



Mahoning River Water Trail

Class I

A paddler's map and guide to designated access along the Mahoning River Water Trail in Trumbull County, Ohio.



The 23-mile Mahoning River Water Trail maintains its natural quality as it winds through wooded, rural, and urban areas in Trumbull County. Beginning in Newton Township, this water trail includes long deep pools, riffles, and scenic views. Opportunities abound for wildlife viewing and fishing.

Flowing by forested groves, fields of corn and wheat, suburban streets, and beautiful wetland complexes, this trail is full of natural beauty as well as history. Points of interest include the Newton Falls Covered Bridge (the 2nd oldest covered bridge in Ohio) and remnants of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal. Proximity to the Western Reserve Greenway Trail and Bicycle Route J makes this Ohio Water Trail an ideal paddle/pedal destination.

The Mahoning River Water Trail designation was made possible through a partnership with Trumbull County MetroParks, Newton Township, Newton Falls City, Braceville Township, Warren Township, Warren City, Trumbull County Commissioners, Trumbull County Planning Commission, MRCI, and Eastgate Council of Governments.



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TRAIL AT A GLANCE

SITE	RIVER ACCESS	DISTANCE	PARK INFORMATION
1	Foster MetroPark	6.04 miles	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
2	Rotary Park	2.9 miles	City of Newton Falls 330-872-0806 ci.newtonfalls.oh.us
3	Braceville Nature Preserve	4.32 miles	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
4	Thomas A. Swift MetroPark	3.66 miles	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
5	Canoe City MetroPark	4.08 miles	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
6	Burbank Park	1.67 miles	City of Warren 330-841-2316 warren.org
7	Packard Park	End	City of Warren 330-841-2316 warren.org
TOTAL DISTANCE		22.67 miles	

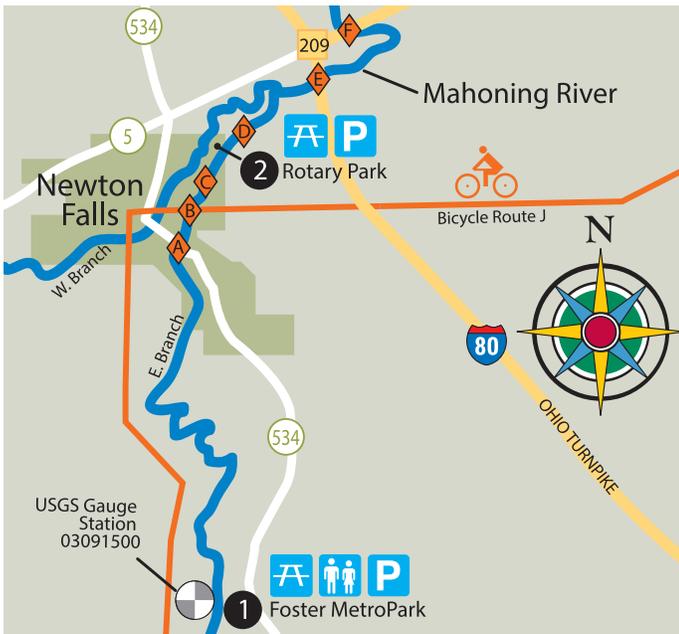
PADDLING TERMINOLOGY

- Abutment** – Supporting structure of a bridge
- CFS** – Cubic feet per second; measurement of water flow
- Chute** – Clear passage through rapids
- Confluence** – Place where two or more streams flow together
- Hydraulic** – Recirculating current formed when water drops over
- Portage** – Carry boat around some hazard in the river
- River left** – As you look downstream in the direction the water is flowing, the left side of the river
- River right** – As you look downstream in the direction the water is flowing, the right side of the river

For food, camping, and canoe rental information, contact the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau:



866-360-1552 ExploreTrumbullCounty.com



LEGEND	
	Water Trail
	Water Trail Access
	Emergency Water Access
	Boating Hazard
	Western Reserve Greenway
	Bicycle Route J
	Parking
	Public Restrooms
	Picnic Facilities
	USGS Gauge Station

1 Foster MetroPark - River Right
Trumbull County MetroParks
3940 Damascus-Newton Falls Rd
Newton Falls, Ohio 44444

Lat 41.135395 Long -80.966218

This river access site has a canoe and kayak launch, picnic tables, portable restrooms, informational kiosk, and ample parking for canoe/kayak trailers. This site is adjacent to Bicycle Route J which traverses Trumbull County roads to the Trumbull/Ashtabula county line.

6.04 miles to next put-in/take-out

Deer and turkey are often seen in this area. MetroParks received this park as a donation from the Trumbull Canoe Trails Club in 1984. At the time, the park was known as Canoe Trail Park in honor of the organization that had worked to raise funds for its acquisition. Several improvements were made throughout the mid-1980s that included clearing existing scrub, installing a parking lot, building a small hiking trail, digging a small water well, and installing the river's first canoe launch.

The projects were funded through the Ohio DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Since its original construction, the parking lot has been expanded, and now features a portable lavatory. Route J was established along East River Road in Newton Township, delineating a network of bicycle-friendly roads between Marietta along the Ohio River and Conneaut on Lake Erie.

A State Route 534 Bridge: Stay to left or right of State Route 534 bridge; abutment is located in middle.

B Newton Falls Covered Bridge: Stay to middle of Newton Falls Covered Bridge; abutments are located on river right and river left.

C East Main Street Bridge: Stay to middle of East Main Street Bridge; abutments are located on river right and river left.

2 Rotary Park - River Left
City of Newton Falls
1025 First Street
Newton Falls, OH 44444

Lat 41.196029 Long -80.967473

This river access site does not currently have a formal canoe and kayak launch, but there is a portage around the dam. The site contains an undeveloped put-in/take-out point, picnic tables, and parking for canoe/kayak trailers. The launch site is expected to be completed by 2016.

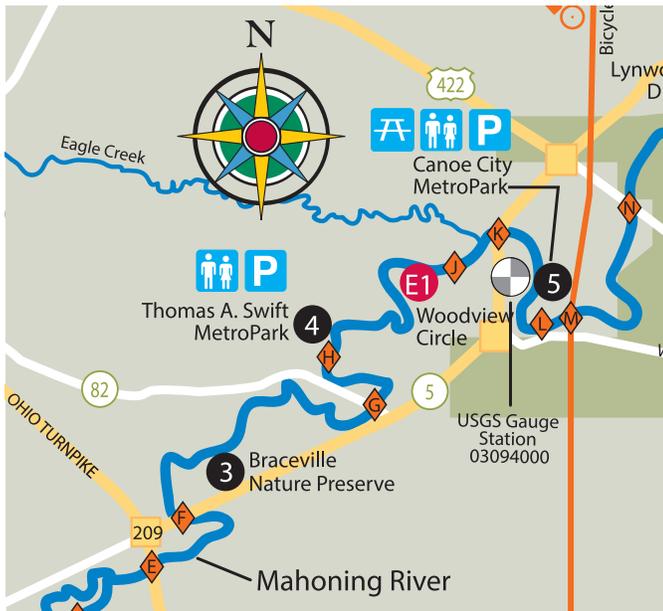
2.9 miles to next put-in/take-out

Just before Rotary Park in Newton Falls you will find the second oldest covered bridge in Ohio, which was constructed over the river in 1831. A walkway was added to the side of the bridge in 1922. Fishing enthusiasts should try catching smallmouth bass, panfish, and pike close to this park. Just after Rotary Park is the first of two dams on the water trail. Portage to the left.

D Newton Falls Dam: Portage to left; watch for signs.

E Turnpike Bridge: Stay to middle of Turnpike Bridge; abutments are located on river right and river left.

F State Route 5 Bridge #1: Stay to middle of the State Route 5 Bridge #1; abutments are located on river right and river left.



the river, Thomas A. Swift MetroPark offers tremendous education and conservation opportunities. The developed 12.5-acre park located in Braceville Township consists of relatively flat grassland and is bordered by the river to the east and the lightly traveled Benedict-Leavittsburg Road to the west. Trees enshroud the low-lying and sometimes muddy riverbanks, an area that has also been designated as a floodplain.

E1 Emergency Access Site – River Right

Woodview Circle Parcel, Warren Township

Lat 41.247686 Long -80.901314

For all emergencies please dial 9-1-1

This site is for law enforcement and rescue personnel only. Please pull-off to river right in an emergency and wait for emergency crews to arrive.

**3 Braceville Nature Preserve – River Right
State Route 5**

Lat 41.216824 Long -80.944532

This river access site is currently NOT open to the public, but when it comes available it will have a canoe and kayak launch, parking for canoe and kayak trailers, and picnic tables. The site is expected to be completed by 2016.

4.32 miles to next put-in/take-out

You will traverse under State Route 5 By-Pass and float by two of the more than 20 golf courses in Trumbull County. Paddlers regularly encounter geese and other waterfowl near this access point. Featuring over 71 acres of woods, open meadows, and an oxbow lake with delicate wetlands, the flat and gently rolling landscape along the river offers great opportunities for exploration, education, and exercise. The property is located about 8 miles in either direction from Foster MetroPark and Canoe City MetroPark.

G State Route 82 Bridge: Stay to middle of State Route 82 Bridge; abutments are located on river right and river left.

H Old Rail Bridge: Stay to left or right of Old Rail Bridge; abutment is located in middle.

**4 Thomas A. Swift MetroPark – River Left
Trumbull County MetroParks
870 Benedict-Leavittsburg Road
Leavittsburg, Ohio 44430**

Lat 41.238975 Long -80.915873

This river access site has a canoe/kayak launch, a half-mile walking trail, arboretum, picnic tables, and an informational kiosk.

3.66 miles to next put-in/take-out

Paddlers will float under rail bridges and pass an old canal system. Bald eagles have been viewed feeding in this location. As an open meadow park positioned along

J Nelson Mosier Road Bridge: Stay to left or right of the Nelson Mosier Bridge; abutment is located in the middle.

K State Route 5 Bridge #2: Stay to left or right of the State Route 5 Bridge #2; abutment is located in the middle.

**5 Canoe City MetroPark – River Left
Trumbull County MetroParks
74 North Leavitt Road
Leavittsburg, OH 44430**

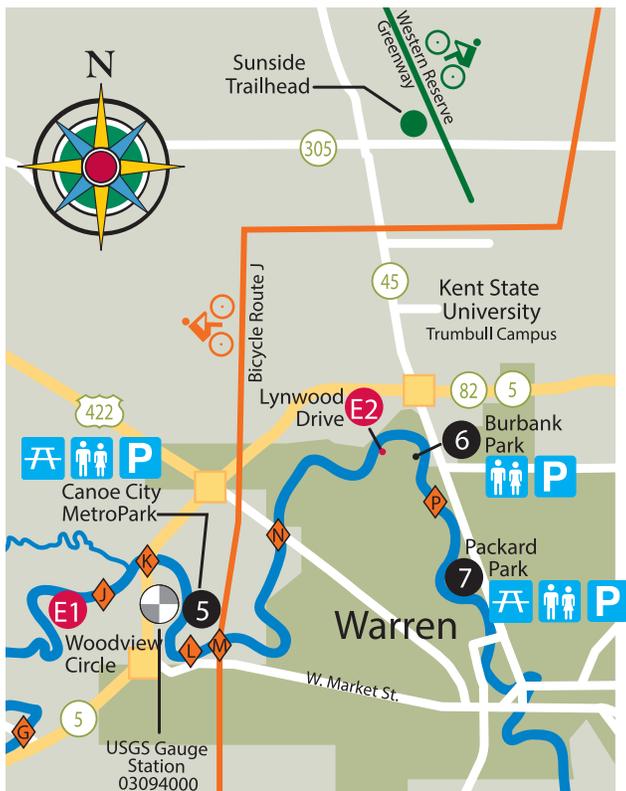
Lat 41.241697 Long -80.881426

This river access site has an ADA accessible floating dock for all types of boats including canoes and kayaks. Along with the floating dock, amenities include a walking trail, picnic tables, grills, and an informational kiosk.

4.08 miles to next put-in/take-out

Trail users will travel under State Route 5 By-Pass for the last time as they head into more densely populated areas of Trumbull County. Canoe City has a long history of recreation. Early on, the park served as the site of Mahoning Park, a regionally popular amusement park. Eventually, the amusement park closed and its structures dwindled away. Over time, however, the area became popular with canoeists. Because of the need to portage around the Leavittsburg Dam, canoeists routinely attained permission from Ohio Edison to use the area as a stopping point along their treks up and down the river. Fox and other woodland creatures may be seen in this section of the water trail.

In 1984, a business person secured a lease from Ohio Edison to establish a private canoe livery in the northern section of the park. The establishment was known as Canoe City and operated for some time. In June of 1993, Ohio Edison donated its N. Leavitt Road property to MetroParks and retained an easement for its substation facility. Just after Canoe City MetroPark is the last dam on the water trail. Please portage to the left.



- L Leavittsburg Dam:** Portage to left; watch for signs.
- M North Leavitt Road Bridge:** Stay to middle of North Leavitt Road Bridge; abutments are located river right and river left.
- N Parkman Road Bridge:** Stay to middle of the Parkman Road Bridge; abutments are located river right and river left.

E2 Emergency Access Site – River Right

Lynwood Drive Parcel, City of Warren

Lat 41.266937 Long -80.846940

For all emergencies please dial 9-1-1

This site is access for law enforcement and rescue personnel only. Please pull-off to river right in an emergency and wait for emergency crews to arrive.

6 Burbank Park – River Right

**City of Warren
3130 Elm Hill Drive NW
Warren, OH 44485**

Lat 41.268021 Long -80.841812

This site currently does not have a launch area for paddlers but plans are to construct one along with a dedicated parking lot. This 33-acre park gives visitors a chance to enjoy ballfields, playgrounds, and restrooms. The site is expected to be completed by 2016.

1.67 miles to last take-out

On this stretch of river you will be guided through urban areas while enjoying birdwatching. Keep an eye out for various ducks and great blue heron.

P NW Bridge Road Bridge: Stay to middle of the the Bridge Road Bridge; abutments are located river right and river left.

7 Packard Park – River Left

**City of Warren
1703 Mahoning Avenue NW
Warren, OH 44483**

Lat 41.247368 Long -80.832283

This river access site has a canoe/kayak take-out area along with restrooms, picnic tables and trash receptacles. In addition, this park gives visitors a chance to enjoy the following amenities in its 47 acres: ballfields, pavilions, tennis courts, playgrounds and fitness equipment.

You will enjoy easy paddling in this stretch of river while passing urban areas of Warren. This is the last stop on the Mahoning River Water Trail. Please exit river left.

RESOURCES	
EMERGENCY	9-1-1
Water Conditions	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
Local Information	Trumbull County Tourism Bureau 866-360-1552 exploretumbullcounty.com
Boating Laws, Scenic Rivers, Safety Tips	ODNR Division of Watercraft 1-877-4BOATER watercraft.ohiodnr.gov
Fishing, Hunting, Wildlife Viewing	ODNR Division of Wildlife 1-800-WILDLIFE wildlife.ohiodnr.gov
Real-time Water Flow	US Geological Survey 1-888-275-8747 waterdata.usgs.gov
Western Reserve Greenway	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
Bicycle Route J	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org