

Susquehanna River North Branch Water Trail

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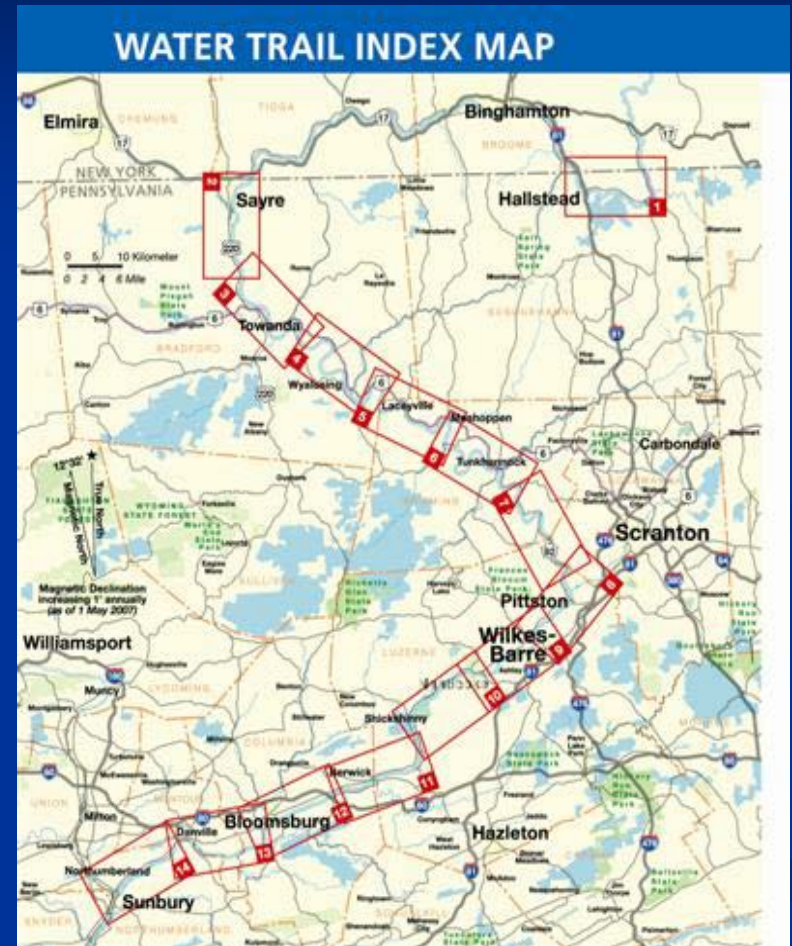
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North Branch in Pennsylvania

Extends from Oakland Township to Great Bend; resuming at Sayre south to border of Luzerne and Columbia Counties

Regional Lead organization of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership for the North Branch in PA is Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc. (EMHR)

EMHR has offices at Towanda and is a non-profit agency of the Pennsylvania Heritage Areas Program



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Water Trail Involvement of EMHR

Chesapeake Bay Gateway Agency designation through its involvement with a grant in 2003

- Grant utilized to design, fabricate and install safety & orientation signage along river at public access points – coordinated with Fish & Boat Commission and local municipalities.
- Continuing coordination with National Park Service staff

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Regional Lead Organization in 2006

- Outcome of *Partnership* component of the Strategic Action Plan
- EMHR is one of four regional lead organizations focusing on stewardship and project development activities

Susquehanna River Water Trail
North Branch—Harding to Sunbury
PFCB Union Access

The Susquehanna River is an American treasure reflecting the places and people of the Pennsylvania heartland. Enjoy your trip on the Susquehanna River Water Trail—an integral part of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Susquehanna River Greenway networks. The Susquehanna Greenway is a place and a journey that connects people to the Susquehanna River. It provides both land and water based recreational corridors of open space and scenic byways. The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network is a partnership system of over 20 water trails and 120 parks, refuges, museums, and historic sites in the Chesapeake watershed.

The River and the Bay
With a watershed of nearly 24,000 square miles, the Susquehanna flows through the Chesapeake Bay with 10% percent of its total flow entering the Bay.

Forested ridges.
Agricultural valleys—
some protected from the ravages of flooding by flood control structures.
This region of Pennsylvania is steeped in historic attractions including the largest concentration of covered bridges in the nation—such as the Fenwick Trestle Bridge in Columbia County—frontiers era fort sites, Native American artifacts, rock formations, and remnants of the North Branch Pennsylvania Canal.

For Your Safety & 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.

Plan Your Trip
Tell someone where you are boating and when you expect to return.
Check the weather and know the waters where you will boat.
Stay away from hazards like dams and break in the water.
Drinking and boating do not mix.
For more boating safety information visit www.fish.state.pa.us.

Leave No Trace
Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
Dispose of waste properly.
Leave what you find.
Minimize campfires.
Respect wildlife.
Be considerate of other visitors.



New Water Trail Developments

- Recipient of 2010 National Park Service Grant through the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network to implement:
- Development or restoration of four access areas on river in Bradford & Wyoming Counties, including a Game Commission property
- Installation of wayfinding signage – mile markers, access points, picnic areas
- Community River Town Orientation signage



In 2009, the Susquehanna River North Branch Water Trail was designated as a National Recreation Trail by U.S. Secretary of the Interior

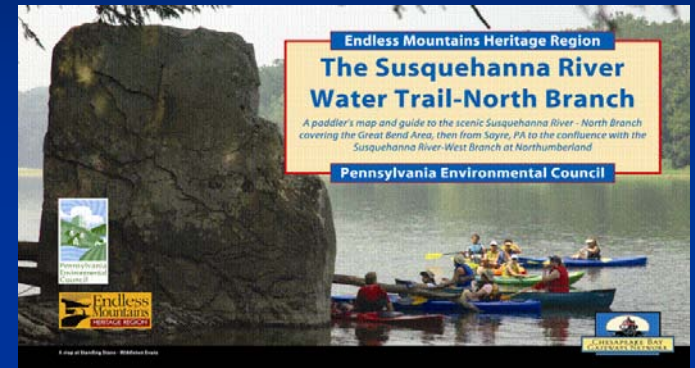
New Water Trail Logo



Water Trail Resources

Resources Available for Water Trail

1. Waterproof Map & Guide available at select retailers
2. Orientation & Safety Signage at public river accesses
3. Web-based Information at www.endlessmountainsheritage.org
www.endlessmountainoutfitters.com
4. Integration with existing and/or proposed water trails of Chemung River, Susquehanna River Headwaters and heritage trail of Endless Mountains
5. Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage planned for Endless Mountains Region



Rivertowns

Developing and Promoting the Rivertown Concept

The Susquehanna River is a logical centerpiece in community and economic development:

Common Themes

- Native American trail
- Economic force in the settlement and development of towns
- Natural and easy access to the river corridor providing for aesthetic value & recreational opportunities
- Incorporation of river attributes in community planning and revitalization

