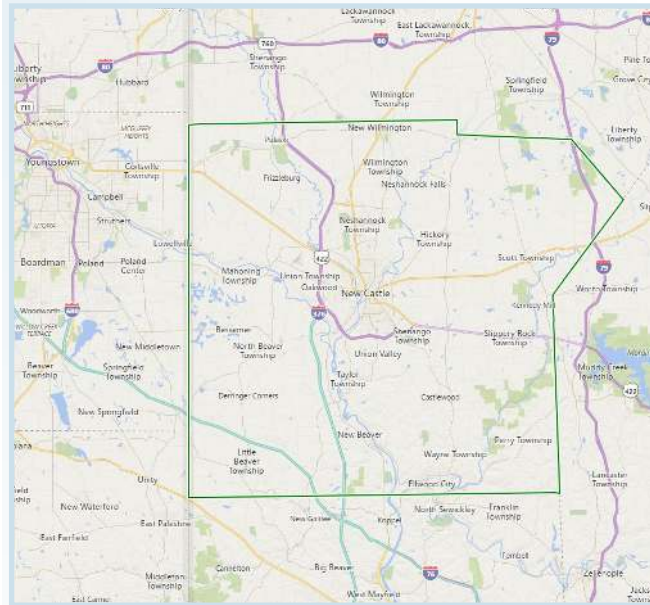


## One County. Six Water Trails.

Located in northwest Pennsylvania along the Ohio border, Lawrence County is home to six water trails. The County's three rivers (Beaver, Mahoning and Shenango) cater to the novice paddler while the Connoquenessing Creek, Neshannock Creek and Slippery Rock Creek should only be attempted by experienced paddlers.

Lawrence County is easily accessible from I-80, I-79, I-376, I-76/PA Turnpike and US 422. For more information on visitors and tourist attractions in Lawrence County, please go to [visitlawrencecounty.com](http://visitlawrencecounty.com).



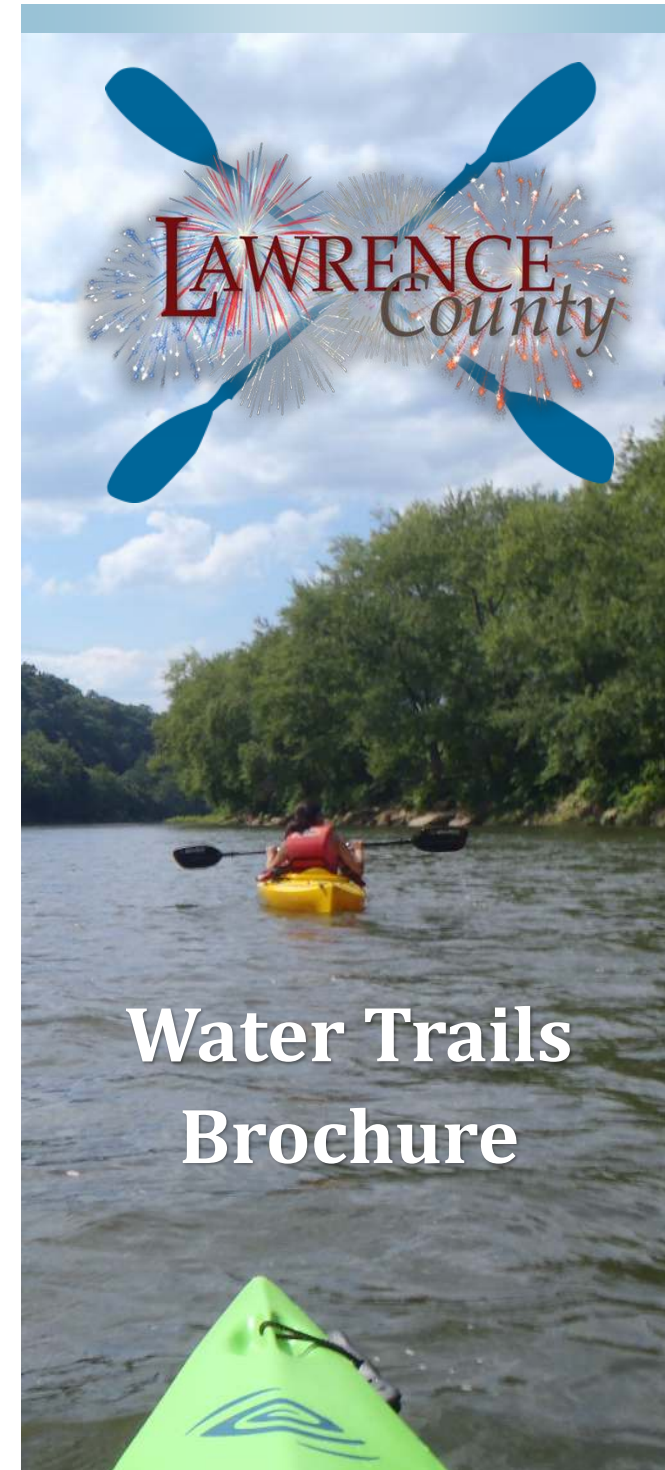
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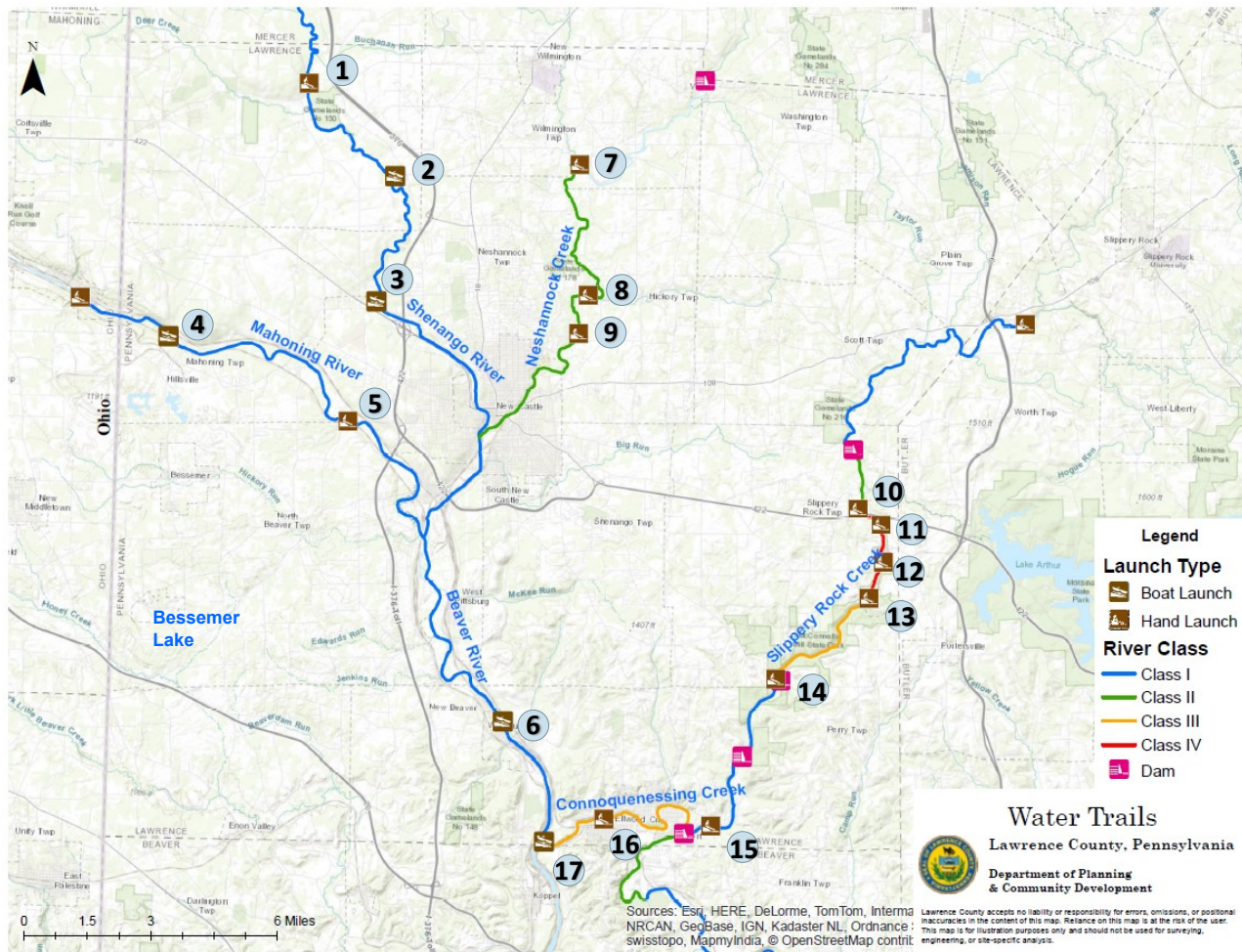
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The **Shenango River** flows southward from the Shenango Reservoir and joins the Mahoning River in New Castle to form the Beaver River. Offering class I waters suitable for beginner paddlers; motorized craft may only be able to navigate select parts of the river.

1. State Game Lands #150 Canoe/Kayak Put-In (PA Game Commission), Shenango Street, Pulaski Township
2. McQuiston Boat Launch (Lawrence County), Nashua Road, Pulaski Township
3. Millennium Access Boat Launch (Lawrence County), King Chapel Road, Mahoning Township

The **Mahoning River** flows southeast from Ohio before joining the Shenango River to form the Beaver River and offers class I waters, suitable for beginner paddlers; motorized craft may only be able to navigate select parts of the river. The Stavich Bicycle Trail runs along the Mahoning River, offering an opportunity to peddle-paddle.

4. McKinney/Russell Boat Access Area (Lawrence County), Covert Road, Mahoning Township
5. Beyond Corporation LLC Boat Access Area (Lawrence County), Hillsville Road, Mahoning Township

The **Beaver River** flows south from the City of New Castle into Beaver County and offers class I waters, suitable for beginner paddlers; motorized craft may only be able to navigate select parts of the river. Rapids during high water conditions are located at a railroad bridge in Wampum (known as Irish Ripple).

6. Bevington Boat Launch (Lawrence County), River Road, Wayne Township

The **Neshannock Creek** is categorized into two distinct sections. The northern section, which includes the Neshannock Creek Gorge, is two miles long (Covered Bridge Road to Sipe Road) and is a class I-II section of whitewater, according to American Whitewater.

The southern section, known as Big Run, is 1.5 miles long (Savannah Road to the Shenango River) and is a class III-IV section of whitewater.

7. Alduk Access (Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission [PFBC]) Canoe/Kayak Put-In, SR 956, Wilmington Township
8. Geason Camp Access (PFBC) Canoe/Kayak Put-In, East Maitland Lane, Hickory Township
9. Peluso Camp Kayak / Canoe Access (PFBC) Canoe/Kayak Put-In, McKee Fording Road, Hickory Township

**Slippery Rock Creek** runs from Butler County southwest through McConnell's Mill State Park to the confluence with the Connoquenessing Creek. Classified as a class II to IV river, depending on the water level, prime canoe/kayak seasons on the creek are from November to January and from May to early July and is recommended for experienced paddlers only due to fast water. **Note: there is a dam at the Old Mill that requires portage. Boaters must stay at least 50 feet downstream of the boil at the base of the dam.**

Rose Point Park is a privately-owned campground that offers shuttle service to paddlers.

10. Rose Point Park Canoe/Kayak Put-In (Rose Point Park) Old Route 422, Slippery Rock Township.
11. Alpha Pass Access (McConnells Mill State Park) McConnells Mill Road, Slippery Rock Township
12. McConnells Mill Access (McConnells Mill State Park) McConnells Mill Road, Slippery Rock Township
13. Eckert Bridge Access (McConnells Mill State Park) Breakneck Bridge Road, Slippery Rock Township
14. Harris Bridge Access (McConnells Mill State Park) Mountville Road, Slippery Rock Township

**Connoquenessing Creek** in Lawrence County is for experienced paddlers only, as it drops 110 feet in elevation over its last six miles and includes difficult rapids. During high water, these rapids become hazardous, reaching class IV status.

15. Ellwood City Access Canoe/Kayak Put-in (Ellwood City Borough) Wampum Avenue, Ellwood City Borough
16. Ellport Borough Canoe/Kayak Put-In (Ellport Borough) Rodger Memorial Park, Ellport Borough
17. Rock Point Boat Launch (Wild Waters Conservancy) Rock Point Road, Wayne Township

**Bessemer Lake** is a 28-acre impoundment owned by the PFBC for public fishing and boating. Boating is limited to boats powered by electric motors and un-powered boats. One launch ramp is available along with associated parking facilities. must be registered or have a valid launch permit.