch Hicks Run
- 12 Mix Run
- 13 Bell Run
- 14 Hicks Run
- 15 West Branch Cowley Run

🎣 PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS

- 1 Driftwood Branch, Emporium
- 2 Driftwood Branch, Sterling Run
- 3 Main Branch of Sinnemahoning Creek
- 4 G.B. Stevenson Dam, Stevenson Dam Access

○ YEAR-ROUND APPROVED TROUT WATERS

- A West Creek.....lm, sm, t

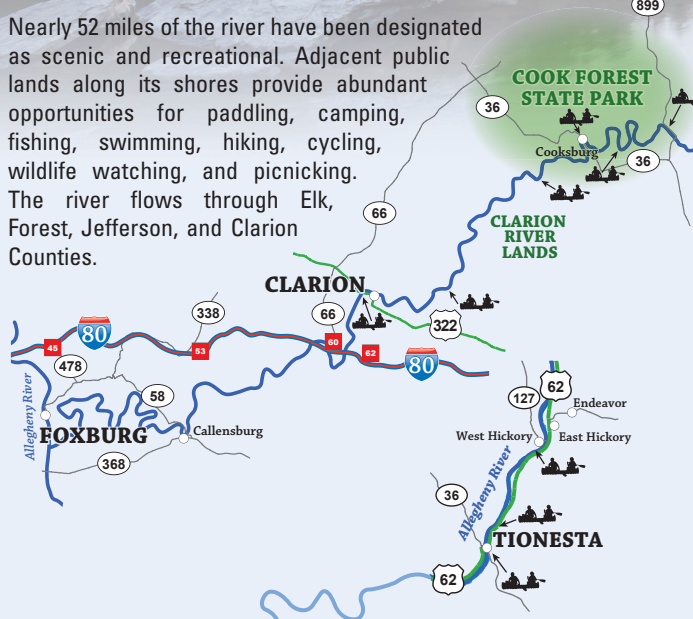
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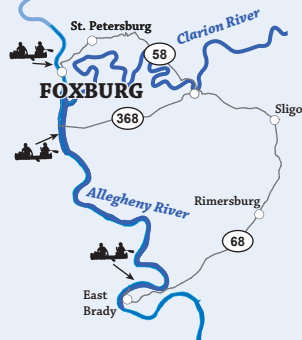
Clarion River Water Trail

Nearly 52 miles of the river have been designated as scenic and recreational. Adjacent public lands along its shores provide abundant opportunities for paddling, camping, fishing, swimming, hiking, cycling, wildlife watching, and picnicking. The river flows through Elk, Forest, Jefferson, and Clarion Counties.



Allegheny River Water Trail

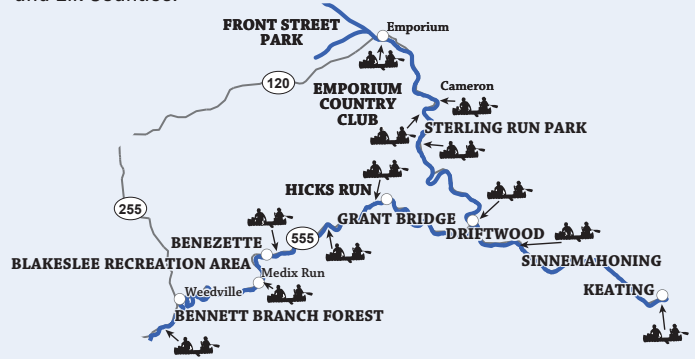
Honored as 2017 Pennsylvania "River of the Year" for its biologically diverse watershed, scenic beauty, historical significance, and variety of recreational opportunities in Clarion and Forest Counties.



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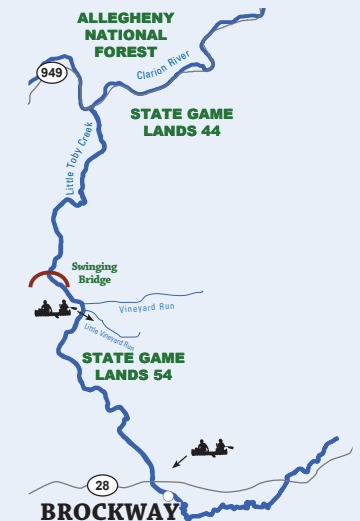
Sinnemahoning Water Trail

Paddlers can explore more than 75 miles of water through picturesque landscapes in the heart of Pennsylvania's Wild Elk Country in Cameron and Elk Counties.



Little Toby Water Trail

Paddlers can explore the beautiful Little Toby Creek Valley, in Jefferson and Elk Counties, lined with hardwood forests and a hiking trail with a swinging bridge.



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Pennsylvania's Great Outdoors Region offers anglers and paddlers many gently flowing rivers, lakes, and streams to explore. The Clarion and Allegheny are both designated as *Wild & Scenic* rivers. Clear cold mountain streams feed the waterways in the region that sustain an amazing array of fish and abundant wildlife in the lush forests along their banks. Visitors to the region can enjoy kayaking, canoeing, tubing, swimming, photography, fishing, and endless opportunities for adventure. Contact the PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau for more information.

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