If nature were to design a great American city to be seen from a water trail, it would be Pittsburgh.

The story that united Pittsburgh in three rivers, each large, yet joint, has a scale, and Pittsburgh is surrounded by not only two rivers... The Three Rivers Water Trail, developed by Friends of the Three Rivers, connects a number of the many sites along the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers. These water trails are urban waterways designed to accommodate the recreational needs of the boating public. The Three Rivers Water Trail system is unique in its ability to connect many of the major rivers and lakes of the United States. It is a network of waterways that can be navigated by boats of various sizes, from small canoes to large motorized vessels. The Three Rivers Water Trail system is known for its diversity of waterways, ranging from fast-flowing white water to slow-moving, tranquil waters. The trail system includes waterways in both urban and rural areas, providing opportunities for both leisurely and adventurous paddling. The Three Rivers Water Trail is a valuable resource for outdoor enthusiasts, offering a unique way to experience the beauty of the region's waterways. Friends of the Three Rivers, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Three Rivers Water Trail. They work to ensure that the trail remains accessible and enjoyable for all paddlers. The Three Rivers Water Trail is a testament to the region's rich history and natural beauty, offering a unique way to connect with the past and present. Whether you're a experienced paddler or a first-time adventurer, the Three Rivers Water Trail is a destination not to be missed. So, come on out and explore the beauty of the Three Rivers, as seen from the water trail, today!
Three Rivers Water Trail

Suggested Trips:

COUNTERPARTS CREEK
The classic first-timer route, this is a great ride for the intermediate paddler. The Allegheny River, confluence of the Monongahela and the Ohio Rivers, flat water, with low current and a small amount of eddies and rapids. This is a great trip for those who are new to paddling and want to experience the highlights of the Three Rivers without the challenge of rapids.

HARMARVILLE TO SHARPSBURG
This is a more adventurous trip. By taking the left fork at Point State Park, a 9-mile paddle past Braddock. The Ohio River is more challenging than the Allegheny River, with moderate current and occasional rapids. This is a great trip for those who are comfortable in the water and want to experience the beauty of the lower Three Rivers.

MILLVILLE TO DOWNTOWN
This route is great for the more experienced paddler. It includes the Monongahela River, which is known for its rapid currents and challenging rapids. It also includes the Allegheny River, which is known for its beautiful scenery and mild currents. This is a great trip for those who are comfortable in the water and want to experience the beauty of the upper Three Rivers.

OHIO RIVER
- upstream from Point State Park to East Liberty
- downstream from East Liberty to Point State Park

ALLEGHENY RIVER
- upstream from Point State Park to Millvale
- downstream from Millvale to Point State Park

MONONGALEHA RIVER
- upstream from Point State Park to Wilkinsburg
- downstream from Wilkinsburg to Point State Park

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Brick Launch

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