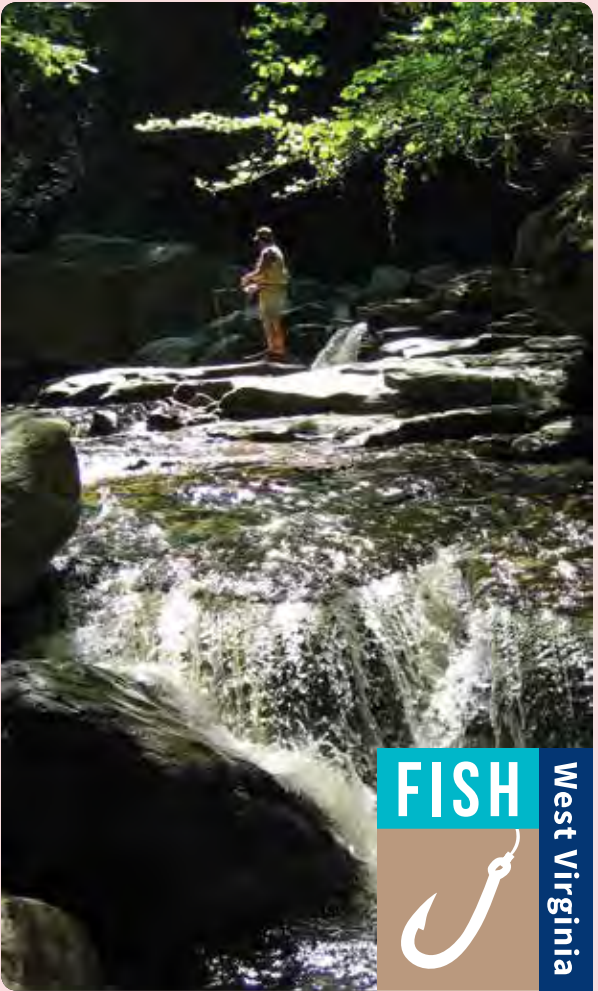


WEST VIRGINIA

District 3

FISHING GUIDE



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FISHING Boating and Water Safety

Boating Education Requirement

Anyone born after December 31, 1986, must successfully complete an approved boating education course before operating a motorboat. The course is available on the DNR website. Click on boating under the Law Enforcement heading.

Wear Your Life Jacket

Personal flotation devices are not just for wearing in boats and not just for those who can't swim. Make sure the PFD is in good condition and fits properly. Youth under 12 years old must wear a PFD if they are on deck while a motorboat is moving.

Wading

There are several rules you should follow for safe wading.

- Wade with a fishing buddy
- Wear your PFD
- Find out whether the bottom is rocky or muddy
- Shuffle your feet or probe with a stick along the bottom to avoid holes
- Study how swiftly the water is moving
- Wear appropriate foot wear (considering water temperature and bottom substrate)



Person in Water

Reach-Throw-Row-Go is a method of rescuing a person who is in trouble in water.

If the person is close to you, **REACH** out with a long object such as an oar or tree limb to pull the person into shore or the boat.

If you can't reach the person, then **THROW** them a life-saving device. If possible, it should be tied to the end of a line so you can pull the person to you. An inflatable ball or foam cooler can be used if the proper device is not available.

If there is nothing to throw, **ROW** a boat to the person in trouble. The person should be pulled in over the stern, or back, of the boat if possible to prevent the boat from tipping over. If the boat has a motor, it must be shut off before you get to the person in the water.

GO (swim) to the person only as a last resort and only if you have had life-saving training. People who are drowning often panic and injure or drown someone trying to rescue them.

Fishing in Cold Weather

Hypothermia is a life-threatening condition in which your body loses heat faster than it can produce it. A common misconception is that the air or water temperature must be below freezing before you can become hypothermic. Any water colder than 70 degrees can cause hypothermia. Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, fumbling hands, slow speech, confusion and exhaustion. In the case of an emergency, get the victim out of the cold, give them warm drinks, keep them awake, remove all wet clothing and get them into dry clothes.

To stay warm, wear several layers of clothing. Air trapped between the layers serves as insulation. A wool hat prevents heat loss from your head. Fishing is difficult with most gloves, but lightweight rubber gloves, gloves without fingertips and gloves that have a flap to expose your fingers allow greater manual dexterity.

FISHING Float Trips

Buckhannon River

From	To	Miles
North Buckhannon Riverfront Park.....	River Road.....	3.5
River Road	Hall Roads.....	3.5

Elk River

From	To	Miles
Frametown	Duck	9
Duck.....	Mary Chilton Park.....	16
King Shoals.....	Queen Shoals.....	3.5



Summersville Lake

Special Regulation Areas

District 3 has numerous special regulation areas for trout, bass and musky. These include catch-and-release, fly fishing only and Class Q waters. These areas are designated on the map, but please check the annual West Virginia Fishing Regulations booklet for current regulations, as these may change from year to year. The regulations booklet also provides a description of the area's location and access to the area.

ANGLERS ALERT

Spread of Unwanted Organisms

Moving live fish or other aquatic animals and plants from one body of water to another can cause long-term damage to the ecological stability of lakes and streams and can threaten recreational fishing. Please take these precautions to prevent problems.

- do not move fish from one body of water to another
- drain live wells thoroughly before leaving an access area
- do not release live baitfish or aquarium fish into West Virginia's waters
- remove all visible plants and animals from your boat, motor, trailer, nets and all fishing gear before leaving an access area

Fishing and Boating Access Sites

Public boating and fishing access facilities shall be used solely for the purpose of launching and retrieving watercraft or fishing from the shore. No other use of the access sites is allowed.

After launching, vehicles shall be parked in available parking spaces.

Any law enforcement officer acting under proper authority may prohibit an individual from launching a watercraft from any public boating and fishing access site.

The following are prohibited at fishing and boating access sites:

- consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of an open container of alcoholic beverages
- swimming or bathing
- camping
- open fires
- trash disposal except where trash receptacles are provided
- discharge of firearms, fireworks or explosives
- leaving unattended watercraft
- commercial use except as authorized by the director
- parking of any vehicle or the mooring of any watercraft in such a manner as to obstruct any avenue of ingress or egress, except for the purpose of launching

TROUT STOCKING Lakes and Ponds

Code	No. Stockings	Period	Code	No. Stockings	Period	Code	No. Stockings	Period
Q	One.....	1st week of March	BW	One every two weeks	Feb.-April	CR	Varies	Varies
W	One.....	January		One.....	May	M	One each month	February-May
	Two.....	February	BA	One.....	January	MJ	One each month	January-April
	One each week.....	March-May		One.....	April	Y	One.....	April
X	After April 1 or area is open to public			One.....	March	F	One.....	Each of the two weeks following the week of Columbus Day

I.D.	Lake or Pond: County	Acres	♿	P	Trout Stocking
					Code: Area
L2	Buffalo Fork: Pocahontas	22	Walkway	Lot	BW-F: 5.5 miles east of Bartow on U.S. Forestry Service road 54 off state Route 28
L8	French Creek: Upshur	2		Pull Off	BW: at WV State Wildlife Center, 12 miles south of Buckhannon on state Route 20
L9	Handley: Pocahontas	5	Platform/ Trail	Lot	Q: Handley WMA off U.S. Route 219 at Edray via county Route 17 and county Route 17-1
L12	Seneca: Pocahontas	3	Pier	Lot	BW-F: 4 miles south of Dunmore on state Route 28
L13	Spruce Knob: Randolph	23	Pier	Lot	W-F: 22 miles south of Harman off U. S. Route 33 via county Route 29 and U.S. Forestry Service road 1
L31	Wallback: Clay, Roane	15	Trail	Lot	M: 1 mile off Wallback exit of I-79 via state Route 36, county Route 34 and access road
L32	Watoga: Pocahontas	11	Pier	Lot	W-F: Watoga State Park

Landowner – Angler Relations

West Virginia anglers are indebted to local landowners throughout the state. Without their consent and generosity, fishing would be restricted to state and federal lands. The opportunity for continued use of private property is largely dependent upon anglers' attitudes and conduct. Most stream closures are the result of disrespect for private property. Do not leave fishing line, bait containers or other trash.

Online

For more detailed information on individual access sites, go online to www.mapwv.gov/huntfish/.

Stream Litter Law

It is illegal to throw litter, a fish or animal carcass, or other unsightly matter into a water body or on land within 100 yards of water, or in a location where high water would wash the matter into a water body.

For more information

See the West Virginia Fishing Regulations booklet for:

- Reciprocal fishing agreement on Ohio River
- Fish consumption advisories
- Sport fish identification

TROUT STOCKING Rivers and Streams

Code	No. Stockings Period	Code	No. Stockings Period	Code	No. Stockings Period
Q	One..... 1st week of March	BW	One every two weeksFeb.-April	CR	Varies Varies
W	One..... January		One..... May	M	One each month February-May
	Two..... February	BA	One..... January	MJ	One each month January-April
	One each week..... March-May		Y	One..... April	
X	After April 1 or area is open to public		One..... March	F	One..... Each of the two weeks following the week of Columbus Day

River or Stream: County	Trout Stocking
	Code: Area
Back Fork of Elk River: Webster	M: from Webster Springs upstream one mile to lower boundary of catch-and-release area; from mouth of Sugar Creek, downstream one mile
Back Fork of Elk River: Webster (Catch-and-Release Only Section)	CR: begin two miles upstream from Webster Springs, continue four miles upstream
Buckhannon River: Upshur	BW-F: from Alton upstream 3 miles to Alexander; by railroad twice a year from Sago to Alexander
Buffalo Creek: Clay	M: From just below junction of county Route 15 and county Route 15-2 upstream 2.2 miles to railroad bridge
Burnsville Lake (Tailwaters) Little Kanawha River: Braxton	BW: in-stream impoundments downstream of dam
Cherry River: Nicholas	BW: from Fenwick downstream 5 miles to mouth
Cranberry River: Nicholas, Pocahontas, and Webster	W-F: 16.5-mile section from Woodbine Recreation Area upstream to mouth of Dogway Fork
Cranberry River: Nicholas and Pocahontas (Catch-and-Release Only Section)	CR: from mouth of Dogway Fork upstream 4.3 miles to confluence of North and South forks
Cranberry River Woodbine: Nicholas (Catch-and-Release Only Section)	CR: 1.2-mile section from the Woodbine Recreation Area downstream to Camp Splinter (Jakeman Run)
Deer Creek: Pocahontas	M: from the state Route 7 bridge downstream 1.5 miles to Bar Ford
Desert Fork: Webster	M: from 0.5 miles above mouth upstream 2.5 miles to near Carlo Run
Dry Fork: Randolph	BW: from Old Mill below Harman downstream to mouth of Red Creek. From county Route 45 bridge at Jenningson downstream to Galdwin. From along county Routes 26 and 43/12 to the mouth of Red Run.
East Fork of the Greenbrier River: Pocahontas	W: from county Route 28/19 bridge 1.5 miles below mouth of Little River (beside WVDOH shed) upstream to Island Campground
Elk River: Randolph and Webster	W-F: from Rose Run downstream 18 miles to Webster Springs
Elk River: Randolph (Catch-and-Release Only Section)	CR: from Rose Run bridge upstream 2 miles to Elk Springs Hatchery
Gandy Creek: Randolph	W: from Lower Two Springs upstream 9 miles to near Grants Branch at old CCC camp
Glady Fork: Randolph	W: from U.S. Route 33 east of Alpena downstream 11 miles to a locked Forest Service gate
Greenbrier River (Cass): Pocahontas	M: 4.25 mile sections from Cass Scenic railroad downstream to the Sitlington Bridge
Greenbrier River (Marlinton Section): Pocahontas	MJ: Minnehaha Springs downstream 8 miles to Marlinton along state Route 39
Greenbrier River: Pocahontas	BW: from one mile below Durbin along county Route 250-2, downstream 2.5 miles to end of road
Hills Creek: Pocahontas	M: from first bridge at Lobelia, upstream 3 miles along county Route 29-3

River or Stream: County	Trout Stocking
	Code: Area
Knapps Creek: Pocahontas	W-F: from Minnehaha Springs downstream 8 miles to Marlinton
Laurel Creek: Nicholas	M: from Jettsville upstream 1.5 miles to ford
Laurel Fork: Randolph	W: at the U.S. Route 33 bridge and at Laurel Fork campground
Laurel Fork: Webster	BW: in Holly River State Park, from above the cabins downstream 4 miles through the park to near the mouth
Left Fork of Buckhannon River: Upshur	M: from mouth, near Alexander, upstream 7 miles to Star Bridge. Stocked twice yearly by railroad.
Left Fork of Holly River: Webster	BW: from state Route 20 bridge at Hacker Valley downstream 4 miles
Left Fork of Right Fork Buckhannon: Randolph and Upshur	BW: from Helvetia downsteam 6.5 miles to mouth of Newlonton
Little Kanawha River (Headwaters): Upshur	M: from Wilsontown to Arlington and downstream to Fiddlers Mill. A 1.2-mile section below Wildcat to the mouth of the Right Fork.
Little River (East Fork): Pocahontas	W: from mouth upstream 4 miles to Old House Run Recreation Area
Little River (West Fork): Pocahontas	W: from mouth upstream 6 miles along U.S. Forest Service Road 17 (off U.S. Forest Service Road 44) to Middle Mountain Road
Middle Fork: Randolph and Upshur	M: Upper – Adolph downstream 6 miles to Cassity. Middle – Ellamore downstream 3 miles to Boy Scout Camp. Lower – A one-mile section in Audra State Park
North Fork of Cherry River: Nicholas	BW: from 0.25 miles above catch-and-release area upstream 9.25 miles along state Route 39 to bridge near Carpenter Run
Right Fork of Buckhannon River: Upshur	M: from Alexander upstream 3 miles to Newlonton
Right Fork of Little Kanawha River: Upshur and Webster	M: from one mile above Cleveland downstream 2 miles
Right Fork of Middle Fork: Upshur	M: from Kedron upstream 8.5 miles to state Route 30 bridge upstream, 1.5 miles south of Queens
Shavers Fork: Randolph (Lower Catch-and-Release Only Section)	CR: 0.9-mile section within Stuart Recreation Area
Shavers Fork: Randolph (Catch-and-Release Only Section)	CR: from Whitmeadow Run downstream 5.5 miles to McGee Run. Stocked twice yearly by railroad.
Shavers Fork (Lower Section): Randolph	W-F: from Bemis downstream 20 miles to Stuart Park. Twice yearly by railroad from Bemis to Bowden.
Shavers Fork (Upper Section): Pocahontas and Randolph	W-F: from Cheat Bridge downstream to end of U.S. Forest Road 46. Twice yearly by railroad from Beaver Creek, downstream 34 miles near Bemis.
South Fork of Cherry River: Nicholas	BW: from one mile above Richwood upstream 9 miles to Cold Knob Fork
South Fork of Cranberry River: Pocahontas	BW: from mouth upstream 2.8 miles to U.S. Forest Road 102 bridge at South Fork Shelter
Stonewall Jackson Lake (Tailwaters) West Fork River: Lewis	BW: from dam downstream 1.5 miles to near WV Division of Highways garage
Sugar Creek: Webster	M: from mouth upstream 1.5 miles
Summersville Lake (Tailwaters) Gauley River: Nicholas	BW-F: from dam 2 miles downstream
Sutton Lake (Tailwaters) Elk River: Braxton	BW-F: from dam downstream 2 miles
Tygart Valley River (Headwaters): Randolph	BW-F: from Valley Head downstream 11 miles to Becky's Creek
West Fork of Greenbrier River: Pocahontas	W-F: from Durbin upstream 14 miles to Widell. From Durbin to the mouth of Little River will be stocked monthly as weather permits.
Williams River: Pocahontas and Webster	W-F: from site of old Coal Tipple below Laurel Run upstream 22 miles to low-water bridge above Day Run Campground
Williams River: Pocahontas (Catch-and-Release Only Section)	CR: from 2 miles below Tea Creek downstream 2 miles

DNR DISTRICT 3 LAKES AND STREAMS

HOW TO READ THIS MAP

Access Sites

Weather, varying topography, stream conditions and other unforeseen circumstances may affect access to individual sites. Contact the DNR district office listed in this brochure for specific accessibility issues.

- Boat access with ramp
- Carry down boat access
- Fishing access only - NO BOATS

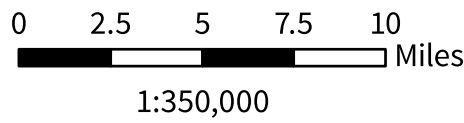
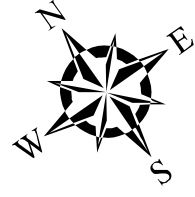
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- Trout Hatchery
- Interstate
- U.S. Route
- State Route
- Trout stocked streams
- Special Regulation Area
- Public land
- County boundary
- State boundary

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Access sites with facilities for people with disabilities are indicated with magenta numbers and outlines.



See West Virginia District 1 Map

See West Virginia District 2 Map

See West Virginia District 6 Map

See West Virginia District 5 Map

See West Virginia District 4 Map

Public Lake and Pond Access Sites						
ID	Lake or Pond: County		Acres			GPS
						Lat. Long.
L1	Big Ditch Lake: Webster	Pier	55	Lot	•	38.4084 -80.5704
L2	Buffalo Lake: Pocahontas	Walkway	22	Lot	•	38.5323 -79.7028
L3	Bulltown Campground: Braxton			Lot	•	38.8012 -80.5740
L4	Bulltown Day Use Area: Braxton		968	Lot	•	38.7904 -80.5704
L5	Burnsville Dam: Braxton	Pier		Lot	•	38.8421 -80.6134
L6	Camp Caesar Lake: Webster		12	Pull-off	•	38.4177 -80.4866
L7	Elkwater Fork Lake: Randolph		50	Lot	•	38.5869 -80.0692
L8	French Creek Pond: Upshur		2	Lot	NO BOATS	38.8524 -80.3125
L9	Handley WMA Lake: Pocahontas	Platform/Trail	5	Lot	•	38.3134 -80.1873
L10	Indian Rocks Lake: Nicholas	Pier	5	Lot	•	38.3315 -80.6415
L11	Saltlick Pond: Braxton		15	Pull-off	•	38.7261 -80.5913
L12	Seneca Lake: Pocahontas	Pier	3	Lot	•	38.3064 -79.9436
L13	Spruce Knob Lake: Randolph		23	Lot	•	38.7041 -79.5900
L14	Stonocoal (Pringle Fork): Upshur			Lot	•	38.9554 -80.3208
L15	Stonocoal WMA: Upshur		550	Lot	•	38.9622 -80.3172
L16	Stonocoal WMA 2: Lewis	Pier		Lot	•	38.9776 -80.3791
L17	Stonewall Jackson Lake: Lewis	Pier		Lot	•	38.9422 -80.4916
L18	Stonewall Jackson Lake Georgetown: Lewis			Lot	•	38.9686 -80.4039
L19	Stonewall Jackson Lake Gladys Launch: Lewis			Lot	•	38.9831 -80.4374
L20	Stonewall Jackson Lake Jacksonville Launch: Lewis		2,650	Lot	•	38.8897 -80.4889
L21	Stonewall Jackson Lake Vandalia Access Trail: Lewis			Lot	•	38.9289 -80.4023
L22	Stonewall Jackson Lake Vandalia Launch: Lewis			Lot	•	38.9556 -80.4023
L23	Summersville Lake Marina Launch: Nicholas			Lot	•	38.2404 -80.8831
L24	Summersville Lake Battle Run Pier: Nicholas	Pier		Lot	•	38.2271 -80.9114
L25	Summersville Lake Salmon Run Pier: Nicholas	Pier/Trail	2,700	Lot	•	38.2451 -80.8601
L26	Summersville Lake Winter Ramp: Nicholas			Lot	•	38.2228 -80.8969
L27	Sutton Lake: Braxton			Lot	•	38.6605 -80.6878
L28	Sutton Lake Bakers Run Campground: Braxton		1,500	Lot	•	38.6361 -80.5761
L29	Sutton Lake Bee Run: Braxton	Pier		Lot	•	38.6563 -80.6829
L30	Sutton Lake Gerald R Freeman Campground: Braxton			Lot	•	38.6687 -80.5510
L31	Wallback Lake: Clay	Trail	15	Lot	•	38.5758 -81.1148
L32	Watoga State Park Lake: Pocahontas	Pier	11	Lot	•	38.1171 -80.1280

River and Stream Access Sites							
ID	Site Name: County	River or Stream				Boat Access	GPS
							Lat. Long.
1	Marlington Bridge: Pocahontas	Greenbrier River		Lot	•		38.2247 -80.0961
2	Stillwell Park: Pocahontas	Greenbrier River		Lot	•		38.2097 -80.1008
3	Buckeye Bridge: Pocahontas	Greenbrier River		Lot	•		38.1861 -80.1308
4	Watoga State Park: Pocahontas	Greenbrier River		Lot	•		38.1178 -80.1739
5	CR 39 Bridge: Randolph	Tygart River		Pull-off	•		38.7317 -79.9593
6	Burnt Bridge: Randolph	Tygart River		Pull-off	•		38.8089 -79.8815
7	Scotts Ford: Randolph	Tygart River	Pier	Lot	•		38.9083 -79.8619
8	Alexander: Upshur	Buckhannon River		Lot	•		38.7827 -80.6415
9	Hampton Bridge: Upshur	Buckhannon River		Lot	•		38.9392 -80.2386
10	Buckhannon City: Upshur	Buckhannon River		Lot	•		38.9912 -80.2121
11	North Riverfront Park: Upshur	Buckhannon River		Pull-off	•		38.9962 -80.2175
12	Pringle Tree Park: Upshur	Buckhannon River		Lot	•		39.0187 -80.2076
13	River Road: Upshur	Buckhannon River		Pull-off	•		39.0103 -80.1939
14	Haul Road: Upshur	Buckhannon River		Lot	•		39.0222 -80.1651
15	Rock Quarry: Upshur	Buckhannon River		Pull-off	•		39.0329 -80.1563
16	Slaty Fork: Pocahontas	Elk River		Pull-off	•		38.4181 -80.1290
17	Jim Compton WMA: Webster	Elk River		Lot	•		38.5371 -80.1518
18	Whitaker Falls: Webster	Elk River		Pull-off	•		38.5256 -80.1841
19	Elk River Rail Road Bridge: Webster	Elk River		Pull-off	•		38.5149 -80.2327
20	Baltimore Run: Webster	Elk River		Pull-off	•		38.5054 -80.3175
21	Webster Springs Park: Webster	Elk River		Lot	•		38.4786 -80.4158
22	Sutton Dam Tailwaters: Braxton	Elk River		Lot	•		38.6614 -80.6969
23	Frametown: Braxton	Elk River		Lot	•		38.6353 -80.8642
24	Strange Creek: Braxton	Elk River		Lot	•		38.5672 -80.8972
25	Tate Creek: Braxton	Elk River		Lot	•		38.5853 -80.9270
26	Duck: Clay	Elk River		Lot	•		38.5827 -80.9375
27	Ivydale: Clay	Elk River		Pull-off	•		38.5311 -81.0239
28	Mary L. Chilton Road Side Park: Clay	Elk River		Lot	•		38.4998 -81.0658
29	WVDOH Clay: Clay	Elk River		Lot	•		38.4733 -81.0761
30	Hartland Bridge: Clay	Elk River		Lot	•		38.4311 -81.1136
31	King Shoals: Kanawha	Elk River		Lot	•		38.5045 -81.2314
32	Queen Shoals: Clay	Elk River		Lot	•		38.4719 -81.2818
33	Back Fork of Elk River C&R: Webster	Back Fork Elk River		Pull-off	•		38.5070 -80.3659
34	Stonewall Tail Waters: Lewis	West Fork River		Lot	•		39.0038 -80.4738
35	Stonewall Jackson Tailwaters: Lewis	West Fork River	Pier	Lot	NO BOATS		39.0099 -80.4695
36	Bendale Bridge: Lewis	West Fork River		Lot	•		39.0290 -80.4737
37	Middle Run Bridge: Lewis	West Fork River		Pull-off	•		39.0153 -80.4838
38	Weston: Lewis	West Fork River		Pull-off	•		39.0527 -80.4651
39	Jackson Mill: Lewis	West Fork River		Lot	•		39.0959 -80.4655
40	Burnsville Lake Tailwaters: Braxton	Little Kanawha River		Lot	•		38.8446 -80.6307
41	Mouth of Cherry: Nicholas	Gauley River		Lot	•		38.2906 -80.6414
42	Gauley River at Mouth of Panther Creek: Nicholas	Gauley River		Pull-off	•		38.2683 -80.6749
43	Persinger Creek: Nicholas	Gauley River		Lot	•		38.2991 -80.7694
44	Summersville Tailwaters: Nicholas	Gauley River		Lot	•		38.2172 -80.8898
45	Jodie: Nicholas	Gauley River		Pull-off	•		38.2260 -81.1524

Buying a License

Call (304) 558-2758, visit a local agent or go online at wvfish.com.

Useful Phone Numbers

Report stream pollution or fish kills	(800) 642-3074
Trout stocking hotline	(304) 558-3399
Report eagle and osprey active nests	(304) 637-0245

Reporting Boating, Fishing and Hunting Violations

In progress – dial 911

Not in progress – call DNR District Law Enforcement Office during normal operating hours.

1. Observe and write down all of the information concerning the violation.
2. Don't confront violator.
3. Contact a local DNR Natural Resources Police Officer or report the violation online as soon as possible at wvdnr.gov/LEnforce/Poachers.shtm.

Become involved in protecting your sport; be willing to testify in court.



Wildlife Resources Section – District 3

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

163 Wildlife Road • French Creek, WV 26218

(304) 924-6211 • wvdnr.gov



Money used to buy and develop stream and lake access sites comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, including the conservation stamp. Federal funds used for these projects come from taxes paid by anglers when they buy fishing equipment or gasoline for their boats in compliance with the Sport Fish Restoration Act.

It is the policy of the Division of Natural Resources to provide its facilities, services and programs to all persons without regard to sex, race, age, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability or other protected group status.