

UPPER-MIDDLE MONONGAHELA RIVER WATER TRAIL

Water Safety Tips



- ✓ Wear your life jacket, especially in cold winter weather
- ✓ Never boat alone
- ✓ Be prepared for the weather
- ✓ Scout ahead when possible
- ✓ Expect to get wet and be prepared to swim
- ✓ Anticipate wakes from passing motorboats
- ✓ Be aware of dam locations
- ✓ File a float plan
- ✓ Check river conditions before launching
- ✓ Paddle near shore
- ✓ Bring a cellphone in a waterproof bag so you can call 911 in an emergency

The Monongahela River, or "the Mon," flows for 129 miles from its origin in Fairmont, West Virginia to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where it meets the Allegheny River to form the Ohio River. The existing Upper Monongahela River Water Trail extends from Fairmont to just south of Brownsville, Pennsylvania. The Upper-Middle Monongahela River Water Trail, as shown here, covers the Mon starting at the West Virginia border north to Elrama. Many towns with developed waterfronts sit along the river, ready to welcome water trail users.

Overall, the Mon River is easily paddled with mild currents, though some caution may be warranted after heavy storms. However, barges are a common potential hazard on the Mon. Stay clear of these large boats, which move quickly and quietly and are unable to maneuver should a paddler or boater be in its path.

The Upper-Middle Monongahela River Water Trail is sponsored by the National Road Heritage Corridor.

- Boat access (open)
- Dam
- Hiking trail
- State game land
- State forest
- Parks

LOCKING THROUGH IS RECOMMENDED FOR EXPERIENCED PADDLERS ONLY! ADVANCE COMMUNICATION IS ADVISED. CHECK THE SCHEDULE FOR HOURS.

HOW TO LOCK THROUGH

- When heading downriver, dams can be difficult to see. Stay alert and keep track of your location. All water immediately above and below each dam are danger areas. Cross over to the side of the river that the lock is located on as much as one mile before you arrive and keep close to the shoreline. Keep an eye out for the "DANGER DAM" signs and the white and orange pillar buoys (they may be taken out of the river depending on time of year and river flow).
- Let the Lock Master know you are there by ringing the bell located at the end of the storm wall, calling them on the phone or VHF radio channel 13 or by sounding one long blast from a boat whistle followed by one short blast.
- Approach the lock and be aware of the following signals: Red means stand clear and do not enter; Yellow means approach lock under full control; and Green means proceed to enter lock directly. The Lock Master may also signal via air horn: one long blast means enter landward lock, two long blasts means enter riverward lock, one short blast means leave landward lock and two short blasts means leave riverward lock.
- Carry aboard at least 50 feet of mooring line to secure your small craft safely to the lock wall. The Lock Master reserves the right to deny permission to pass through due to inadequate line. To proceed, give one end of the line to the Lock Master. Follow the instructions of the lock operator as to the mooring location. Small boats can fasten one end of the boat to the mooring post and one end to the craft; larger boats should use two separate mooring lines.
- After being let up/down, wait for the Lock Master to give you the signal before leaving the lock. Leave at a slow and consistent speed staying close yet visible beside the storm wall. Do not stop until you are well away from the pull of the dam's current and any other boat traffic.

CANONSBURG

519

ELRAMA

28

NEW EAGLE

917

LOCK AND DAM #3

25

GALLATIN

35

BELLE VERNON

13

LOCK AND DAM #4

14

COAL CENTER

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BROWNSVILLE

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CLARKSVILLE

23

LOCK AND DAM #5

24-27

FREDERICKTOWN

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MAXWELL LOCK AND DAM

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ISABELLA

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RICES LANDING

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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LOCK AND DAM #6

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #7

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WEST VIRGINIA

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51

136

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221

188

WAYNESBURG

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166

ISABELLA

34

ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #8

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #9

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #10

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #11

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #12

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #13

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #14

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #15

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #16

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #17

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #18

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #19

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #20

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WEST VIRGINIA

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ISABELLA

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ADAH

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GREENSBORO

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NEW GENEVA

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POINT MARION

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LOCK AND DAM #21

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WATER ACCESS SITES

- 1. Elizabeth Monongahela River Boat Access**
Elizabeth, PA | Market and North Water streets | Public
- 2. Castaway Keys Marina**
Bunola, PA | 100 Sea Breeze Drive | Private | ♿
- 3. Carousel Marina**
Bunola, PA | 201 Carousel Drive | Public | ♿
- 4. Tubby Hall Riverfront Park**
New Eagle, PA | 435 Howard Street | Public | ♿
- 5. Beach Club Marina**
New Eagle, PA | 137 Main Street | Private | ♿
- 6. Monongahela Aquatorium**
Monongahela, PA | 200 Railroad Street | Public | ♿
- 7. McCrossin's Landing**
Monongahela, PA | 13 Edsel Lane | Public | ♿
- 8. Monongahela Boat Ramp**
Monongahela, PA | Factory Street | Public
- 9. PFBC Access Site on Nelson Street**
Monongahela, PA | 101 Nelson Street | Public
- 10. Gallatin Sunnyside Park**
Monongahela, PA | 1942 Gallatin Tigers Road | Public | ♿
- 11. Six Points Boat Club**
Sunnyside, PA | John Street | Public
- 12. Boat Launch at The Living Room Church**
Ephrata, PA | 409 North State Street | Public
- 13. Herman Mihalich Memorial River Launch and Park**
Monesson, PA | 1 Monongahela Street | Public
- 14. Magic City Riverfront Park**
Charleroi, PA | 200 Second Street | Public
- 15. Speers Landing and Smitty's Marina**
Belle Vernon, PA | 119 River Avenue | Public | ♿
- 16. Allenport Marina**
Allenport, PA | 1933 Main Street #15 | Public | ♿
- 17. Roscoe Riverview Park**
Roscoe, PA | Lower Coal Street | Public
- 18. Dowler Park Boat Ramp**
Coal Center, PA | Spring Street | Public
- 19. California Union Street Wharf**
California, PA | Union Street | Public
- 20. West Brownsville American Legion Post 940 Marina**
Brownsville, PA | 800 Middle Street | Private | ♿
- 21. PFBC Access Site in West Brownsville**
Brownsville, PA | Lane Bane Bridge | Public
- 22. Brownsville Riverside Wharf Park**
Brownsville, PA | 200 Second Street | Public | ♿
- 23. Former Pechin Denbo/Dammieco Marina**
Denbo, PA | Vesta 7 Road | Private
- 24. Boat Launch at historic Fredericktown ferry site**
Fredericktown, PA | Water Street | Public
- 25. Boat Ramp at Vesta 88 River House**
Fredericktown, PA | 564 Front Street | Public | ♿
- 26. East Fredericktown Boat Ramp**
La Belle, PA | East Fredericktown Road | Public
- 27. Fredericktown Riverfront Park**
Fredericktown, PA | Water Street | Public
- 28. Engle's Holiday Harbor**
Millsboro, PA | 66 Front Street | Public
- 29. Greene Cove Yacht Club**
Clarksville, PA | 1590 North 88 Road | Private | ♿
- 30. Sunset Marina**
Clarksville, PA | 1583 North 88 Road | Private | ♿
- 31. Ten Mile Creek County Park**
Clarksville, PA | 128 Maple Road | Public | ♿
- 32. PFBC Access Site in Rices Landing**
Rices Landing, PA | 100 Water Street | Public
- 33. Rices Landing Boat Club**
Rices Landing, PA | Private | ♿
- 34. Isabella Boat Ramp**
Rices Landing, PA | First Street | Public
- 35. Jessop Boat Club**
Carmichaels, PA | 134 River Lane | Private | ♿
- 36. Kickerz Boat Club**
Adah, PA | 499 Palmer Road | Private | ♿
- 37. PFBC Access Site at Glassworks Ramp**
Greensboro, PA | 342 Stoney Hill Road | Public
- 38. Potters' Landing Kayak Launch**
Greensboro, PA | Front Street | Public | ♿
- 39. Two Rivers Marina**
Dilliner, PA | 2866 South 88 Road | Private | ♿
- 40. PFBC Access Site in Point Marion PFBC Access**
Point Marion, PA | 426 Morgantown Street | Public | ♿

