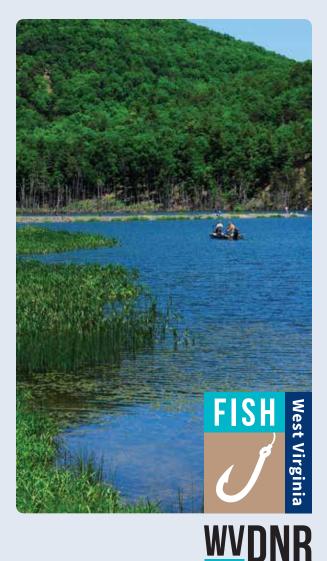
FISHING GUIDE



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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

Cacapon River

From	То	Miles
Wardensville	Capon Lake	8.5
Capon Lake	Yellow Springs	2.5
Yellow Springs	Yellow Springs North	5
Yellow Springs North	Rt. 127 Bridge	19
Rt. 127 Bridge	Cacapon Crossings	9
Cacapon Crossings	Fishers Ford	18
Fishers Ford*	Cacapon Power Plant.	8.5
Cacapon Power Plant	Great Cacapon	2.8
*Contains dam to be por	taged.	

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South Branch River

From	То	Miles
Petersburg Bridge	. Welton Park	3
Welton Park	. Fisher Bridge South	5.5
Fisher Bridge South	. Fisher Bridge	2.5
Fisher Bridge	. Old FIelds Bridge	4.5
Old Fields Bridge	. South Branch WMA (McN	leill) 5
South Branch WMA (McNeill)	.Harmisons	7
Harmisons	. Stony Run	1.5
Stony Run	. Romney Bridge	8.75
Romney Bridge	. Hanging Rock	5
Hanging Rock	. Blue Beach Bridge	4.5
Blue Beach Bridge	. Maple Landing	7.5
Maple Landing	. Millesons Mill Bridge	2
Millesons Mill Bridge	. Blue Ford South/North .	4.75
Blue Ford South/North	. Indian Rock	4
Indian Rock	. Mouth of South Branch.	4.5

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	One1st week of March		One February	CR	Varies Varies
	OneJanuary	BW	One every two weeks March-May	М	One each month February-May
W	Two February			MJ	One each month January-April
	One each week March-May	ВА	OneJanuary	Y	OneApril
х	After April 1 or area is open to public	-71	One March	F	One The two weeks after Columbus Day week

I.D.	Lake or Pond: County	Acres	Ł	Ρ	Trout Stocking Code: Area
L1	Brandywine: Pendleton	6	Pier/Trail	Lot	BW-F: 3 miles east of Brandywine off U.S. Route 33
L2	Brushy Fork: Pendleton	18		Lot	BW: 12 miles south of Brandywine off county Route 21
L3	Cacapon: Morgan	6	Pier	Lot	W: Cacapon Resort State Park
L5	Edwards Run Pond: Hampshire	1		Lot	BW: Edwards Run Wildlife Management Area
L7	Fort Ashby Fishing Pier: Mineral	12	Pier	Pull Off	BW: 1.25 miles south of Ft. Ashby on county Route 28-5
L9	Kimsey Run: Hardy	60	Trail	Lot	BW: 1 mile west of Lost River on county Route 14
L10	Larenim: Mineral	4	Pier	Lot	BA: 8 miles south of Ft. Ashby via state Route 46, county Route 11 and public Route 46-5
L12	New Creek Dam #14: Grant	40		Pull Off	BW-F: 6 miles north of Scherr via state Route 93 and county Route 42-2
L14	Poor House Farm: Berkeley	5	Trail	Lot	M: 4 miles west of Martinsburg via county Route 15 and county Route 45-8
L15	Rock Cliff: Hardy	17	Pier/Trail	Lot	XBW-F: 6 miles east of Lost River off county Route 16
L19	South Mill Creek: Grant	50	Pier	Lot	BW: 13 miles south of Petersburg on county Route 9
L21	Warden: Hardy	44	Trail	Lot	BW: 4 miles north of Wardensville via state Route 259 and county Route 23-13
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TROUT STOCKING Rivers and Streams

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RIV	er or Stream: County		Code	Area				
Big Bulls	kin Run: Jefferson	W: from r	ear Wheatland 5 miles downstream to	Kabletown				
Dillons R	Run: Hampshire	BW: from	state secondary Route 50/25 bridge up	stream 4 n	niles			
Evitts Ru	In: Jeferson	W-F: from	the Charles Town Park upstream to a po	pint 0.5 mile	es west of town, along state Route 51			
Lost Rive	er: Hardy	W-F: Lost City and Lost River bridges and downstream along state Route 259 to one mile above the U.S. Route 55 bridge						
Middle C	r eek: Berkeley	W: from state secondary Route 30 bridge upstream 5 miles to the vicinity of state Route 45 and a one-half mile section downstream from U.S. Route 11						
Mill Cree	k: Berkeley	W: from G	errardstown downstream 6 miles to 1.	5 miles belo	ow U.S. Route 11			
Moores F	Run: Hardy	M: from n	nouth upstream 2 miles along state sec	ondary Roi	ute 23/13			
New Cree	ek: Mineral	W: from G	irant County line downstream 13 miles	to Keyser				
North Br	ranch of the Potomac River: Mineral	M-F: from	Barnum downstream one mile		1			
North Fo	ork of Lunice Creek: Grant	BW: from	Maysville upstream 4.5 miles to the Sto	ony River Da	am road			
North Fo	ork of Patterson Creek: Grant	W: from r	nouth upstream 7.5 miles to Scherr					
	ork of the South Branch of the c River: Grant and Pendleton	W-F: from Judy Gap downstream to one-half mile above the junction of South Branch, near Cabins						
Potomac	ork of South Branch of the c River: Pendleton nd-Release Only Section)	CR: a three-quarter mile section at the mouth of Seneca Creek, near Seneca Rocks						
Opequor	n Creek: Berkeley and Jefferson	W-F: from Virginia line downstream to state secondary Route 12 near Bedington						
Rocky Ma	arsh Run: Jefferson	W: from mouth upstream 3.5 miles to state Route 45, west of Shepherdstown						
	r anch of the Potomac River: n (Catch-and-Release Only Section)							

River or Stream: County	Trout Stocking				
River of Stream: County	Code: Area				
South Branch of the Potomac River: Pendleton (Franklin Section)	W-F: from 0.5 miles north of the Virginia line downstream (about 20 miles) to approximately 2 miles south of Upper Tract, near the old Poor Farm				
South Branch of the Potomac River: Pendleton (Smoke Hole Section)	W-F: from U.S. Route 220 bridge downstream to Big Bend Recreation Area				
Tilhance Creek: Berkeley	BW: from one mile below Johnstown upstream 3 miles to state secondary Route 9/7 bridge				
Trout Run: Hardy	W: from mouth at Wardensville upstream 7 miles				
Tuscarora Creek: Berkeley	BW: from Martinsburg upstream 5 miles				
Waites Run: Hardy	W: from state Route 55 bridge at Wardensville upstream 6.5 miles				



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.

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.

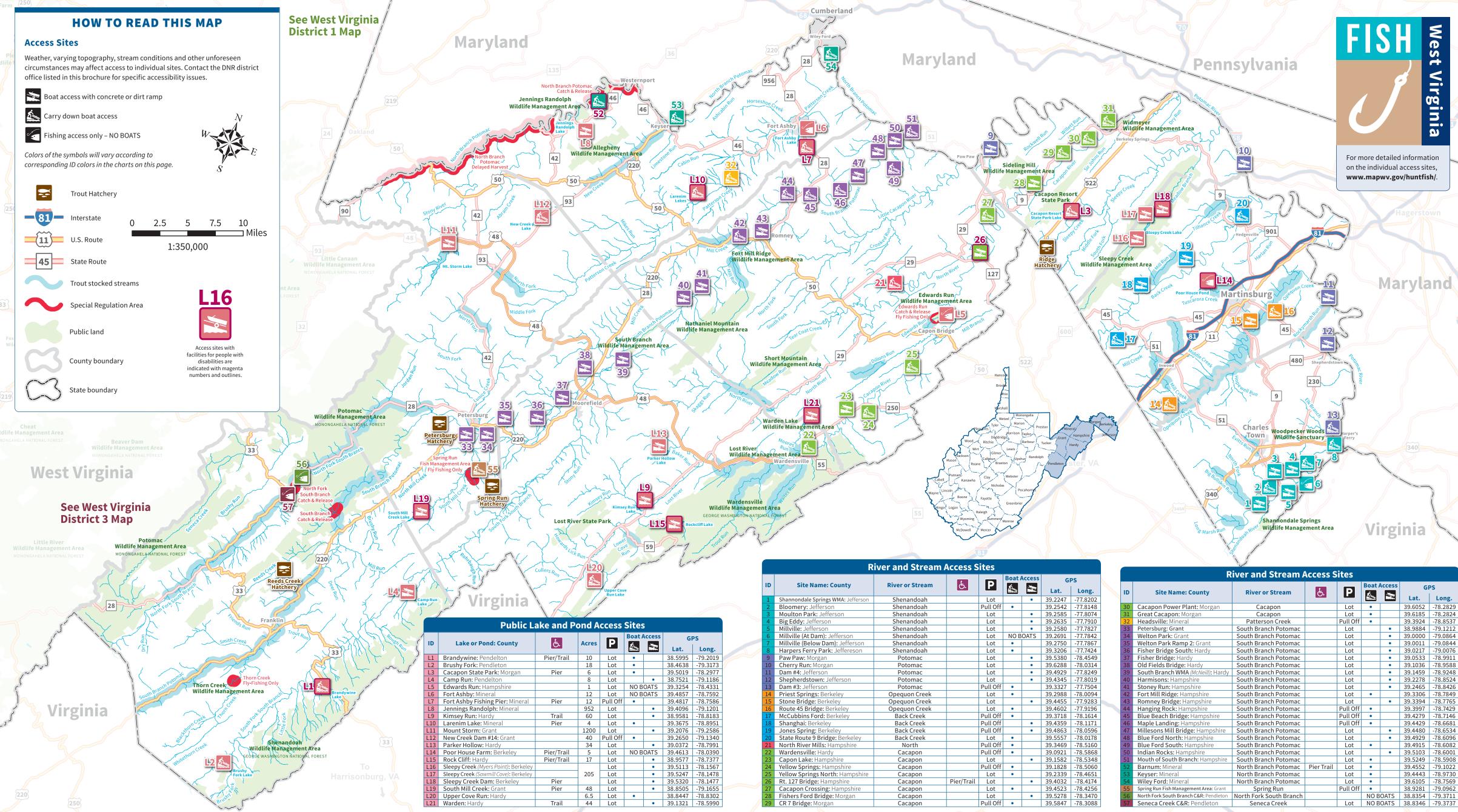
For more information

See the West Virginia Fishing Regulations booklet for:

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

Online

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



DNR DISTRICT 2 LAKES AND STREAMS

River and Stream Access Sites									
ID	Site Name: County	River or Stream	rer or Stream				PS		
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1	Shannondale Springs WMA: Jefferson	Shenandoah		Lot		•	39.2247	-77.8202	
2	Bloomery: Jefferson	Shenandoah		Pull Off	•		39.2542	-77.8148	
3	Moulton Park: Jefferson	Shenandoah		Lot		•	39.2585	-77.8074	
4	Big Eddy: Jefferson	Shenandoah		Lot		•	39.2635	-77.7910	
5	Millville: Jefferson	Shenandoah		Lot		•	39.2580	-77.7827	
6	Millville (At Dam): Jefferson	Shenandoah		Lot	NO B	OATS	39.2691	-77.7842	
7	Millville (Below Dam): Jefferson	Shenandoah		Lot	٠		39.2750	-77.7867	
8	Harpers Ferry Park: Jeffereson	Shenandoah		Lot	٠		39.3206	-77.7424	
9	Paw Paw: Morgan	Potomac		Lot		•	39.5380	-78.4549	
10	Cherry Run: Morgan	Potomac		Lot		•	39.6288	-78.0314	
11	Dam #4: Jefferson	Potomac		Lot		•	39.4929	-77.8249	
12	Shepherdstown: Jefferson	Potomac		Lot		•	39.4345	-77.8019	
13	Dam #3: Jefferson	Potomac		Pull Off	•		39.3327	-77.7504	
14	Priest Springs: Berkeley	Opequon Creek		Lot	•		39.2988	-78.0094	
15	Stone Bridge: Berkeley	Opequon Creek		Lot		•	39.4455	-77.9283	
16	Route 45 Bridge: Berkeley	Opequon Creek		Lot	٠		39.4602	-77.9196	
17	McCubbins Ford: Berkeley	Back Creek		Pull Off	٠		39.3718	-78.1614	
18	Shanghai: Berkeley	Back Creek		Pull Off		•	39.4359	-78.1171	
19	Jones Spring: Berkeley	Back Creek		Pull Off		•	39.4863	-78.0596	
20	State Route 9 Bridge: Berkeley	Back Creek		Lot	٠		39.5557	-78.0178	
21	North River Mills: Hampshire	North		Pull Off	٠		39.3469	-78.5160	
22	Wardensville: Hardy	Cacapon		Pull Off	٠		39.0921	-78.5868	
23	Capon Lake: Hampshire	Cacapon		Lot		•	39.1582	-78.5348	
24	Yellow Springs: Hampshire	Cacapon		Pull Off	•		39.1828	-78.5060	
25	Yellow Springs North: Hampshire	Cacapon		Lot	•		39.2339	-78.4651	
26	Rt. 127 Bridge: Hampshire	Cacapon	Pier/Trail	Lot		•	39.4032	-78.4174	
27	Cacapon Crossing: Hampshire	Cacapon		Lot	•		39.4523	-78.4256	
28	Fishers Ford Bridge: Morgan	Cacapon		Lot		•	39.5278	-78.3470	
29	CR 7 Bridge: Morgan	Cacapon		Pull Off	•		39.5847	-78.3088	

River and Stream Access Sites									
D	Site Name: County	River or Stream	ę.	Р	Boat /	Access	G Lat.	PS Long.	
0	Cacapon Power Plant: Morgan	Cacapon		Lot	•		39.6052	-78.2829	
1	Great Cacapon: Morgan	Cacapon		Lot	•		39.6185	-78.2824	
2	Headsville: Mineral	Patterson Creek		Pull Off	•		39.3924	-78.8537	
3	Petersburg: Grant	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	38.9884	-79.1212	
4	Welton Park: Grant	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.0000	-79.0864	
5	Welton Park Ramp 2: Grant	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.0011	-79.0844	
6	Fisher Bridge South: Hardy	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.0217	-79.0076	
7	Fisher Bridge: Hardy	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.0533	-78.9911	
8	Old Fields Bridge: Hardy	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.1036	-78.9588	
9	South Branch WMA (McNeill): Hardy	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.1459	-78.9248	
0	Harmisons: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.2278	-78.8524	
1	Stoney Run: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.2465	-78.8426	
2	Fort Mill Ridge: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot	•		39.3306	-78.7849	
3	Romney Bridge: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.3394	-78.7765	
4	Hanging Rock: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Pull Off	•		39.3997	-78.7429	
-5	Blue Beach Bridge: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Pull Off	•		39.4279	-78.7146	
6	Maple Landing: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Pull Off	•		39.4429	-78.6681	
7	Millesons Mill Bridge: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.4480	-78.6534	
8	Blue Ford North: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.4929	-78.6096	
.9	Blue Ford South: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot	•		39.4915	-78.6082	
0	Indian Rocks: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot		•	39.5103	-78.6001	
1	Mouth of South Branch: Hampshire	South Branch Potomac		Lot	•		39.5249	-78.5908	
2	Barnum: Mineral	North Branch Potomac	Pier Trail	Lot	•		39.4552	-79.1022	
3	Keyser: Mineral	North Branch Potomac		Lot	•		39.4443	-78.9730	
4	Wiley Ford: Mineral	North Branch Potomac		Lot	•		39.6105	-78.7569	
5	Spring Run Fish Management Area: Grant	Spring Run		Pull Off	•		38.9281	-79.0962	
6	North Fork South Branch C&R: Pendleton	North Fork South Branch			NO B	OATS	38.8354	-79.3711	
7	Seneca Creek C&R: Pendleton	Seneca Creek		Lot	NO B	OATS	38.8346	-79.3737	
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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
- 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.



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