



# Ohio River Water Trail

## Map & Guide

Developed by the Ohio River Trail Council



P&LE Railroad Bridge  
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### Upper Ohio River Water Trail

The 69-mile Ohio River Water Trail (ORWT) Map & Guide geographically extends from the Ohio River at milepost zero in Pittsburgh, PA to Newell, WV and East Liverpool, Ohio at milepost 46.0. The ORWT also includes three-miles of the Beaver River to the Townsend (Fallston) Dam, four-miles of the Raccoon Creek and sixteen-miles of the Little Beaver Creek to the Beaver Creek State Park in Ohio.

The ORWT is a project spearheaded by the Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC), a non-profit volunteer-led corporation that works to bring individuals, communities, businesses, educational institutions, recreational users and all levels of government together to promote and protect a continuous corridor of natural and cultural resources along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The ORTC's goal is to honor our past and build our future by providing recreation opportunities, environmental stewardship, heritage development, safe transportation networks and economic stimulus to our region.

The ORTC is an organization committed to excellence, with a clear vision and a passion for delivering outstanding results. We ask you to work with us to capitalize on these strengths. The ORTC is a membership-based organization charged with increasing awareness and stewardship of our rivers and riverfronts. Please help us care for the land, water and our cultural resources along our water trail by respecting private property and wildlife. The ORTC supports "Leave No Trace", a national outdoor ethics program that provides guidelines to minimize your impact. For more information visit [www.ortc.org](http://www.ortc.org).

The Ohio River Trail Council associates plays an integral role in the continued development and expansion of the ORTC's Land and Water Trails, as well as our ability to serve southwestern Pennsylvania riverfront communities through advocacy and planning. Please help us to continue our work by becoming an affiliate and endorse our efforts by contributing to one of our projects. Call us at (724) 728-2625 or visit us online at [www.ohiorivertrail.org](http://www.ohiorivertrail.org) to learn more about our organization.



# Beaver River

(L) and (R) indicate the left or right riverbank when facing downriver.

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- 0.0 1 Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge, 1913
- 0.1L 2 Logans Town - Historic Site
- 0.1L 3 Beaver County Flag Plaza
- 0.1R 4 Beaver Area Heritage Museum
- 0.1R 5 Captain's Quarter Marina
- 0.2 6 Beaver Rochester Bridge, 1963 PA State Route 51/68
- 0.2L 7 Rochester Riverfront Park
- 0.2L 8 Beaver Valley Rowing Association
- 0.3R 9 Bridgewater Landing Marina
- 0.3L 10 Girard Locks Numbers 16 & 17, Beaver Division Canal, 1834
- 0.3 11 Bridgewater-Rochester Bridge, 1913
- 0.3L 12 Skipper's Landing
- 0.4L 13 Rockwall Harbor
- 0.5R 14 Bridgewater Riverfront Park Launch Riverside Drive near Fulton Street. (40.703498; -80.293693)
- 0.5L 15 Rochester Boat Club
- 0.6L 16 Knotical Haven Marina
- 1.0R 17 Jefferies Landing
- 1.0R 18 Scobie's Marina
- 1.1R 19 Beaver Board Shop Stand-Up Paddleboard & Kayak Rental in Beaver County. 1420 Riverside Drive in Bridgewater, PA.
- 1.1R 20 Kelly's Irish Pub
- 1.1R 21 Bridgewater Beach Launch At the intersection of Sharon Road and Riverside Drive. (40.711007; -80.298603)
- 1.2R 22 Bruster's Real Ice Cream
- 1.3R 23 River Harbour Marina
- 1.4 24 Veteran's Memorial Bridge, 2014
- 1.4L 25 Beaver County YMCA
- 1.8L 26 New Brighton Launch 21st Street New Brighton. Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Access Site require launch permit. (40.721032; -80.305939)
- 1.9L 27 New Brighton Boat Marina
- 2.0R 28 Beaver Valley Yacht Club
- 2.0R 29 Fallston Flagstop Bed & Breakfast
- 2.1L 30 River Rose Marina
- 2.4 31 Fallston Bridge, 1884
- 2.4L 32 Blount Lock 15, Beaver Division Canal, 1834
- 2.8L 33 Merrick Art Gallery
- 2.8L 34 New Brighton Fishing Park Launch 1st Avenue, New Brighton. (40.732312; -80.312324)
- 3.0 35 Townsend Dam, 1913 Portage from river left.

### Beaver River

The Beaver River, also known as Big Beaver River and Beaver Creek, is a tributary of the Ohio River in western Pennsylvania. The Beaver River Watershed's southern end, approaching the Beaver's confluence with the Ohio River at Bridgewater and Rochester, Pa is home to a wide range of natural resources; including steep slopes, biological diversity zones, and riparian areas. Anglers will find a variety of fish including channel catfish, largemouth bass, muskie, northern pike, sauger, saugeye, smallmouth bass, walleye and yellow perch. The flat waters of the non-wake Beaver River is exceptional for paddleboarding and kayaking.



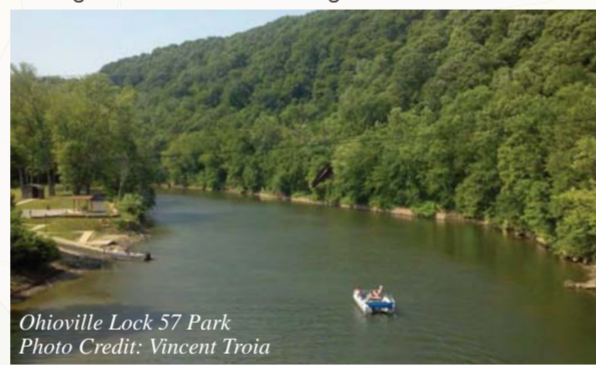
New Brighton Fishing Park  
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# Little Beaver Creek



### Little Beaver Creek

The Little Beaver Creek watershed is located primarily in Columbiana County in northeast Ohio and is home to the Beaver Creek State Forest and Beaver Creek State Park. The Little Beaver Creek is a river of deep valleys with wooded slopes and interspersed rock outcroppings. The river is boulder-strewn, consisting of class I (II) rapids, riffles, and quiet pools. It is a river of great diversity and relatively untouched by development. It is an exceptionally clean waterway with a highly diverse ecosystem. A number of classifications, including Ohio Wild and Scenic River and National Scenic River, as well as being part of Ohio's state park system, protects the Little Beaver Creek. The creek empties into the Ohio River in Pennsylvania through the Boroughs of Ohioville and Glasgow.



Ohioville Lock 57 Park  
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- 0.1 1 Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge, 1900
- 0.1 2 PA Route 68 Bridge
- 0.2 R 3 Ohioville Lock 57 Launch P (40.71309; -80.54352)
- 0.3 L 4 Smith's Ferry Branch Railroad
- 1.2 R 5 Lock 55, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 2.8 R 6 Lock 54, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 4.3 L 7 Lock 52, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 4.5 8 Grimm's Bridge - OH Twp Highway 1042
- 4.5 L 9 Grimm's Railroad Tunnel
- 4.8 L 10 Lock 51, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 5.2 L 11 Lock 50, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 6.7 R 12 Lock 49, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 7.0 L 13 Smith's Ferry Railroad Bridge
- 7.8 L 14 The Forks
- 8.0 15 Ohio Route 170 Bridge Fredericktown, Ohio
- 8.5 R 16 Lock 46, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 9.6 R 17 Lock 45, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 11.0 18 Sprucevale Road Bridge
- 11.0 L 19 Lock 42, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 11.1 L 20 Sprucevale Launch (40.704704; -80.585233)
- 11.7 R 21 Gretchen's Lock (Lock 41)
- 14.3 R 22 Pioneer Village Launch Echo Dell Road. (40.727423; -80.611394)
- 14.3 R 23 Lock 36, Sandy & Beaver Canal, 1848
- 14.3 24 Echo Dell Road Bridge

### Suggested Trip:

**Beaver Creek State Park to Lock 57 Park**  
The start of this 15-mile excursion is at Pioneer Village, Beaver Creek State Park. The first segment, Beaver Creek State Park to Fredericktown, is classified a class I - II which has riffles and small rapids and is appropriate for the beginner/intermediate paddler at a wide range of water levels. The Lock Ledge rapid provides a nice surfing spot for beginners. The best rapid of this section is Piano rapid, which can be surfed at a minimum water level of 1-foot on the wooden gage at Beaver Creek State Park or at 300 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) based on the USGS gage at Grimms Bridge. Just above 1000 cfs, you get the best play. This section of the creek is excellent for beginner kayakers to learn water-reading skills, develop the basic surfing/ferrying skills, as well as getting the feel of easy rapids during normal water levels. A secondary access is at Sprucevale.

The second segment of the creek, Fredericktown to Lock 57 Park, is wider and deeper than the section upstream and is appropriate for the intermediate/advanced paddler. This section does have one intense rapid, Eagle (the largest on the creek) a class II that approaches class III at high water levels, found just downstream of the Fredericktown Bridge. At 2500 cfs, it can provide a nice park 'n' play rapid, with some decent surfing spots. The take-out for this journey is at the mouth of the creek, where it joins the Ohio River at Lock 57 Park.

### Legend

- D Dock Launch
- B Beach Launch
- R Ramp Launch
- Road Bridge
- Railroad Bridge
- Hazard Area
- USGS Stream Flow Gauge Station (Internet Accessible)
- Important Bird Area (Audubon Society)
- Public Restrooms
- Parking
- ADA Accessible
- Storage Rack
- Picnic Area
- Food
- Shopping
- Historic Attraction
- Camping
- Rifles/Rapids
- Dam Hazard Area
- Bike Rack

### PADDLING SAFETY TIPS

- Wear your life jacket. Some 80% of all recreational boating fatalities happen to people who are not wearing a life jacket.
- Be prepared for the weather. Get a forecast before you go. Sudden winds and rain are common and can turn a pleasant trip into a risky, unpleasant venture.
- 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 coiled and secured.
- Never tie a rope to yourself or to another paddler, especially a child.
- If in a canoe, kneel to increase your stability before entering rougher water, like a rapid.
- If you collide with an obstruction, lean toward it. This will usually prevent your 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 have returned safely.

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### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- \*EMERGENCY DIAL 911. USCG 1-800-253-7465
- For information on lodging, dining, events & attractions:
  - Beaver County [www.visitbeavercounty.com](http://www.visitbeavercounty.com)
  - Allegheny County [www.visitpittsburgh.com](http://www.visitpittsburgh.com)
- For information on camping:
  - Raccoon Creek State Park, Pennsylvania [www.dnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/raccooncreek](http://www.dnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/raccooncreek)
  - Beaver Creek State Park, Ohio [www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/beaverck/tabid/714/Default.aspx](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/beaverck/tabid/714/Default.aspx)

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### PENNSYLVANIA BOATING REGULATIONS

- Unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats) using Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission or State Park or Forest access areas must either be registered OR display a valid launch permit. Launch permits can be purchased through the Commission's website [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com) (Click the "Outdoor Shop" icon) or at many state park offices.
- A U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable personal flotation device (PFD or life jacket) is required for each person on board. In addition, one throwable device (seat cushion or ring buoy) is required on boats 16 feet in length or longer. Canoes and kayaks, regardless of length, are not required to carry a throwable device.
- From November 1 through April 30, boaters must wear a life jacket on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak during these cold weather months.
- Life jackets must be the appropriate size for the person intended and must be in good, serviceable condition.
- Life jackets must be worn by all children 12 years old and younger on all boats 20 feet or less in length while under way, and on all canoes and kayaks. Others are strongly encouraged to wear a PFD at all times on the water.
- All boats must display an anchor light (a white light visible 360 degrees) when at anchor between sunset and sunrise. Boats can use a lantern or clip-on battery-powered unit to meet this requirement.
- Unpowered boats must carry a white light, either hand-held or installed, to be displayed in time to avoid a collision between sunset and sunrise and during restricted visibility.
- All powered boats must show running lights between sunset and sunrise. All boats are required to carry a sound-producing device.
- Motorboats less than 40 feet in length must carry some mechanical means of making a sound signal. This device may be hand-, mouth- or power-operated. An athletic coach's whistle is an acceptable device.
- Operators of unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, paddleboards) are required to carry a device capable of sounding a prolonged blast for 4-6 seconds that can be heard by another boat operator in time to avoid a collision. An athletic coach's whistle is acceptable.
- All motorboats must be registered, regardless of where they launch.
- Operating watercraft, including canoes and kayaks, under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal. This law is strongly enforced for user safety. For further information on boating regulations, contact the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com)



### OHIO REGISTRATION

Registrations are required for every recreational boat in Ohio, including canoes, kayaks, pedal boats, and inflated boats, as well as paddle boards.

For additional information please visit: <http://ohiodnr.com/watercraft/registration/tabid/2774/default.aspx>

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