



EXPLORE THE SUSQUEHANNA

JUNE 2024

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EXPLORE THE NORTH BRANCH



North Branch near Oakland

Paddle the Great Bend

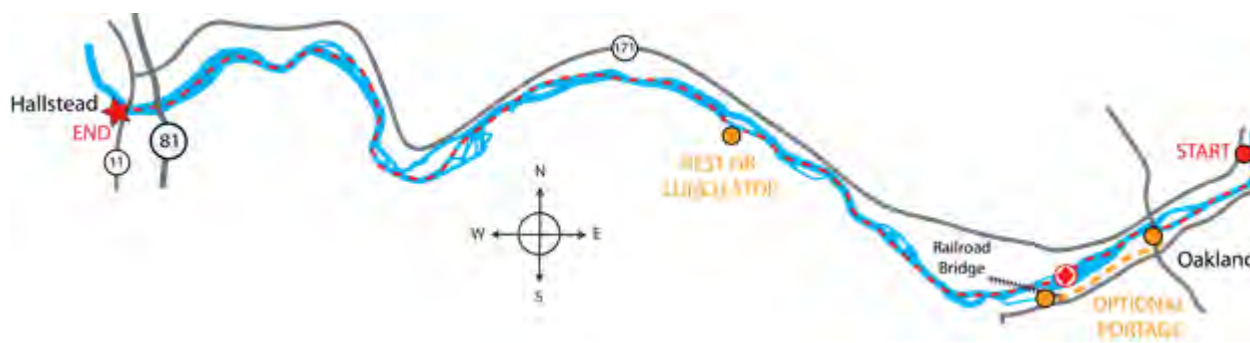
PFBC Oakland Access to PFBC Hallstead Access

River Miles: 12 miles
Estimated Paddle Time: 5-6 hours
Difficulty: Moderate
Hazards: Former Oakland Dam (Class I rapid)
County: Susquehanna

Embark on an unforgettable adventure along the North Branch Susquehanna River Water Trail from the PFBC Oakland Access to the PFBC Hallstead Access. This 11.96-mile paddle traverses a piece of the river known as the Great Bend, where the Susquehanna dips down into Pennsylvania before re-entering New York. As you navigate the waterway, keep an eye out for wildlife, as river islands offer secluded habitats for birds and other native critters.



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EXPLORE THE WEST BRANCH

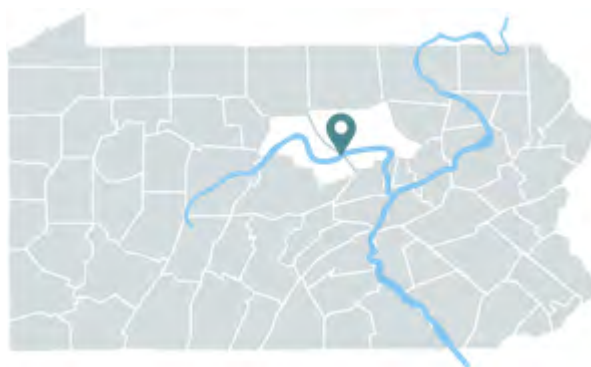


Paddle McElhattan to Jersey Shore

PFBC Pine Access to Jersey Shore Borough Access

River Miles: 6.4 miles
Estimated Paddle Time: 2-3 hours
Difficulty: Easy
Hazards: None
County: Clinton & Lycoming

This route from the PFBC Pine Access in McElhattan to the Jersey Shore Borough Access offers a scenic paddle with opportunities for viewing wildlife and exploring the local history of the West Branch Susquehanna River Trail. The paddle typically takes 2 to 3 hours to complete, and because there are no hazards, it is a great route for new or novice paddlers and families. Be sure to stop by the Susquehanna Greenway River Town of Jersey Shore after your paddle for a bite to eat!



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Prefer to paddle with a group? Join SGP as we paddle this section on [September 21!](#)



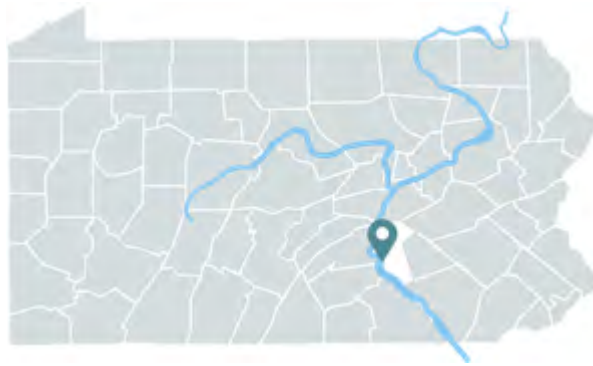
EXPLORE THE MIDDLE SUSQUEHANNA



Paddle Fort Hunter to City Island
PFBC Fort Hunter Access to City Island Beach

River Miles: 6.38 miles
Estimated Paddle Time: 3-4 hours
Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
Hazards: Watch for rock ledges & riffles
County: Dauphin

This paddle from Fort Hunter to City Island presents a delightful blend of natural beauty and architectural wonders along the Susquehanna River Water Trail Middle Section. With an estimated completion time of 3-4 hours, a journey along this route will offer ample opportunity to take in the sights, including the Rockville Bridge, the protected birding area of Wade Island, and several other islands that are open to camping. Whether you plan to admire the tranquil flow of the river, marvel at the lush greenery lining its banks, or catch glimpses of wildlife in their natural habitat, every moment on the water promises to be memorable.



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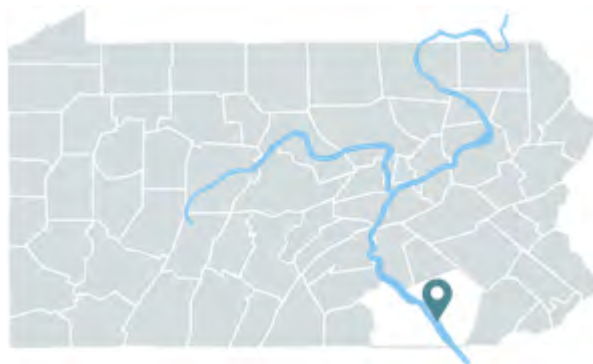
EXPLORE THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA



Paddle Marietta to Wrightsville *River Park Access to Zimmerman Center for Heritage Access (alt. PFBC Columbia Access)*

River Miles: 10 miles (4.17 for alt. route)
Estimated Paddle Time: 3-4 hours
Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
Hazards: Motorized boats, high winds
County: York & Lancaster

This Lower Susquehanna day trip offers the chance to see some iconic area landmarks right from your kayak, including the rock face of Chickies Rock Overlook and the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Columbia. You may take-out here for a half-day trip or continue into the wider waters of Lake Clarke and paddle amidst the protected birding area of the Conejohela Flats. Be prepared for headwinds and potential boat wakes as you near the final take-out.



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EXPLORE MORE WITH SGP

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER?

Show us with your original artwork!

Your Art Could Go Here!

MARCH 18 - JUNE 21

SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY ART CONTEST

LAST CHANCE - DEADLINE FRIDAY 6/21

Submit your original artwork to the Susquehanna Greenway Art Contest! The prompt: *What do you love most about the Susquehanna River?* The winner will have their art featured on a water bottle and sticker, to debut as a fundraiser at the Susquehanna Greenway Outdoor Expo. Plus, 5 water bottles and 10 stickers to share with friends & family, and a \$100 cash prize!

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MAY 1 - JULY 31

13TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

DEADLINE: July 31, 2024

Submit your original photographs and share your stories in our annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest for a chance to win cash prizes! Categories include Susquehanna Landmarks, Adventures, River Towns, & Wildlife. Submissions will be accepted until July 31.

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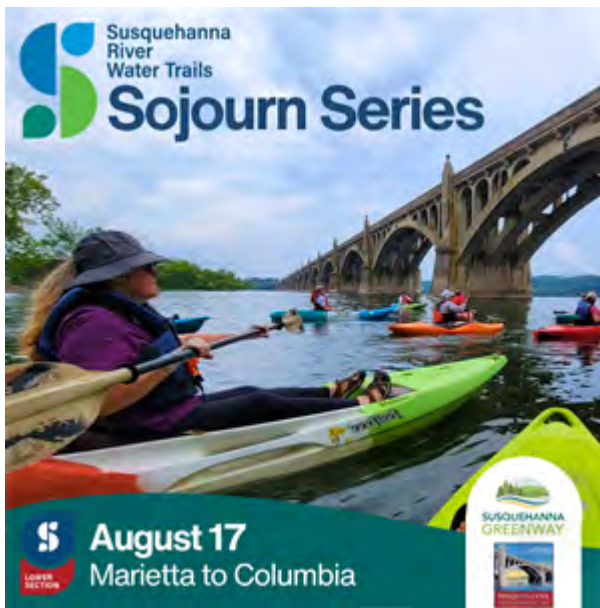
AUGUST 3

SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY OUTDOOR EXPO

Shikellamy State Park; August 3, 2024

Join SGP for an opportunity to find your next adventure in the Susquehanna Greenway. The Susquehanna Greenway Outdoor Expo will feature over 50 booths to explore, plus clinics, workshops, demonstrations, and more! Click below to learn more about this unique event, now in its third year!

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**SUSQUEHANNA SOJOURN SERIES:
LOWER SECTION**

August 17, 2024

SGP is partnering with the Susquehanna National Heritage Area to provide a 7-mile paddle along the Susquehanna River's Lower Section from Marietta to Columbia.

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**SUSQUEHANNA SOJOURN SERIES:
WEST BRANCH**

September 21, 2024

SGP is wrapping up the Susquehanna Sojourn Series with a 6.5-mile West Branch paddle route from McElhattan to Jersey Shore.

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‘BEAT THE HEAT’ CHECKLIST

	<p>SUNGLASSES</p> <p>When UV rays reflect off of water, they intensify. If you are near or on the river, be sure to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from this reflection. Polarized sunglasses are even better, since they help block out glare.</p>
	<p>WATER BOTTLE</p> <p>Hydrate! Avoid chugging water. Instead, sip water frequently. If you become thirsty you are already dehydrated. Opt for a reusable, insulated water bottle for cool water and an eco-friendly option.</p>
	<p>HAT</p> <p>Wear a hat to protect your face and scalp from the strong UV rays. The reflection of the UV rays on the river intensifies the effect of the heat on your body. Choose a wide brim hat for even better protection.</p>
	<p>SUNSCREEN</p> <p>Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before sun exposure. Choose a water resistant, mineral sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher. Reapply often (follow package instructions), especially after swimming or sweating.</p>
	<p>WATCH THE WEATHER</p> <p>Keep an eye on the weather forecast. Extreme changes in temperature, such as heat waves, can cause sudden thunderstorms to form. Be prepared to postpone your trip if thunderstorms are on the horizon.</p>
	<p>SHARE YOUR PLAN</p> <p>Before setting out on your adventure, make sure to share your itinerary with a friend or family member. Have fun!</p>

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The Susquehanna Greenway is a connected corridor of paddling, walking, and biking trails, boat launches, conserved lands, and communities that runs along the Susquehanna River in PA.



The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to advancing the vision of the Susquehanna Greenway. SGP works with partners to grow the network, inspire people to engage with the outdoors, and transform communities into places where people want to live, work, and explore.



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