For your safety and enjoyment:
- Always wear a life jacket.
- Obtain proper instruction in boating skills.
- Know fishing and boating regulations.
- Be prepared for river hazards.
- Carry proper equipment.

THE HISTORIC YOUGHELLE

The Youghiogheny River, known as the Yough or "Yough," is unusual in that it flows north for 112 miles through 14 counties in Pennsylvania. It rises from Maryland and West Virginia to the Monongahela River at McKeesport, south of Pittsburgh. "Youghiogheny" means "stream flowing with wildness" as it continues 46 miles, falling a more modest 5.5 feet per mile. The northern Yough remains largely undeveloped but loses its wildness as it continues 46 miles, falling a more modest 5.5 feet per mile. The stream offers easy, flat-water paddling. The viewshed is mostly unobstructed, and the river is relatively free of obstructions.

RESPECT THE PRIVACY & RIGHTS OF LANDOWNERS

Please respect the privacy and rights of landowners along this trail by obtaining permission before entering any privately owned land. Unless you are an officially permitted trail user, the land is private property. In case of any dispute, avoid noise and distressing behavior. Remember: sound carries across water more clearly than land. Use the same courtesies you would want.

SAFETY TIPS

- Wear your life jacket. Some 50 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 stop. If the water looks too hazardous to navigate in, go portaging. If you capsize, hold on to your boat, unless you presently lie a threat of drowning situation. It is essential to protect yourself on the opposite side of the capsized boat.
- Wear proper footwear. shoesCVV CVB
- Expect to feel cold. The Youghiogheny River is cold, even in the summer. Wearing proper clothing is essential. Remember to wear layers.
- Know your limits. Boating safely increases with confidence.
- Keep painter lines (ropes fasted to the bow and other ropes) taut.
- Never tell anyone you are going to portage or another paddler, especially a
- Know to increase your stability before entering rougher water, like rapids.
- If you collide with an obstruction, lean against it. This will slow your speed and give you time to disentangle. Do not attempt to run the obstruction.
- Fix a flat-plug with a suitable plastic piece indicating where you are going and when you will return. Remember to contact the person you have informed.

PENNSYLVANIA BOATING REGULATIONS

- Boats must not exceed 12 feet 6 inches in length and 35 feet in length.
- Boats must not exceed 80 horsepower, or 5 knots (9.5 mph), or 15 knots (28 mph) in length.
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