# MPORTANT FISHING DATES

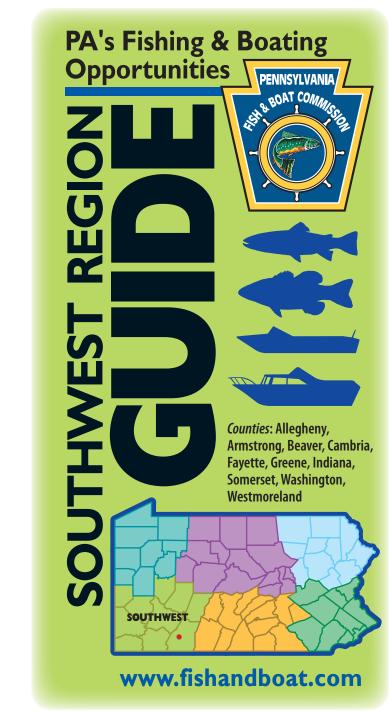
- Regulations stated below are based on regulations for Commonwealth Inland Waters. **All Species of Trout and Salmon** Regional Opening Day of Trout Season is 8 a.m. on the first Saturday
- after March 28 to midnight Labor Day and includes only those waters in 18 southeastern counties and two waters crossing from those counties listed in the Regional Opening Day of Trout Season Program. Minimum size is 7 inches; daily limit is 5 (combined species) except areas with special regulations.

Regular Season for the balance of all other Commonwealth Inland Waters is

- 8 a.m. on the first Saturday after April 11 to midnight Labor Day; minimum size is 7 inches; daily limit is 5 (combined species) except areas with special regulations. **Extended Season** is statewide on stocked trout waters and all waters downstream of stocked trout waters 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the last day of February of the following year; minimum size is 7 inches; daily limit is 3 (combined species), except areas with special
- **Extended Season: Class A wild trout stream sections** are no harvest catch and release only. Streams are listed at www.fishandboat.com/classa.pdf.
- Bass Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted (Lakes) • January 1 to midnight the day before the first Saturday after April 11
- daily limit is 4 (combined species) • 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after April 11 to 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after June 11; no harvest – catch and immediate release only

and November 1 to midnight December 31; minimum size is 15 inches;

- 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after June 11 to midnight October 31; minimum size is 12 inches; daily limit is 6 (combined species).
- **Bass Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted** (Rivers and Streams) • January 1 to midnight the day before the first Saturday after April 11 and
- 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after April 11 to 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after June 11; no harvest – catch and immediate release only
- 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday after June 11 to midnight September 30;
- minimum size is 12 inches; daily limit is 6 (combined species). • January 1 through March 14; and 12:01 a.m. the first Saturday in May
- to midnight, December 31; minimum size for Walleyes and Saugeye (Hybrids) is 15 inches; daily limit is 6. Minimum size for Sauger is 12 inches; daily limit is 6. NOTE: Stocked trout waters are closed to fishing from March 1 to the opening day of
- Season Program or Stocked Trout Waters open to Year-Round Fishing Program. NOTE: For Bass regulations, power dam pools and recreational dam pools on the Susquehanna River and navigational dam pools in the Ohio drainage are "rivers." It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament on the North Branch, West Branch or main stem of the Susquehanna River that allows a tournament angler to harvest black bass. \*Regulations summarized here are subject to change. For each of these species, special





The mission of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission is to protect, conserve and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources, and provide fishing and boating opportunities.

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REPORTING WATER POLLUTION If you see anything suspected to be a pollution or disturbance of any waterway, report it immediately by calling the region office or the

1-800-541-2050 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at

FREE MOBILE APP! FishBoatPA Use your smartphone (with a QR code app) and the QR code below

to access this web page.

This app includes: • Fishing and Boating Regulations Near Me Mapping Feature Trout Stocking Information • Fish Identification Tool

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Water trails are recreational waterways on a lake, river or ocean between specific points, containing access points and dayuse and/or camping sites for the boating public. Water trails emphasize low-impact use and promote resource stewardship. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) and its water trail partners invite you to explore these unique Pennsylvania water trails. As you paddle or row, always remember to "Wear It!"

## PENNSYLVANIA WATER TRAIL PROGRAM

Long before airports, highways or even trains, Pennsylvania's streams, rivers and lakes provided a means of transportation for native inhabitants. As European explorers ventured into "Penn's Woods," these waters became important trading routes. Later, as demand for logs, coal and other goods soared, the Commonwealth's waterways became commercial highways. Today, you can travel these same routes, enjoying the state's natural resources while getting glimpses of rich history and tradition on an official

## PENNSYLVANIA BOATING REGULATIONS

Pennsylvania water trail.

requirement.

 One wearable, Coast Guard-approved life jacket (personal flotation device or PFD) in servicable condition and of the appropriate size is required for each person in your boat. If your boat is 16 feet or longer, one throwable device (seat cushion or ring buoy) is required. Canoes and kayaks, regardless

of length, are not required to carry a throw-• 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 life iacket at all times on the water.

16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak during the cold weather months from November 1 through April 30. • All boats must display an anchor light (a white light visible at 360 degrees) when at anchor between sunset and sunrise. Boats can use

Boaters are required by law to wear a life jacket on boats less than

a lantern or clip-on battery-powered unit to meet this requirement. All powered boats must show running lights between sunset and sunrise. Between sunset and sunrise, unpowered boats must carry a white light (visible at 360 degrees), installed or portable, ready to be displayed in time to avoid a collision.

Motorboats less than 65 feet in length must carry some mechanical means of making a sound signal. Athletic whistles meet this

All motorboats must be registered, regardless of where they launch. Unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, rafts) using Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission or Pennsylvania state parks or forests access areas must either be registered OR display a valid launch permit. Launch permits can be purchased on the web at www.fishandboat.com.

Operating watercraft, including canoes, kayaks and rafts, under the

#### influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal. The law is strictly enforced for user safety. For further information on boating regulations, contact the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission at www.fishandboat.com.

PADDLING SAFETY TIPS

- Wear your life jacket. Some 80 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
- **Be prepared to swim.** If the water looks too hazardous to swim If you capsize, hold on to your boat unless it presents a life-

swamp their boats. Bring extra clothing in a waterproof bag.

- threatening situation. If floating in current, position yourself on the upstream side of the capsized boat. Be courteous to other boaters and anglers on the stream. • Scout ahead whenever possible. Know the stream. Avoid surprises.
- **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 near, or go over, a low-head dam. Dams are drowning machines and are dangerous to approach from
- upstream and downstream. 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
- Never tie a rope to yourself or to another paddler, especially 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.

# LAUNCH PERMITS

Owners of unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, rowboats, etc.) can launch their boats at PFBC lakes and access areas or at Pennsylvania state parks or forests if their boats display a PFBC launch use permit, boat registration, or Pennsylvania State Parks launch permit or mooring permit. Pennsylvania State Parks recognizes boat registrations and Commission launch permits. The Commission does NOT recognize launch permits from other states. A PFBC launch permit can be purchased on the Commission's website. An unpowered boat may have a registration OR launch permit but is not required to have both.

# HAZARDS ON THE WATER

**Dams:** Water going over a dam creates a back current, or undertow, that can pull a boat into the turbulence and capsize it. This hydraulic can often trap and hold a person or a boat. Hazards include the areas above and below the dam. Paddlers can spot dams by looking downstream for a horizontal line across the water.



For an enjoyable experience or

all water trails and other boating

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access properties at designated

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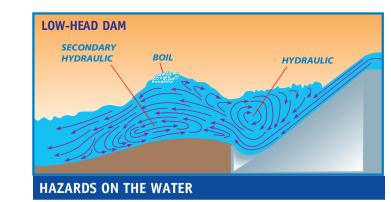
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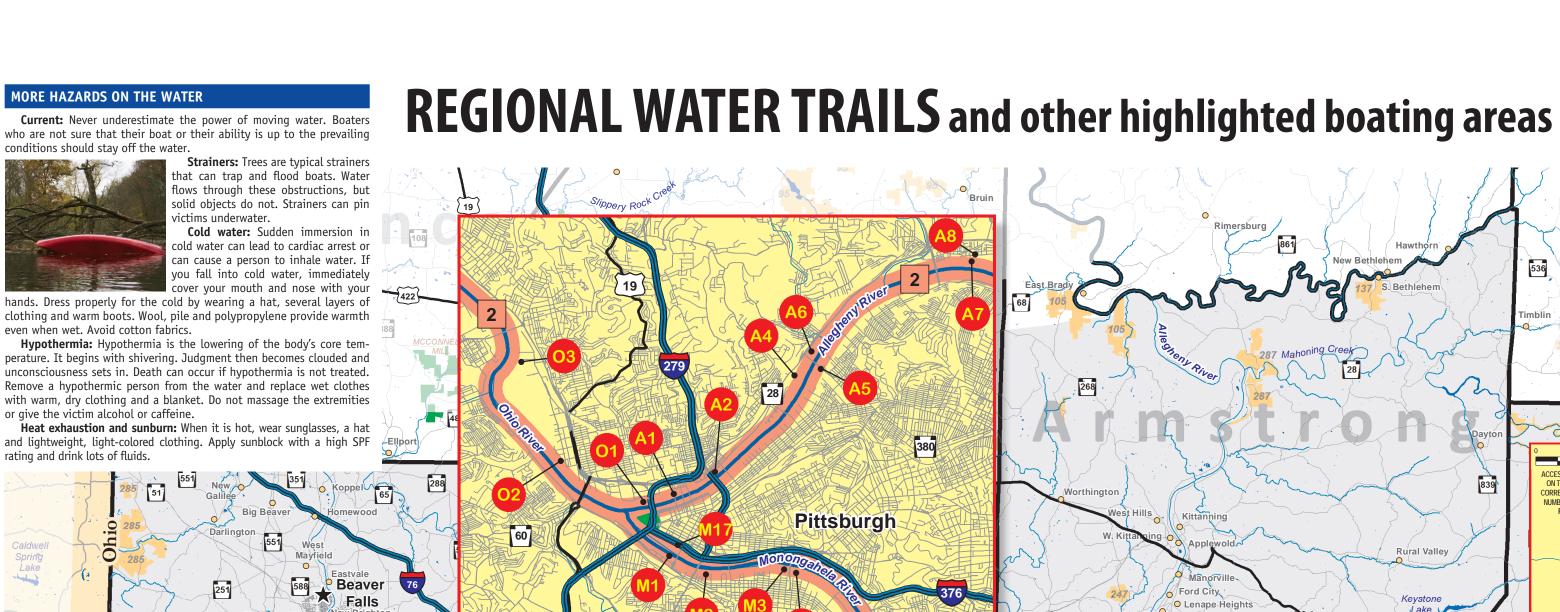
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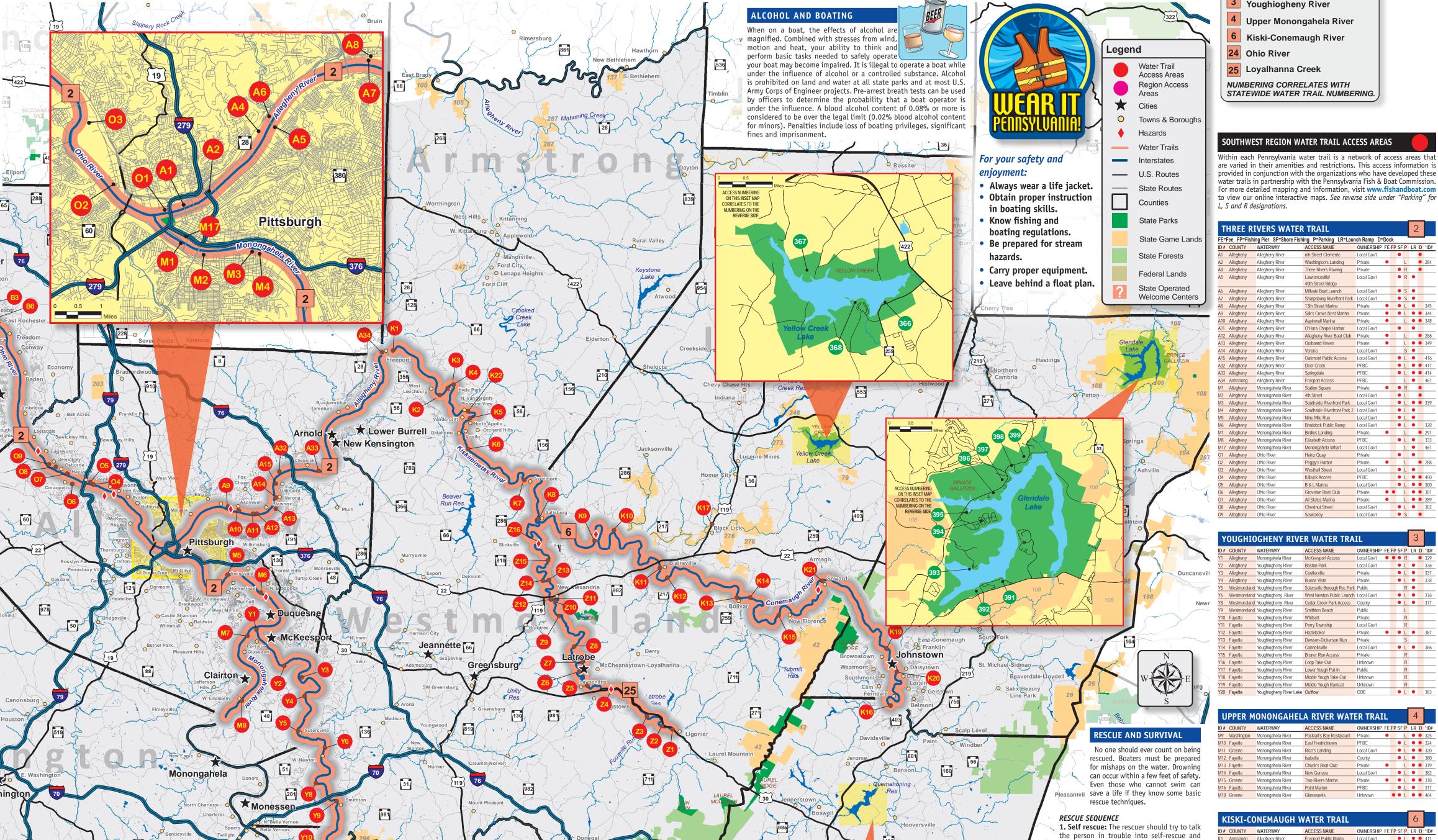
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Water trail access amenities are subject to change and are current at

park only where permitted,







M16 Fayette Monongahela River Point Marion PFBC M18 Greene Monongahela River Glassworks Unknown • L • 464 KISKI-CONEMAUGH WATER TRAIL avoid endangering themselves unnecessarily. 2. Reach: A fishing rod, shirt, towel, branch, oar, pole, boat hook or other object can be used to reach out to the victim. If nothing is available and the victim is within arm's reach, he rescuer should lie lat and extend a leg to the victim, pulling Indiana Conemaugh River **3. Throw:** If the Indiana Conemaugh River victim is too far Westmoreland Conemaugh River for the reach rescue, ne rescuer should hrow a rope, life jacket, empty jug, ice chest Power Street River Wall Unknown Cambria Conemaugh River r gas can, or anything else Baumer Street River Wall Unknown Cambria Conemaugh River Westmoreland Conemaugh River Seward - Subject to Change Private Rescue line bags are excellent K22 Armstrong Kiskiminetas River

Youghiogheny River Loop Take-Out

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**Water Trails** 

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Kiski-Conemaugh River

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or trained lifesavers only. A be tried until all other basic rescue methods Two Mile Run Road Bridge Private Westmoreland Loyalhanna Creek have been ruled out. Rescuers who must Westmoreland Loyalhanna Creek Idlewild Hill Road Private swim to a victim should wear a life jacket Westmoreland Loyalhanna Creek Westmoreland Loyalhanna Creek and take a floating object with them to Inflow Cartop Christopher's Road USACE

LOYALHANNA CREEK WATER TRAIL

extend to the victim. Rescuers should avoid	20	Westinoreianu	Luyanianna Creek
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personal contact with the victim unless they	Z8	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek
have had lifeguard training. Even then, it is	Z9	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek
used only as a last resort.	Z10	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek
The method of rescue depends on the	Z11	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek
	Z12	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek
rescuer's training and skill, the condition	Z13	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek
and location of the victim, the equipment	Z14	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek
available and what additional support is	Z15	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek
available at the scene.	Z16	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek

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• Row: The rescuer may boat

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the stern (back) of the boat.

They should be pulled onboard

as carefully as possible. If it

sn't possible to bring them

onboard, the rescuer should

have them hold on to the boat,

or hold them until help arrives.

**Go:** Swimming rescues are

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oar or paddle. The victim should

## **ACCESS AREAS**

Available parking is indicated as L, S or R.

L indicates larger parking lots (10 spaces or more). **S** indicates small parking lots with fewer than 10 spaces.

**R** indicates the absence of any formal parking lot and the need to find parking along the roadway. **HP-HORSEPOWER/LIMITS** 

The horsepower at some waterways is classified as unlimited, because there are no horsepower-restricting regulations on the waterways. Many small and medium-sized waterways are listed as having unlimited horsepower for this reason. However, these waterways are best suited for small, unpowered craft.

Horsepower limits are shown by a number. Otherwise, the following abbreviations have the associated meanings. el: electric motors only **ul:** unlimited horsepower

**up:** unpowered boats only **nb**: no boating permitted ww: whitewater

A dot (•) under "FE" designates that use of the facility is permitted by payment of a user fee. Powerboats properly registered with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission may be launched at Commission facilities. Registered boats may also be launched at state park facilities without additional fees. The purchase of a State Parks or Commission launch permit is required for all other unpowered watercraft launched at a state park or Commission access.

"Dock" refers to the availability of a loading dock. This does not indicate availability of mooring docks or slips.

# Where a launch ramp is indicated, a boat may be launched directly from a trailer by backing down a ramp. Quality, construction,

percent of slope and water depth at ramps vary, and every ramp is not suitable or intended for the launch of every craft. Consult the access owner if your craft is large or unusual. Some areas on smaller waters have special facilities to ease the

hand-launching of canoes, kayaks and other car-topped boats. These areas are not specifically shown.

#### ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE DISABLED Many areas listed here furnish, to varying degrees, recreational

facilities and accommodations for those with disabilities. Persons with special needs are encouraged to call the access owner for specific information before visiting any listed area.

powered boats using Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission access areas or Pennsylvania state parks or forests must either be registered or display a valid launch permit. Wearable U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs or life jackets) must be on board and available for each person. Children 12 years of age and younger must wear an approved wearable life jacket when underway on board any boat 20 feet or less in length and in all canoes and kayaks.

For rules and regulations concerning boating on Pennsylvania's waters and to learn the legal requirements, consult the Commission's Boating Handbook, available from the Commission (717-705-7835), or view the publication online at www.fishandboat.com.

## TROUT STOCKING

The Commission stocks about 4.2 million legal-sized trout each year in about 5,000 miles of coldwater streams and over 100 trout lakes. Stocking occurs during all four seasons, although most of the interest builds during spring.

# FISHING LICENSES

A license, which must be displayed on an outer garment while fishing, is required of all people 16 years of age and older. Licenses may be purchased from approximately 1,000 license issuing agents across the state. A current Pennsylvania trout/ salmon permit (stamp) is required to fish for trout and salmon

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more detailed information on specially regulated areas, and fishing and boating regulations and laws, see the current Pennsylvania Fishing Summary and the Boating Handbook. For a list of publications, send a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope with requests to: Media Productions, PA Fish & Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000. We realize that conditions change on our waterways and that some of this information may not be accurate. Users noting errors or omissions on this map are urged to report them to the same address above. Visit the Commission's website at www.fishandboat.com.

# SAFETY AND SECURITY

Report homeland security or terrorism tips to the PA State Police (www.psp.pa.gov). Phone: 1-888-292-1919 or e-mail:

# sp-intelligence@pa.gov.

Keep your distance from all military, cruise-line and commercial shipping. Do not approach within 100 yards and slow to minimum speed within 500 yards of any U.S. Naval vessel, including any U.S. military or military supply vessel. Violators of the Naval Vessel Protection Zone face up to 6 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, not to mention a quick and severe response. Approaching certain other commercial vessels may result in an immediate boarding.

Observe and avoid all security zones. Avoid commercial port operations areas, especially those that involve military, cruise-line or petroleum facilities. Observe and avoid other restricted areas. Violators will be perceived as a threat, and will face a quick, determined and severe response.

✓ Do not stop or anchor beneath bridges or in the channel. If you do, expect to be boarded by law enforcement officials. Keep a sharp eye out for anything that looks peculiar or out of the ordinary.

Always secure and lock your boat when you are not on board. Never leave your boat accessible to others. Always take the keys to

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15	Fayette	Dunbar Creek	Catch-and-Release FFO	Dunbar			
17	Indiana	Little Mahoning Creek	Catch-and-Release FFO	Rochester Mills			
25	Somerset	Clear Shade Creek	Catch-and-Release FFO	Ogletown			
32	Allegheny	Deer Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Bakerstown			
33	Allegheny	Pine Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Alison Park			
34	Armstrong	Buffalo Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Worthington			
60	Somerset	Laurel Hill Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Humbert			
61	Somerset	Laurel Hill Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Bakersville			
66	Westmoreland	Loyalhanna Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Ligonier			
105	Cambria	Chest Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Mahaffey			
107	Washington	Dutch Fork	Delayed Harvest ALO	Claysville			
108	Washington	Pike Run	Delayed Harvest ALO	California			
109	Westmoreland	Indian Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Stahlstown			
110	Fayette	Meadow Run	Delayed Harvest ALO	Ohiopyle			
121	Fayette/Somerset	Youghiogheny River	All-Tackle Trophy Trout	Confluence			
124	Allegheny	Bull Creek	Delayed Harvest ALO	Millerstown			
156	Washington	Little Chartiers Creek	Miscellaneous Spec. Reg	s. Canonsburg			
159	Fayette/Somerset	Youghiogheny River	Miscellaneous Spec. Reg	s. Confluence			
160	Allegheny/Fayette/Westmoreland	Youghiogheny River	Miscellaneous Spec. Reg	s. Connelsville			

