

# Canoeable Streams in Western Pennsylvania

The data on canoeable stage levels are from [Canoeing Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia](#), Eighth Edition, 1991, Pittsburgh Council American Youth Hostel (Page numbers indicated in first column) (Also available from [Amazon.com](#)). The current stage data are retrieved from the [USGS Water Data for the Nation](#) site, courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Page	Canoe Trip	Gage (links to more detail)	Condition	Low	High	Stage	Feet above Low
86	Raccoon Creek, Raccoon to Murdocksville	<a href="#">Raccoon Creek at Moffatts Mill, PA</a>	too low	2.5		2.29	-0.21
87	Raccoon Creek, Murdocksville to State Route 151	<a href="#">Raccoon Creek at Moffatts Mill, PA</a>	too low	2.4		2.29	-0.11
88	Raccoon Creek, State Route 151 to State Route 18	<a href="#">Raccoon Creek at Moffatts Mill, PA</a>	too low	2.4		2.29	-0.11
90	Beaver River, New Castle to Wampum	<a href="#">Beaver River at Wampum, PA</a>	canoeable	3.5	4.7	5.77	2.27
91	Beaver River, Wampum to Ohio River	<a href="#">Beaver River at Beaver Falls, PA</a>	canoeable	3.9	4.9	5.93	2.03
92	Connoquenessing Creek, Zelienople to Country Club, Route 65	<a href="#">Connoquenessing Creek near Zelienople, PA</a>	canoeable	1.8	3.5	2.29	0.49
93	Connoquenessing Creek, Country Club to Frisco	<a href="#">Connoquenessing Creek near Zelienople, PA</a>	canoeable	1.7	3.5	2.29	0.59
94	Connoquenessing Creek, Frisco to Ellport Park	<a href="#">Connoquenessing Creek near Zelienople, PA</a>	canoeable	1.6	3.0	2.29	0.69
96	Connoquenessing Creek, Ellport Park to Ellwood City Sewer Plant	<a href="#">Connoquenessing Creek near Zelienople, PA</a>	canoeable	1.6	3.0	2.29	0.69
97	Connoquenessing Creek, Ellwood City Sewer Plant to Beaver River	<a href="#">Connoquenessing Creek near Zelienople, PA</a>	canoeable	1.6		2.29	0.69
98	Slippery Rock Creek, State Route 173 (Rock Falls Park) to Moores Corners	<a href="#">Slippery Rock Creek at Wurtemberg, PA</a>	too low	2.3		1.80	-0.5
99	Slippery Rock Creek, Moores Corners to US Route 19 (Kennedy Mills)	<a href="#">Slippery Rock Creek at Wurtemberg, PA</a>	too low	1.9		1.80	-0.1
100	Slippery Rock Creek, US Route 19 (Kennedy Mills) to Rose Point	<a href="#">Slippery Rock Creek at Wurtemberg, PA</a>	canoeable	1.5		1.80	0.3
101	Slippery Rock Creek, Rose Point to Breakneck (Eckert Bridge)	<a href="#">Slippery Rock Creek at Wurtemberg, PA</a>	canoeable	1.0	2.0	1.80	0.8
104	Slippery Rock Creek, Breakneck (Eckert Bridge) to Harris Bridge	<a href="#">Slippery Rock Creek at Wurtemberg, PA</a>	canoeable	1.0	2.5	1.80	0.8
105	Slippery Rock Creek, Harris Bridge to Ellport Park	<a href="#">Slippery Rock Creek at Wurtemberg, PA</a>	canoeable	1.3	3.0	1.80	0.5
108	Wolf Creek, Grove City to Courtneys Mills	<a href="#">Slippery Rock Creek at Wurtemberg, PA</a>	canoeable	1.6	4.6	1.80	0.2
115	Yellow Creek (Butler County), Middle Lancaster to Little Connoquenessing	<a href="#">Connoquenessing Creek near Zelienople, PA</a>	too low	3.0		2.29	-0.71

116	Shenango River, Pymatuning Dam to Greenville	<a href="#">Shenango River at Pymatuning Dam, PA</a>	canoeable	4.6	5.6	4.83	0.23
117	Shenango River, Greenville to Hew Hamburg	<a href="#">Shenango River near Transfer, PA</a>	canoeable	2.5		4.18	1.68
118	Shenango River, Hew Hamburg to Sharpsville Dam	<a href="#">Shenango River near Transfer, PA</a>	canoeable	2.5		4.18	1.68
125	Little Shenango River, Osgood to Greenville	<a href="#">Little Shenango River at Greenville, PA</a>	canoeable	2.0		4.14	2.14
126	Crooked Creek (Mercer County), Hartstown to Osgood	<a href="#">Little Shenango River at Greenville, PA</a>	canoeable	2.0		4.14	2.14
140	Allegheny River, Coudersport to Salamanca	<a href="#">Allegheny River at Port Allegany, PA</a>	canoeable	3.0		3.40	0.4
140	Allegheny River, Coudersport to Salamanca	<a href="#">Allegheny River at Eldred, PA</a>	too low	4.6		4.35	-0.25
142	Allegheny River, Kinzua Dam to West Monterey	<a href="#">Allegheny River at Franklin, PA</a>	canoeable	1.7	4.9	5.27	3.57
152	Buffalo Creek (Armstrong County), Worthington to West Winfield	<a href="#">Buffalo Creek near Freeport, PA</a>	canoeable	1.6	2.6	1.85	0.25
153	Buffalo Creek (Armstrong County), West Winfield to Freeport	<a href="#">Buffalo Creek near Freeport, PA</a>	canoeable	1.7	2.8	1.85	0.15
155	Kiskiminetas River, Saltsburg to Salina	<a href="#">Kiskiminetas River at Vandergrift, PA</a>	canoeable	3.5	8.0	6.07	2.57
156	Kiskiminetas River, Salina to Freeport	<a href="#">Kiskiminetas River at Vandergrift, PA</a>	canoeable		5.8	6.07	
157	Loyalhanna Creek, Rector to Ligonier	<a href="#">Loyalhanna Creek at Kingston, PA</a>	too low	4.5	5.3	3.75	-0.75
158	Loyalhanna Creek, Ligonier to Kingston Dam	<a href="#">Loyalhanna Creek at Kingston, PA</a>	canoeable	3.2	5.3	3.75	0.55
159	Loyalhanna Creek, Kingston Dam to Latrobe	<a href="#">Loyalhanna Creek at Kingston, PA</a>	canoeable	3.4	5.0	3.75	0.35
163	Fourmile Run, State Route 130 to Darlington	<a href="#">Loyalhanna Creek at Kingston, PA</a>	too low	4.5	6.0	3.75	-0.75
165	Mill Creek (Westmoreland County), Waterford to Ligonier	<a href="#">Loyalhanna Creek at Kingston, PA</a>	too low	4.5	6.0	3.75	-0.75
166	Conemaugh River, Johnstown to New Florence	<a href="#">Conemaugh River at Seward, PA</a>	canoeable	3.0		3.22	0.22
167	Conemaugh River, New Florence to Torrance	<a href="#">Conemaugh River at Seward, PA</a>	canoeable	2.4	4.0	3.22	0.82
170	Blacklick Creek, Wehrum to Heshbon	<a href="#">Blacklick Creek at Josephine, PA</a>	canoeable	4.1		4.32	0.22
171	Blacklick Creek, Heshbon to Josephine	<a href="#">Blacklick Creek at Josephine, PA</a>	canoeable	3.8	4.6	4.32	0.52
176	Two Lick Creek, Homer City (State Route 56 Bridge) to Blacklick Bridge	<a href="#">Two Lick Creek at Graceton, PA</a>	canoeable	2.5		3.14	0.64
179	Yellow Creek, Ferrier Run Road to State Route 954 Bridge	<a href="#">Yellow Creek near Homer City, PA</a>	too low	2.3		2.27	-0.03

180	Yellow Creek, State Route 954 Bridge to State Route 56 Bridge	<a href="#">Yellow Creek near Homer City, PA</a>	too low	2.3		2.27	-0.03
182	Blacklick Creek, South Branch, Nanty Glo to Vintondale	<a href="#">Blacklick Creek at Josephine, PA</a>	too low	5.5		4.32	-1.18
187	Little Conemaugh River, South Fork to Johnstown	<a href="#">Conemaugh River at Seward, PA</a>	canoeable	2.7	4.0	3.22	0.52
194	Bens Creek, North Fork of Bens Creek to Stony Creek	<a href="#">Stonycreek River at Ferndale, PA</a>	too low	4.0		3.84	-0.16
196	Shade Creek, Dark Shade Creek to Sony Creek	<a href="#">Stonycreek River at Ferndale, PA</a>	canoeable	3.6	4.6	3.84	0.24
199	Dark Shade Creek, Cairnbrook to Clear Shade Creek	<a href="#">Stonycreek River at Ferndale, PA</a>	canoeable	3.6		3.84	0.24
202	Crooked Creek, Creekside to Shelocta	<a href="#">Crooked Creek at Idaho, PA</a>	canoeable	2.7	5.0	3.50	0.8
202	Crooked Creek, Shelocta to Girty	<a href="#">Crooked Creek at Idaho, PA</a>	canoeable	3.0	4.7	3.50	0.5
204	Crooked Creek, Girty to Cochrans Mills	<a href="#">Crooked Creek at Idaho, PA</a>	canoeable	2.7	4.0	3.50	0.8
212	Mahoning Creek, Big Run (Upper Bridge) to Punxsutawney (State Route 436 Bridge)	<a href="#">Mahoning Creek at Punxsutawney, PA</a>	too low	2.2		2.15	-0.05
213	Mahoning Creek, Punxsutawney (State Route 436 Bridge) to Lower Valier Bridge	<a href="#">Mahoning Creek at Punxsutawney, PA</a>	too low	2.2		2.15	-0.05
214	Mahoning Creek, Valier to State Route 839 Access Area (Milton Loop Boat Launch)	<a href="#">Little Mahoning Creek at McCormick, PA</a>	canoeable	1.9	2.6	2.77	0.87
221	Little Mahoning Creek, Upstream of US Route 119 to State Route 210	<a href="#">Little Mahoning Creek at McCormick, PA</a>	too low	3.0		2.77	-0.23
222	Little Mahoning Creek, State Route 210 to McCormick	<a href="#">Little Mahoning Creek at McCormick, PA</a>	too low	3.0		2.77	-0.23
222	Little Mahoning Creek, McCormick to State Route 954 (Smicksburg)	<a href="#">Little Mahoning Creek at McCormick, PA</a>	too low	3.0		2.77	-0.23
223	Little Mahoning Creek, State Route 954 (Smicksburg) to the 'Forks' Junction with Mahoning	<a href="#">Little Mahoning Creek at McCormick, PA</a>	too low	3.0		2.77	-0.23
225	Red Bank Creek, Brookville to Summerville	<a href="#">Redbank Creek at St. Charles, PA</a>	too low	3.8		3.62	-0.18
226	Red Bank Creek, Summerville to New Bethlehem	<a href="#">Redbank Creek at St. Charles, PA</a>	too low	3.8	5.5	3.62	-0.18
227	Red Bank Creek, New Bethlehem to Allegheny River	<a href="#">Redbank Creek at St. Charles, PA</a>	canoeable	3.6	6.9	3.62	0.02
229	Little Sandy Creek (Jefferson County), Worthville to Mayport (Red Blank Creek)	<a href="#">Redbank Creek at St. Charles, PA</a>	too low	6.3		3.62	-2.68
231	Red Bank Creek, North Fork, Richardsville to Dr. Walter W. Dick Park in Brookville	<a href="#">Redbank Creek at St. Charles, PA</a>	too low	4.5	8.0	3.62	-0.88
233	Sandy Lick Creek, Reynoldsville to Brookville	<a href="#">Redbank Creek at St. Charles, PA</a>	too low	4.3	6.0	3.62	-0.68
234	Mill Creek (Jefferson County), Allen Mills to	<a href="#">Redbank Creek at St.</a>	too low	7.0		3.62	-3.38

	Port Barnett	<a href="#">Charles, PA</a>					
236	Clarion River, Johnsonburg to Ridgway	<a href="#">Clarion River at Johnsonburg, PA</a>	canoeable	2.2		2.53	0.33
237	Clarion River, Ridgway to Cooksburg	<a href="#">Clarion River at Ridgway, PA</a>	canoeable	3.0		4.24	1.24
238	Clarion River, Cooksburg to Mill Creek	<a href="#">Clarion River at Cooksburg, PA</a>	canoeable	2.3		3.89	1.59
241	Toby Creek (Clarion County), State Route 1013 to State Game Lands 72	<a href="#">Clarion River at Cooksburg, PA</a>	too low	7.0		3.89	-3.11
242	Toby Creek (Clarion County), State Game Lands 72 to Clarion Lake	<a href="#">Clarion River at Cooksburg, PA</a>	too low	6.5		3.89	-2.61
243	Mill Creek (Clarion County), 2nd Bridge below State Route 949 to Clarion Lake	<a href="#">Clarion River at Cooksburg, PA</a>	too low	6.5		3.89	-2.61
245	Millstone Creek, West Branch, Forest Service Road 130 to Clarion River	<a href="#">Clarion River at Ridgway, PA</a>	too low	8.5	9.5	4.24	-4.26
246	Millstone Creek, East Branch, Gurgling Run to Loleta Recreation Area	<a href="#">Clarion River at Ridgway, PA</a>	too low	8.0		4.24	-3.76
247	Millstone Creek, East Branch, Loleta Recreation Area to Clarion River	<a href="#">Clarion River at Ridgway, PA</a>	too low	6.0		4.24	-1.76
248	Spring Creek, Duhring to Hallton	<a href="#">West Branch Clarion River at Wilcox, PA</a>	too low	2.5		1.95	-0.55
249	Spring Creek, East Branch, Pigs Ear to Duhring	<a href="#">Clarion River at Ridgway, PA</a>	too low	7.0		4.24	-2.76
250	Bear Creek (Elk County), Forest Service Road 339 to Junction with Clarion at Arroyo	<a href="#">Clarion River at Ridgway, PA</a>	too low	7.0		4.24	-2.76
251	Little Toby Creek (Elk County), Brockway to Clarion River	<a href="#">West Branch Clarion River at Wilcox, PA</a>	too low	2.0		1.95	-0.05
252	Mill Creek (Elk County), State Route 948 to Ridgway Reservoir	<a href="#">West Branch Clarion River at Wilcox, PA</a>	too low	4.3		1.95	-2.35
253	Mill Creek (Elk County), Ridgway Reservoir to Clarion River	<a href="#">West Branch Clarion River at Wilcox, PA</a>	too low	4.3		1.95	-2.35
253	Elk Creek, Daguscahonda to Ridgway	<a href="#">West Branch Clarion River at Wilcox, PA</a>	too low	4.3		1.95	-2.35
256	Clarion River, West Branch, Rocky Run to Johnsonburg	<a href="#">West Branch Clarion River at Wilcox, PA</a>	too low	2.0	3.0	1.95	-0.05
256	Clarion River, West Branch, Rocky Run to Johnsonburg	<a href="#">Clarion River at Ridgway, PA</a>	too low	4.5		4.24	-0.26
258	Sandy Creek, Goddard State Park to Raymilton	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	too low	4.0		3.16	-0.84
259	Sandy Creek, Raymilton to Pecan	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	canoeable	3.0		3.16	0.16
260	South Sandy Creek, State Game Lands 39 to Pecan	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	too low	4.5	6.5	3.16	-1.34
261	East Sandy Creek, Van to Allegheny River	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	too low	3.5		3.16	-0.34
	French Creek, Cambridge Springs to	<a href="#">French Creek at</a>					

265	Seagertown	<a href="#">Meadville, PA</a>	canoeable	2.0		3.14	1.14
266	French Creek, Seagertown to Cochranton	<a href="#">French Creek at Meadville, PA</a>	canoeable	2.0		3.14	1.14
269	Sugar Creek, Cooperstown to French Creek	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	too low	3.7	5.0	3.16	-0.54
271	Sugar Creek, East Branch, Wallaceville to Cooperstown	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	too low	4.5		3.16	-1.34
277	Oil Creek, Centerville to Titusville	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	canoeable	3.0	5.0	3.16	0.16
277	Oil Creek, Titusville to Rouseville	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	canoeable	2.5	5.0	3.16	0.66
279	Pithole Creek, Pithole to Oleopolis	<a href="#">Oil Creek at Rouseville, PA</a>	too low	4.0	5.0	3.16	-0.84
285	Salmon Creek, Forest Service Road 128 to Forest Service Road 145	<a href="#">Clarion River at Cooksburg, PA</a>	too low	8.0		3.89	-4.11
286	Salmon Creek, Forest Service Road 145 to Kellettsville	<a href="#">Clarion River at Cooksburg, PA</a>	too low	8.0		3.89	-4.11
291	Kinzua Creek, Westline to Forest Service Road 150 (Meade Run)	<a href="#">Kinzua Creek near Guffey, PA</a>	too low	3.0		2.79	-0.21
308	Youghiogheny River, Confluence to OhioPyle (The Middle Yough)	<a href="#">Youghiogheny River below Confluence, PA</a>	canoeable	1.8	3.5	3.54	1.74
311	Youghiogheny River, OhioPyle to Bruner Run (The Lower Yough)	<a href="#">Youghiogheny River below Confluence, PA</a>	canoeable	1.9	3.5	3.54	1.64
311	Youghiogheny River, Bruner Run to South Connellsville	<a href="#">Youghiogheny River below Confluence, PA</a>	canoeable	2.4		3.54	1.14
314	Youghiogheny River, South Connellsville to Dawson	<a href="#">Youghiogheny River at Connellsville, PA</a>	canoeable	2.1	4.5	3.95	1.85
315	Youghiogheny River, Dawson to Whitsett	<a href="#">Youghiogheny River at Connellsville, PA</a>	canoeable	2.1	4.5	3.95	1.85
316	Youghiogheny River, Whitsett to McKeesport (The Bottom Yough)	<a href="#">Youghiogheny River at Connellsville, PA</a>	canoeable	2.0	4.5	3.95	1.95
322	Jacobs Creek, Chaintown to town of Jacobs Creek at Youghiogheny River	<a href="#">Youghiogheny River at Connellsville, PA</a>	too low	4.7	6.9	3.95	-0.75
326	Indian Creek, Jones Mills to Indianhead Lake on State Route 381	<a href="#">Laurel Hill Creek at Ursina, PA</a>	too low	2.0		1.66	-0.34
327	Indian Creek, Indianhead Lake on State Route 381 to Youghiogheny River at Camp Carmel	<a href="#">Laurel Hill Creek at Ursina, PA</a>	too low	2.0		1.66	-0.34
328	Meadow Run, State Route 381 to State Route 2011	<a href="#">Laurel Hill Creek at Ursina, PA</a>	too low	2.1		1.66	-0.44
329	Meadow Run, State Route 2011 to Youghiogheny River	<a href="#">Laurel Hill Creek at Ursina, PA</a>	too low	2.1		1.66	-0.44
330	US 40 Grantsville, Md. to Salisbury, Pa.	<a href="#">Casselman River at Markleton, PA</a>	too low	2.8		2.38	-0.42
331	Casselman River, Salisbury to Garrett	<a href="#">Casselman River at Markleton, PA</a>	too low	2.7		2.38	-0.32

332	Casselman River, Garrett to Rockwood	<a href="#">Casselman River at Markleton, PA</a>	canoeable	2.2	3.6	2.38	0.18
334	Casselman River, Rockwood to Markleton	<a href="#">Casselman River at Markleton, PA</a>	canoeable	2.1	3.5	2.38	0.28
335	Casselman River, Markleton to Fort Hill	<a href="#">Casselman River at Markleton, PA</a>	canoeable	2.0	3.5	2.38	0.38
338	Casselman River, Fort Hill to Harnedsville	<a href="#">Casselman River at Markleton, PA</a>	canoeable	2.0	4.0	2.38	0.38
339	Casselman River, Harnedsville to Confluence	<a href="#">Casselman River at Markleton, PA</a>	canoeable	2.0	4.0	2.38	0.38
340	Laurel Hill Creek, Laurel Hill State Park to Whipkey Dam	<a href="#">Laurel Hill Creek at Ursina, PA</a>	too low	2.1		1.66	-0.44
341	Laurel Hill Creek, Whipkey Dam to Ursina	<a href="#">Laurel Hill Creek at Ursina, PA</a>	too low	1.9	3.1	1.66	-0.24
339	Whites Creek, Unamis to Harnedsville	<a href="#">Casselman River at Markleton, PA</a>	too low	5.0		2.38	-2.62
349	Redstone Creek, Smock to Albany	<a href="#">Redstone Creek at Waltersburg, PA</a>	canoeable	0.8		1.96	1.16

Notes:

1. The **low** column represents the lowest possible stage reading at which the **canoe trip** is runnable. The **high** column, if available, represents the highest possible stage reading at which the **canoe trip** is runnable. These data are from [Canoeing Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia](#), Eighth Edition, 1991, Pittsburgh Council American Youth Hostel. Some of the low and high data are more reliable than others. The book mentions when the data are tentative. You should check the book before relying on the data in the above table. The Canoeing Guide has valuable information about each canoe trip. I highly recommend that you use the book along with this table. I've listed **page** numbers from the text for your convenience.
2. You should consider the flow rate as well as the stage when you determine if a stream is runnable. Appendix F in *Canoeing Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia* gives detailed information about using gage data.
3. The Army Corps of Engineers maintains an excellent page about the Youghiogheny River's condition at the [Yough Weekend Recreational Outlook](#) page.
4. Each gage in the **gage** column links to the USGS page for that gage. This page gives flow rates, graphs of gage data over the past week, and other useful information.
5. If you are interested in only a few particular river trips, you can retrieve just those trips' data using their page numbers. For example, to get the data for the Casselman River trips, pages 331 through 339, go to <http://www.learningdesign.com/cgi-local/rivergage?page=331,332,334,335,338,339>.
6. The author of this program accepts no liability for the reliability or applicability of this data. Check the two sources of this data for their liability statements, if they have any.

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P.S. I don't have much experience in canoeing these rivers, so I'm the wrong person to ask about their navigability. Check the [Canoeing Guide of Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia](#).