

CONNECT TO SOMETHING GREATER

THREE RIVERS WATER TRAIL

Developed by Friends of the Riverfront

Plan: Friends works with local communities to identify potential new river access points for boating, riverfront viewing, fishing and exploring wildlife that highlight the Water Trail's unique urban and natural features and that offer access to wilderness islands for camping, historic sites, lodging and connections to the Three Rivers Heritage Trail.

Build: Friends works to raise funds to build new water trail launches in Allegheny County.

Steward: Friends brings together volunteers to care for launches and the riverfronts through clean-ups, tree and pollinator plantings, and habitat restoration.

Activate: Pittsburgh's rivers are perfect for boating, riverfront viewing, fishing, exploring wildlife, accessing arts, shopping, and dining. The Three Rivers Water Trail uniquely combines urban features with natural restoration, offering access to wilderness islands for camping, historic sites, lodging, and connections to the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, Friends' bike and pedestrian trail network. Friends of the Riverfront collaborates with municipal and private partners to enhance public access with improved docks and beaches, design and install better signage, and improve riverfront amenities. Friends also beautifies the riverfront through cleanups, tree and pollinator plantings, and habitat restoration. The water trail includes access points primarily for non-motorized boats, with a few access points for both motorized and non-motorized boats, as designated by the Fish and Boat Commission.

Restoring the three rivers: a legacy of resilience & renewal

The rivers surrounding Pittsburgh – the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio – have been vital to the region's history for centuries. Long before European settlement, Indigenous peoples such as the Haudenosaunee, Lenape, Osage, Wyandot, Monongahela, and Shawnee thrived along these waterways, using them for transportation, trade, and sustenance. The confluence of these rivers, now known as the Three Rivers, was an important meeting point and trade hub, connecting the region to a vast network of water routes. The Ohio River, formed by the Allegheny and Monongahela, flows to the Mississippi River, reaching New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico, while the Allegheny connects to the Kiski River. These rivers not only served as local transportation routes but also played a key role in connecting Pittsburgh to a broader regional and global network of trade and commerce.

With European settlement in the 18th century, Pittsburgh's rivers grew increasingly significant during the industrial revolution. By the 19th and 20th centuries, the city had become an industrial powerhouse, with steel mills, coal plants, and factories lining the rivers. Unfortunately, this rapid industrial growth led to severe pollution, as

untreated waste and chemicals were dumped into the waters, reducing aquatic life and transforming the rivers and riverfronts into some of the most polluted in the country.

In recent years, however, the rivers have benefited from significant restoration efforts. Friends of the Riverfront, along with other local and regional partners, have been working to improve water quality and restore river ecosystems. Local efforts include upgrading wastewater systems, planting riparian zone trees, and implementing green infrastructure like rain gardens. As a result, Pittsburgh's rivers are now cleaner than they have been in many decades, and fish and wildlife species continue to return and expand.

Thanks to these revitalization efforts, the rivers are once again a central part of life in Pittsburgh, offering a space to connect with nature while enjoying the city's rich history and natural beauty. Pittsburgh's rivers symbolize the city's resilience and its ongoing commitment to restoring and improving water quality and river access, ensuring a cleaner and more vibrant future for our rivers.

RIVER MILE

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Three Rivers Water Trail

Braddock

Red Paddle Markers

Red paddle signs at Three Rivers Water Trail Access Points help guide you from land and water.

HOW TO PADDLE THE WATER TRAIL

Paddle the Three Rivers Water Trail at your own risk. Be sure to take the appropriate safety precautions and pay attention to the natural conditions of the rivers.

Pennsylvania Boating Regulations

- Every person in a kayak, canoe, inflatable raft or paddleboard must have on board a readily accessible U.S. Coast Guard-approved, wearable type I, II, III, or V life jacket of appropriate size.
- Children 12 years of age and younger must wear their life jackets while underway on any boat 20 feet or less in length and on all canoes and kayaks. Others are strongly encouraged to wear a life jacket at all times on the water.
- Life jackets must be worn on boats less than 16 feet in length and on all canoes and kayaks from November 1 to April 30.
- After dusk and during low visibility, any kayak, canoe, inflatable raft or paddleboard on the water must have a hand-held or installed white light that can be displayed quickly. When anchored or moored after dusk, an all-round white light must be displayed where it can best be seen from 360 degrees.
- All boats are required to carry a device capable of sounding a 4-6 second blast that can be heard by another boat operator. Athletic whistles are acceptable for unpowered boats. Clip it to your life jacket for easy access.
- When using Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission or State Park or Forest access areas, all boats, including kayak, canoes, rowboats, and paddleboards, must either be registered OR display a valid launch permit. Visit the Commission's website at fishandboat.com to purchase a launch permit or find out where you can purchase a permit in-person.
- Operating watercraft, including unpowered boats, under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal. This law is strongly enforced for your safety.
- For further information on boating regulations, contact the Fish & Boat Commission at fishandboat.com.

PADDLING CHECKLIST

Get your permits and Review PA Boating regulations: Permits are required if you plan to use a PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) launch. Permits and regulations can be found at pa.gov

Plan your route: Before embarking on your journey, be sure to consult resources such as maps and trip itineraries to determine launch sites, route mileage, and known hazards.

Arrange for rental gear: If you need to rent a boat and life jacket, check out one of the major river outfitters listed on the Friends website.

Pack your gear: A life jacket (PFD) and whistle are required by PA law on every trip. Don't forget your paddle, sunscreen, hat, dry bag, maps, and plenty of water. If you will be locking through, bring a 75' long rope.

Prepare a First Aid Kit: A basic first aid kit should be kept aboard your vessel inside a waterproof container.

Check River Levels: Paddling conditions can change dramatically as the water level rises or falls after a rainfall.

Watch the weather: Keep an eye on the weather forecast. Postpone your trip if thunderstorms are on the horizon.

Dress for the water not the weather: Dress and pack for cold water, not just cold weather. The American Canoe Association advises wearing a wetsuit or drysuit if the water temperature is below 60 degrees.

Share your float plan: Before setting out on your paddle, make sure to share your detailed itinerary with a friend or family member. Have fun!

Guidelines for a Safe Paddle

- Never boat alone: Safety increases with numbers
- Scout ahead whenever possible
- Wear your life jacket
- File a float plan. (Tell a friend.)
- Be prepared for the weather
- Check the river conditions before you launch
- If the water is too hazardous to swim, don't go paddling
- Expect to get wet
- Keep ropes coiled and secured
- Carry your boat around any section of water that you feel uncertain about
- Paddlers should yield to larger boats and commercial traffic
- Stay close to the riverbank as much as possible, avoiding the central channel
- Anticipate wakes from passing motorboats
- Find places for easy exits when possible
- Stay off of private property unless there is an emergency
- Three Rivers Water Trail launches are marked by red paddle signs and can be used for entering and exiting. PFBC and DCNR launches can be used with a permit

Watch the Locking Through Instructional Video On Our Website

Locking Through

⚠ Locking through is recommended for experienced paddlers only. Dams and locks are an essential part of river navigation, but paddlers must remain alert and exercise caution when approaching them. Always follow proper lock-through protocol to ensure your safety and smooth passage. **Lock-Through Protocol:**

- Cross over to the side of the river on which the lock is located at least one mile before you arrive and hug the shoreline.
- Communicate with lock operators, following their instructions for entry and exit.
- Wait for clearance signals before entering and exiting the lock chamber and follow the lock operator's directions throughout the process.

For more information and detailed guidelines on navigating locks and dams, scan the QR code provided or visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website at lrd.usace.army.mil, or call 412-395-7500 for the Pittsburgh District.

Fishing & Wildlife on Pittsburgh's Three Rivers

As you explore Pittsburgh's waterways, you'll encounter everything from bald eagles soaring above to a variety of fish species below the surface. Whether fishing or simply enjoying nature, always respect wildlife and their habitats.

Fishing Opportunities

Pittsburgh's rivers are home to many popular game fish, including Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Channel and Flathead Catfish, Carp, Bluegill Sunfish, and more. The Allegheny River alone supports over 20 fish species, making it a great spot for anglers of all skill levels. Fish from a boat, kayak, or the riverbank to enjoy these diverse fishing opportunities.

Fishing Regulations

Fishing in Pittsburgh's rivers requires adherence to local regulations to protect fish populations and the environment. Before fishing, familiarize yourself with the rules for your fishing area. Licenses are required for fishing in all Commonwealth waters. For up-to-date information and to purchase a fishing license, visit the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's website at fishandboat.com.

Wildlife to Spot Along the Rivers

While fishing, keep an eye out for local wildlife, including birds like Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons, Kingfishers, and Ospreys. You may sight river-loving mammals like River Otters and Beavers. Along the shore you could come across amphibians like Painted and Snapping Turtles, frogs, and salamanders. These creatures depend on the rivers for food and shelter. Respect their natural environment by keeping a safe distance, avoiding disturbances, and not feeding them. By following fishing regulations and respecting local wildlife, you help preserve the beauty of the Three Rivers Water Trail for future generations.

Swimming & Water Quality

⚠ **Warning:** There is a risk when swimming in urban rivers. Visitors swim at their own risk.

Be mindful of water quality when swimming or paddling especially after heavy rainfall. Storms can overwhelm the city's combined sewer system, causing combined sewer overflows (CSOs), which release untreated sewage and stormwater into the rivers, increasing health risks. It's recommended to wait 24-48 hours after significant rainfall before swimming to minimize exposure to harmful bacteria.

The Youghiogheny River poses fewer risks than Pittsburgh's urban rivers, making it a better option for swimming. However, it's still important to avoid swimming for 24-48 hours after rainfall due to potential runoff. For more information on river health, visit the Youghiogheny River Watershed Association website at youghwatershed.org

ALCOSAN's Efforts:

The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) is carrying out its \$2.6 billion Clean Water Plan to reduce combined sewer overflows and improve water quality by 2036. Projects include underground storage tanks, expanded treatment facilities, and green infrastructure like rain gardens and permeable pavements.

Stay Updated:

To receive SOAK alerts (sewer overflow alerts) and learn more about the Clean Water Plan, visit alcosan.org

Learn about Swim Conditions and Support River Health:

Organizations like Three Rivers Waterkeeper are working to protect and improve the water quality of Pittsburgh's rivers. Learn more at 3riverswaterkeeper.org

ABOUT US

Connect to Something Greater

Since 1991, Friends of the Riverfront has built, stewarded and offered events and advocacy around the 35-mile Three Rivers Heritage Trail and the 34 access points of the Three Rivers Water Trail. Located along the Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio and Youghiogheny rivers, the Water Trail continues to expand.

Through broad and diverse collaborations, Friends works towards and promotes environmental restoration, economic vitality, and public health benefits for Allegheny County and Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Find out more about our **events and activities, trail development projects, and volunteer opportunities** on Friends social media:

For more info, visit friendsoftheriverfront.org

Emergency Contacts

For all Emergencies call 911
VHF Channel 16

Non-Emergency Contacts

PA Fish and Boat Commission SW
814-445-8974

For non-life-threatening fishing or boating issues:
U.S. Coast Guard
800-253-7465

To report pollution, navigation issues, or other non-urgent water safety concerns.

Weather & River Conditions

Weather Forecasts
412-262-2170
weather.gov
VHF 162.55 MHz (Weather Channel 1)

Pittsburgh River Conditions including flow rate and water temperatures:

412-200-4600
waterdata.usgs.gov

Ohio River: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/uv/703084500>

Monongahela River: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/uv/703086500>

Allegheny River: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/uv/703085000>

Links to the most up-to-date weather and river conditions can also be found on the Friends website:

Exploring the Region

There are several great outfitters on or near the Three Rivers Water Trail that rent and sell canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and more. Some also offer tours, lessons, water safety courses, competitions, and boat storage. Find a list on the Friends website:

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

If cell service is unavailable on the water, use VHF Channel 16 to reach emergency services. Portable marine radios are inexpensive and widely available. Be prepared to provide your exact location and the nature of the emergency. Dispatchers will need to know one or more of the following: GPS coordinates, recognizable landmarks, distance from known points, or the river name and approximate location.

For non-life-threatening fishing or boating issues, contact PA Fish and Boat Commission Southwest: 814-445-8974.

Emergency Prevention: **NOT WEARING YOUR LIFE JACKET**, falls overboard and cold water are the leading causes of death on the river. Always wear a life jacket, stay aware of your surroundings, be prepared to swim if needed, and check weather conditions before heading out to ensure a safe boating experience.



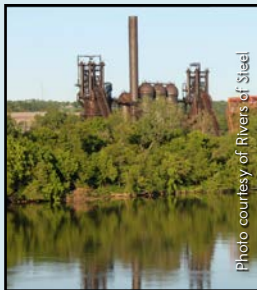
Ohio River



SUGGESTED WATER TRAIL EXPERIENCES

Concerts and Canoes:

Allegheny RiverTrail Park to Verona (6 miles roundtrip, 2-3 hour paddle) Summer Concert Series is hosted by **Allegheny RiverTrail Park** June through September. Once a month ARP turns the speakers to the water for boaters to enjoy. Stick around for the music or head up the river to Verona and back for a 6-mile trip upstream and float back. ARP is a great location for the whole family to enjoy riverfront views without having to paddle including a walking trail and playground.



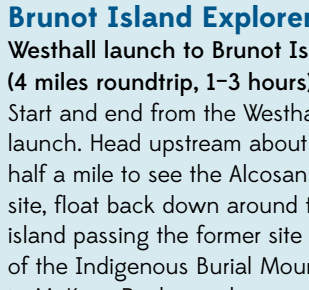
dining experiences, and float past the Carrie Furnace along with other historic sites and natural landscapes.



Charliers Creek and finish a full circle around Brunot Island for a casual laid-back paddle.

Braddock Roots Float:

Braddock Launch Float (1-10 miles one way, 1-3 hours) Drop a car at any of the launches along the Monongahela River where you would like to end your trip and start your float in the historic town of Braddock. Enjoy one of Braddock's local dining experiences, and float past the Carrie Furnace along with other historic sites and natural landscapes.



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Overnight Camping River Island Odyssey:

Deer Creek Access to Sycamore Island (6 miles roundtrip, 1.5 hours each day) Start and end at Deer Creek Access point, a Fish and Wildlife Launch. Head downriver to Sycamore Island for an overnight camping experience! Contact Tarentum Municipality to inquire about permission for overnight parking when planning an overnight paddling trip.



Millvale to Downtown Picnic + Paddle:

Sharpsburg to Millvale (6 miles roundtrip, 2-3 hours) Start at Sharpsburg early in the morning to catch wildlife like the Great Blue Heron or the River Otter. Take a paddle trip downriver to take a break in Millvale to visit the playground and enjoy a picnic in the park or at a local eatery. For an even shorter trip for young and beginner paddlers, start at Lawrenceville for less than a mile to Millvale. For non-paddlers, enjoy Sharpsburg's river views and wildlife sightings from a riverside gazebo or bench, complemented by a short walk into Sharpsburg to visit **Dancing Gnome Brewery** or the Brinery.



Neville Island
Shipyards along the waterfront testify to the island's industrial heritage. Dravo Corporation built tugboats, barges, and World War II landing ships, and Pitt-Des Moines fabricated the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

Brunot Island
Captain Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, spent his first night of the westward voyage on this island after leaving Pittsburgh on August 31, 1803.

U.S. Coast Guard Recruiting Pittsburgh 4700 McKnight Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Point State Park
Located at the confluence of the three rivers, this state park commemorates and preserves the strategic and historic heritage during the French and Indian war. The park is home to Pittsburgh's iconic fountain, the Fort Pitt Museum & Block House.

Washington's Crossing
In 1753, 21-year-old George Washington nearly drowned while crossing the icy river on his first military mission, after delivering a message to the French to vacate the Ohio Country.

Sycamore Island
Allegheny Land Trust's permanently protected Sycamore Island is home to a rare hardwood floodplain forest. Rich in biodiversity, the outdoor space is framed by the arching canopy of silver maples, sycamore, and eastern cottonwood trees. It is a unique habitat for a range of unusual birds and aquatic species. Paddle to the island for a self-guided 1-mile tour or register for an overnight camping permit. More information can be found at alleghenylandtrust.org.

Allegheny Islands State Park
Two alluvial islands in the Allegheny River, on both sides of Lock and Dam No. 3. This park is heavily covered in vegetation and some of the few islands left in a natural state. Camping available by permission of DCNR at Point State Park.

Three Sister Bridges
The Roberto Clemente Bridge, the Andy Warhol Bridge, and the Rachel Carson Bridge were constructed between 1924 and 1928. These identical steel structures were among the first of their kind in the United States. The bridges were named in honor of influential figures in Pittsburgh's history.

Carrie Furnace
U.S. Steel's Homestead Works was the greatest steel mill in the world, and Carrie Furnace was its heart. A National Historic Landmark site, these are among the only pre-WWII 20th-century blast furnaces to survive. During its peak operation, it produced 1,000 - 1,250 tons of iron per day.

Turtle Creek
Turtle Creek plays a crucial role in the health of Pittsburgh's rivers by carrying stormwater runoff into the Monongahela River. Historically, creeks like Turtle Creek were vital for transportation and industry, but today, managing their health through initiatives like rain gardens and stormwater management is key to supporting local ecosystems.

Duck Hollow and Nine Mile Run
Duck Hollow is a secluded Pittsburgh neighborhood founded 140 years ago, serving as housing for employees of U.S. Steel. Nine Mile Run was the largest urban stream restoration in the nation. The mouth of the stream is now a popular fishing and birding spot.

Hot Metal Bridge
The Hot Metal Bridge of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Co. carried molten iron in ladle cars across the river from the blast furnaces on the Oakland side to the hearth furnaces on the South Side, where it was made into steel. Today, the bridge serves pedestrians and cyclists as part of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail system.

Eagle's Landing Riverfront Park
Serving as a trailhead for both the Three Rivers Heritage Trail and Three Rivers Water Trail, this space is a narrow pocket of nature with beautiful views to the Monongahela River. One of the most notable features of the location is that the site is excellent for birdwatching.

Monongahela River

Elizabeth
Twenty-two miles upriver from Pittsburgh near the Allegheny County line, Elizabeth dates from 1787 when it was an early township controlling the entire triangle between the Monongahela and Youghiogheny Rivers. Early industries included keelboat and steamship building for "the western waters."

Allegheny River

Youghiogheny River

ACCESS AND AMENITIES ALONG THE WAY

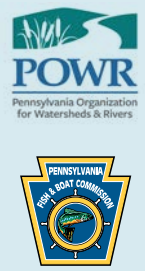
MAP LEGEND

- Toilet*
- Parking
- ADA Accessible Landing
- ADA Accessible Launch
- Pay Launch
- Storage Rack
- Camping (with permit)
- Dining
- Historic Attraction
- Fishing
- Wildlife Viewing
- Dock Launch
- Beach Launch
- Ramp Launch
- Float-In Launch
- PA Fish & Boat Commission Launch
- *PFBC or DCNR launch permit required
- Three Rivers Heritage Trail
- Share The Road
- Great Allegheny Passage
- Road Bridge
- Railroad Bridge
- Lock & Dam
- Hazard Area

PLEASE NOTE: Non-motorized boats may use access points in red without a permit. All boats utilizing PFBC or DCNR launches require a permit. River mileage is measured from Point State Park. (L) & (R) indicate left or right riverbank when facing downriver.

*Some toilets open seasonally and at certain times.

KEY PROJECT PARTNERS



Ohio River

- 0.0 Point State Park
- 0.1 R North Shore Attractions - Heinz Field, Carnegie Science Center, USS Requin submarine, Rivers Casino
- 0.1 R 1 **Heinz Quay Launch** Along North Shore Riverfront Park at Heinz Field. Take out for North Shore attractions. Long carry from stadium parking lots. (40.4448N, -80.0151W)
- 0.7 L **Marine Terminal** - Beware heavy barge traffic!
- 0.8 L Saw Mill Run
- 0.8 West End Bridge, 1932
- 1.6 Brunot Island
- 2.3 Ohio Connecting Railroad Bridge, 1915
- 2.6 L Charliers Creek
- 2.7 R Western Penitentiary
- 2.8 R 2 **Westhall Street Launch** Next to Western Penitentiary. A short ramp leads to a pebble beach. (40.4721N, -80.0435W)
- 3.1 R 1 **ALCOSAN Sewage Treatment Plant** Beware strong outflow!
- 3.3 McKees Rocks Bridge, 1931
- 4.9 Neville Island
- 6.3 1 **Emsworth Lock & Dam** - Going downriver, approach from river right. 412-766-6213
- 7.9 R 3 **Kilbuck Access** At the end of E. Beaver Street, Glenfield. (40.5142N, -80.1195W)
- 8.7 I-79 Neville Island Bridge, 1976
- 11.6 R 4 **Chestnut Street Launch** Near the Sewickley Bridge, Chestnut Street ends at the Ohio River. 0.5 mi walk to the Beaver St. business district. (40.5338N, -80.1854W)
- 11.6 Sewickley Bridge, 1981
- 11.8 R 5 **Walnut Street Launch** Access to Sewickley Riverfront Park. A 400' carry leads to a dock and pebble beach. 0.5 mi walk to the Beaver St. business district. (40.5354N, -80.1884W)
- 13.1 2 **Dashields Lock & Dam** - Going downriver, approach from river left. 724-457-8430
- 15 6 **Leetsdale** Start of Ohio River Water Trail. (40.5698N, -80.2234W)

Allegheny River

- 0.2 Fort Duquesne Bridge, 1969
- 0.4 R PNC Park
- 0.6 R 7 **Clemente (6th Street) Bridge Launch** On Three Rivers Heritage Trail, under 6th St. Bridge near PNC Park. Long carry down stairs. Limited on-street metered parking. Short walk to Federal St. business district. (40.4466N, -80.0037W)

- 0.6 Roberto Clemente (6th Street) Bridge, 1928
- 0.7 Andy Warhol (7th Street) Bridge, 1926
- 0.8 Rachel Carson (9th Street) Bridge, 1928
- 0.9 L 8 **Venture Outdoors Paddling Dock** Fully ADA Accessible floating paddle launch operated by Pittsburgh outdoor access non-profit Venture Outdoors. Located by the Convention Center shoreline. Classes, outings, kayak and SUP rentals available. Private kayaks, SUPs, and canoes welcome for a \$5 launch fee. Open seasonally, visit ventureoutdoors.org for operating hours. (40.446199N, -79.99764W)
- 1.0 Ft. Wayne Railroad Bridge, 1904
- 1.2 Veterans Bridge (I-579), 1987
- 1.4 David McCullough (16th Street) Bridge, 1923
- 2.1 Washington's Landing (Herr's Island)
- 2.5 31st Street Bridge, 1928
- 2.7 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Bridge, 1921
- 2.8 R 9 **Three Rivers Rowing Launch** Behind Three Rivers Rowing at Millvale Riverfront Park. Access to back channel at Washington's Landing (Herr's Island). A long walkway leads to the low-profile dock. Used by rowing crews for morning and evening practices. (40.4695N, -79.9745W)
- 3.1 L 10 **Lawrenceville Launch** Under the south end of the 40th Street Bridge. A short, moderately steep gravel path with rope handrail leads down to the river's edge. 0.4 mi walk to Butler St. business district. (40.4715N, -79.9672W)
- 3.2 Washington's Crossing (40th Street) Bridge, 1924
- 3.2 R 11 **Millvale River Front Park Launch** Near the north end of the 40th St. Bridge. A paved ramp leads to a shallow water entry. .25 mile walk to Millvale business district. (40.4741N, -79.9695W)
- 4.7 R Pine Creek
- 5.4 Senator Robert D. Fleming (62nd Street) Bridge, 1962
- 5.5 R 12 **Sharpsburg Riverfront Park Launch** At the end of 13th Street. Separate ramps for paddlers & motor boats. Short walk to Sharpsburg business district. (40.4932N, -79.9283W)
- 6.2 Six Mile Island
- 7.25 13 **Allegheny RiverTrail Park Launch** In Aspinwall Riverfront Park with walking paths, artwork, and often food vendors. Short walk to Aspinwall business district. Ramp used by rowing crews during morning and evening practices. (40.4881N, -79.9031W)
- 6.7 14 **(3) Lock & Dam 2 Allegheny** - From above, approach from river left. 412-661-2217
- 6.8 Highland Park Bridge, 1938
- 7.1 Brilliant Branch Railroad Bridge, 1904
- 7.8 R Pittsburgh Water Treatment Plant
- 8.5 R 15 **O'Hara Chapel Harbor Launch** Access in a quiet neighborhood near the Waterworks Mall. A long concrete walk leads to the gently sloping river bank. Add: 0.5 mile walk to Freeport Rd. business district. (40.4847N, -79.8797W)
- 9.8 16 **Sycamore Island** Sycamore Island is accessible only by watercraft. The most suitable landing area is about halfway up the south side of the island. Be prepared for natural conditions, as there is no dock, and the shoreline can be muddy.
- 10.5 L 17 **Verona Launch** Steel City Rowing, at the end of Arch Street. Low-profile rowing docks used by rowing crews during morning and evening practices. Use the upstream dock. 0.6 mile walk to Verona business district. (40.4958N, -79.8476W)
- 12.8 U.S. Steel Edgar Thomson Works
- 13.1 R 18 **Deer Creek Access** Wenzel Drive, off of Freeport Road in Harmarville. On the back channel of 12 Mile Island. Short drive to Freeport Rd. business district. (40.5338N, -79.8423W)
- 13.6 19 **Allegheny Islands** Access is by water only. Islands above and below Lock and Dam 4. Paddlers can land along calm stretches of shoreline, though conditions may change with water levels. Be prepared for natural terrain and use caution when approaching.
- 14.2 Pennsylvania Turnpike Bridges, 2010
- 14.3 Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Bridge, 1918
- 14.5 20 **C.W. Bill Young Lock & Dam** (Lock & Dam 3 Allegheny). From above, approach from river left. 412-828-3550
- 16 B 21 **Cheswick Launch** Easy in and out beach access. 100' carry down narrow paved path from parking. (40.53732N, -79.795534W)
- 16.5 R 22 **Springdale Launch** Located at the end of Colfax Street in Springdale. 0.4-mile walk to Pittsburgh St. business district. (40.5351N, -79.7839W)
- 19.0 C.L. Schmitt (Ninth St.) Bridge, 1927
- 21.6R Bull Creek
- 21.7 R 23 **Tarentum Access** Located beneath the Tarentum (PA-366) Bridge. 0.3 mile walk to Tarentum business district. (40.5985, -79.7561)
- 21.7 George D. Stuart (Tarentum) Bridge (PA-366), 1952
- 23.5R Allegheny Ludlum Corporation
- 24 R 24 **Natrona Launch** Located at the intersection of River Ave. and Linden St., a ramp leads down to the river's edge. (40.6092N, -79.7222W)
- 24.2 25 **Lock & Dam 4** - From above, approach from river right. 724-224-2666
- 28.25 L 26 **Freeport Launch** Short walk to Freeport business district. Beginning of Middle Allegheny Water Trail and Kiski-Conemaugh Water Trail. (40.6723937, -79.6920438)
- 0.2 Fort Pitt Bridge, 1959
- 0.6 L 27 **Gateway Clipper Fleet** - Beware frequent movements of large passenger vessels.
- 0.7 L 28 **Station Square Marina** Launch access by steps or elevator. Take out at the marina's high docks for access to Station Square. (40.4350N, -80.0050W)
- 0.7 R 29 **Mon Wharf Launch** Access near the Smithfield St. Bridge. Pay parking lot is closed on weekends. (40.4365N, -80.0019W)
- 0.8 Smithfield Street Bridge, 1883
- 1.0 Panhandle Railroad Bridge, 1903
- 1.1 Liberty Bridge, 1928
- 1.3 L 30 **4th Street Launch** A steep, winding stairway leads from street level to a wooden dock. (40.4314N, -79.9947W)
- 1.5 South 10th Street Bridge, 1933
- 2.3 L 31 **South Side Riverfront Park Access** End of S. 18th Street. 0.5 mi walk to Carson Street Business District. (40.4326N, -79.9750W)
- 2.5 Birmingham Bridge, 1976
- 2.5 L 32 **South Side Riverfront Park Launch** Non-motorized launch. A concrete block ramp leads to a quiet, grassy area of the park. A 200' carry from the turn-around at street's end. It is possible to dock and exit your boat along the concrete boat landing. (40.4316N, -79.9711W)
- 2.9 L SouthSide Works (restaurants & shopping)
- 3.0 Hot Metal Bridge, 1887
- 5.2 33 **Eagle Landing Riverfront Park** This site is only accessible by water and the Three Rivers Heritage Land Trail. The float-in launch provides a convenient stopping point for paddlers, with access to the nearby bike trail and picnic area.
- 5.9 Glenwood Bridge, 1966
- 6.2 Glenwood B&O Railroad Bridge, 1884
- 6.4 L Sandcastle Waterpark
- 7.0 L The Waterfront (restaurants & shopping)
- 7.3 Homestead Grays Bridge, 1936
- 7.5 R 34 **Nine Mile Run/Duck Hollow Launch** Follow Old Browns Hill Road to Duck Hollow. Concrete ramp leads down to a natural beach. Trailhead for the Duck Hollow segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, and the primitive hiking trail that follows Nine Mile Run into Frick Park. Excellent fishing. (40.4151N, -79.9154W)
- 8.6 Railroad Bridge
- 9.3 Carrie Furnace Hot Metal Bridge, 1900
- 9.6 Rankin Bridge, 1951
- 10.7 R 35 **Braddock Launch at 11th Street** Next to U.S. Steel Edgar Thomson Works, 11th street ends at a ramp shared with motor boats. Beware heavy barge traffic from adjacent locks and marine terminals. 0.3 mile walk to Braddock Ave. business district. (40.3950N, -79.8665W)
- 10.7 R U.S. Steel Edgar Thomson Works
- 11 L Kenneywood Park
- 11.3 36 **(6) Braddock Lock & Dam** - From above, approach from river right. 412-271-1272
- 11.5 R Turtle Creek
- 11.6 Railroad Bridge
- 11.7 Port Perry Railroad Bridge, 1898
- 14.2 McKeesport - Duquesne Bridge, 1928
- 14.3 McKeesport Connecting Railroad (Riverton) Bridge (Great Allegheny Passage Trail), 1890
- 15.6 R Youghiogheny River. See Youghiogheny section for Port Vue Launch information.
- 16.8 W.D. Mansfield (Dravosburg) Memorial Bridge (PA-837), 1951
- 19.8 Sen. Edward P. Zemprelli (Clairton-Glassport) Bridge, 1987
- 20.7L U.S. Steel Clairton Works
- 21.4 Railroad Bridge
- 22.9 Regis R. Malady (Elizabeth) Bridge (PA-51), 1948
- 23 R 37 **Elizabeth Launch** At the intersection of Market and N. Water Streets, a ramp leads to a parking area adjacent to this access. (40.2736N, -79.8877W)
- 23 R 38 **Elizabeth Launch** Turn right from S 2nd St. onto Upper Mill St., cross tracks to enter parking area. (40.269878N, -79.891625W)
- 0.1 L 39 **Port Vue Launch** Atlantic Avenue ends at a ramp shared with motor boats. 0.7 mile walk to McKeesport business district. (40.3523N, -79.8714W)

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