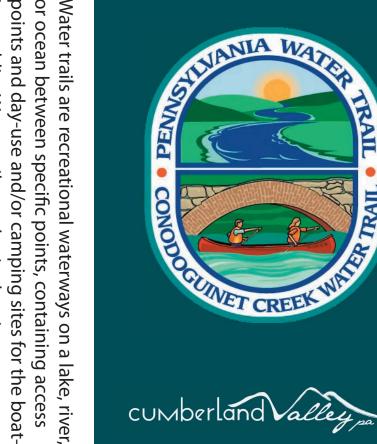
Conodoguinet Creek Water Trail MAP & GUIDE





points and day-use and/or camping sites for the boator ocean between specific points, containing access Water trails emphasize low-impact use and

For your safety and enjoyment:

- Always wear a life jacket.
- Obtain proper instruction in boating skills.
- Know fishing and boating regulations. Be prepared for river hazards.

- Carry proper equipment.

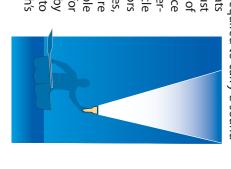
PENNSYLVANIA WATER TRAIL PROGRAM

conodoguinet Creek originates in Horse Valley, Fract to Kittatinny Mountain at an elevation of From there, the Conodoguinet flows through the ferland Valley and joins the Susquehanna River

The Conodoguinet Creek is approximately 90 miles long and brains 540 square miles of diverse lands. Forested areas cove the upland basin, giving way to intense agriculture throughou he valley. Much of the Conodoguinet Creek watershed still has strong agricultural flavor, including numerous cozy village at strong agricultural flavor, including numerous cozy village and small towns. While farming remains a prominent land usen the western part of the valley, dramatic growth in the Carlish o Camp Hill area has converted much agricultural land to esidential and commercial uses. The Conodoguinet meander oward the suburban west shore of Harrisburg through a serie of elaborate bends and loops. "Conodoguinet" comes from an official strong and loops. "The conodoguinet of elaborate bends and loops."



PENNSYLVANIA BOATING REGULATIONS



- Operating watercraft, including canoes and kayaks, under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal. This law is strongly enforced for user safety. For further information on boating regulations, contact the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission at www.fishandboat.com.

PADDLING SAFETY TIPS

- our life jacket. Some 80 percent of all recreation fatalities happen to people who are not wearing
- Expect to get wet. Even the best paddlers sometimes capsize or swamp their boats. Bring extra clothing in a waterproo
- If you capsize, hold on to your boat, unless threatening situation. If floating in current, on the upstream side of the capsized boat.

turtles from Commonwealth waters. Casting and/or retrievin whether by rod, reel and line, or by handline, for oneself another person, requires a current license unless specifical exempted by law. While fishing, the license must be clear displayed to allow waterways conservation officers to veri quickly and easily that anglers are legally licensed. Anglers a also required to carry another means of positive identificatio such as a valid driver's license, to establish their identity requested by a waterways conservation officer.

Fishing the Conodoguinet Creek between Carlisle ar Harrisburg offers a wide variety of opportunities. Smallmour bass, rock bass and sunfish are the most common gamefication of in the creek. Avoid the stream's shallow, flat section with little overhead cover. These areas will offer few legal-size fish. Deeper pools and glides are more conducive to larger fish and smallmouth bass of 16 or 18 inches may occasionally be found in these types of areas. The more debris and structur you find in the creek, the better your odds are for good fishin The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission also stocks tig muskellunge fingerlings in the creek. Muskellunge, known the "fish of a thousand casts," may not be plentiful, but angle targeting cold tributary mouths during the summer may hook big one if they are lucky. During cold periods, anglers who drarge minnows below a bobber in deep pools have better od of hooking a musky than do those casting artificial lures.

"LEAVE NO TRACE" PRINCIPLES

outdoor ethics that promotes the "Leave No Trace" outdoor ethics that promotes the responsible use oyment of the outdoors.

- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Use a map and compass to paint or flagging.

- Repackage food to minin

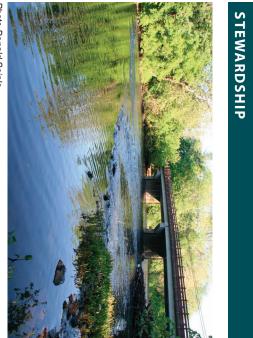
- Do not build structures or furniture,

- or more information about the "Leave No Trace" principles is it www.LNT.org or call 1-800-332-4100. The "Leave No Trace Zenter for Outdoor Ethics is a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and inspiring responsible outdoo ecreation through education, research and partnerships.

strainers: Trees are typical strainers that can trap and flood soats. Water flows through these obstructions, but solid objects so not. Strainers can pin victims underwater.

eat exhaustion and sunburn: When it is hot, wear sunglasses, hat, and lightweight, light-colored clothing. Apply sunblock ith a high SPF rating and drink lots of fluids.

ther boaters: Be aware of other boaters. Keep a sharp lookout prevent collisions and conflicts.



Interested in becoming more involved in environmental issues that confront the Conodoguinet Creek watershed? The Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association (CCWA) is a non-profit, environmentally concerned citizens group created to take appropriate action on matters that affect the creek watershed. The CCWA wishes to protect the historical significance and natural character of its 90-mile (144 km) length at this time of a changing environment and of development pressures. The association realizes that what happens on the 540-square-mile watershed of the creek affects the creek itself. CCWA works with and supports federal, state and local authorities in developing programs for the protection and enhancement of the watershed. The CCWA is concerned with the well-being of the land and the people living on it, as well as the flora and fauna that depend on the Conodoguinet Creek. To learn more about Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association, visit the association online at www.conocreek.org.

TREAM CONDITIONS

e Conodoguinet Creek is designated a Class 1 stream on the rernational Whitewater Rating System. A Class 1 stream is aracterized by easy moving water with a few riffles and small aves, suitable for a beginner.

e sure to check stream conditions just before embarking on a bat trip. Water levels change frequently, sometimes drastically! ne U.S. Geological Survey monitors current water conditions om selected surface water sites and publishes the data for the

o check water levels on the Conodoguinet Creek, visit the U.S. eological Survey online for real-time data at http://waterdata.sgs.gov/pa/nwis/uv?01570000. For forecasted water levels, sit the National Weather Service online at http://water.eather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=ctp&gage=HGSP1.

ne U.S. Geological Survey gauge height near Hogestown rould read over 1.7 feet to navigate the stream successfully. The best stream flow conditions generally occur between ovember and April. The Conodoguinet Creek is usually snoeable throughout March and April and into mid-May. In a set year, stream conditions may remain favorable through July. ood stage on the Conodoguinet Creek is 8 feet.

MERGENCY INFORMATION

re, Police & Medical Assistance mergency Dial 911

n-Emergency Calls lisle Area (717) 243-4121 st Shore Area (717) 238-9676 k County (717) 840-2971

rlisle Regional Medical Center 31 Alexander Spring Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 17) 249-1212

oly Spirit Hospital 33 North 21st Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011 17) 763-2100

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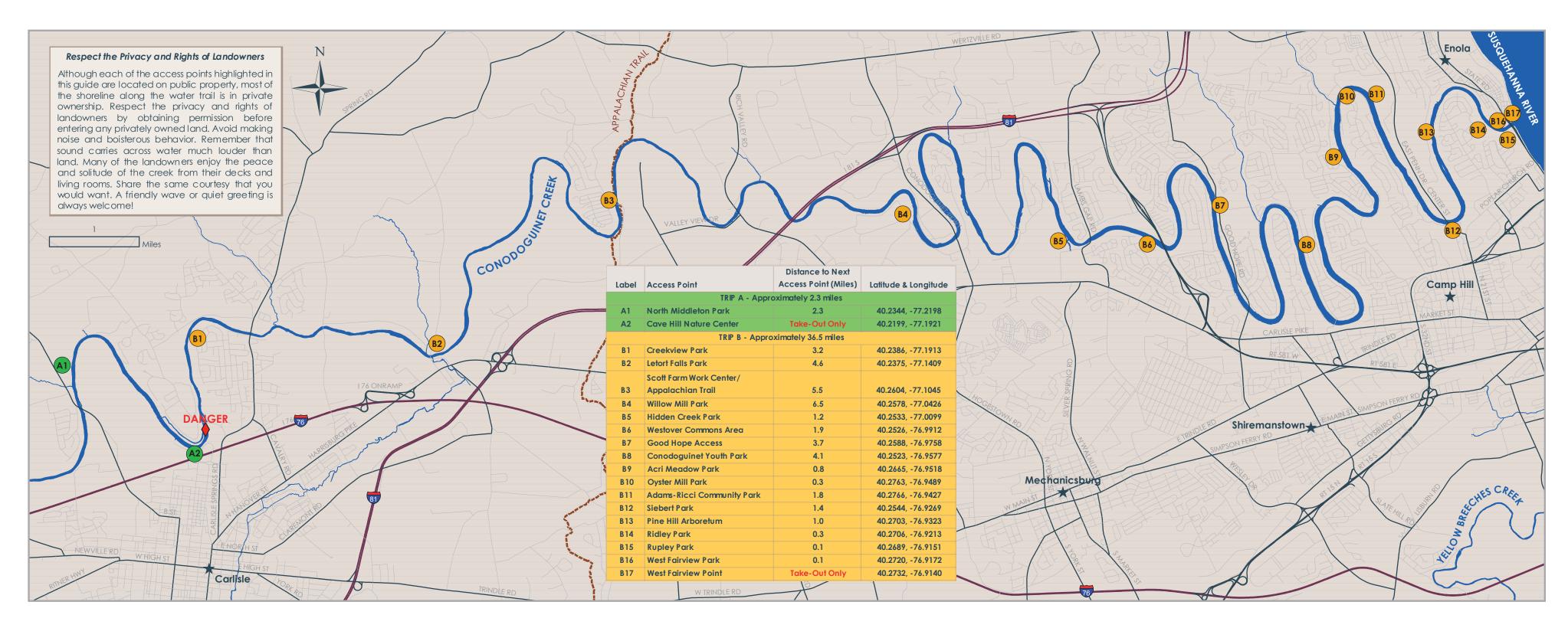


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Great effort was expended collecting and verifying the information in this publication. However, we realize that conditions change on our waterways, and that some of the information may not be accurate. Users noting errors or omissions on this map are urged to report them. Questions, comments or errors regarding the trail guide should be directed to:

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www.ccpa.net/planning; planning@ccpa.net
(717) 240-5362



ACCESS

The Conodoguinet Creek Water Trail Map and Guide provides park and recreation information for approximately 40 miles of the Conodoguinet Creek. The trail begins near Carlisle at North Middleton Park and ends at "The Point" in West Fairview, where the creek flows into the Susquehanna River. This guide outlines two float trips: One short route, Trip A, west of the Carlisle Dam, and a second extended route, Trip B, east of the Carlisle Dam. There is no public portage at the Carlisle Dam. Do not attempt to navigate over the dam!

TRIP A

A1 - North Middleton Park: North Middleton Park is a 15-acre facility owned by North Middleton Township. The park is located off PA Route 74, 1700 Waggoner's Gap Road, Carlisle, approximately 3 miles north of Carlisle. This park provides opportunities for boating, fishing and picnicking, as well as baseball, basketball and volleyball. A playground and pavilions are also available. Ample parking and a paved launch ramp allow for easy access to the creek. For more information, contact North Middleton Township at (717) 243-8550, or visit the township online at www.nmiddleton.com.

A2 - Cave Hill Nature Center (Take-Out Only): Cave Hill is a 20-acre nature area owned by Carlisle Borough. The park is located off K Street at 6 Cave Hill Drive, Carlisle. It offers walk-in creek access, hiking and fishing. All boaters must take-out at this site. Cave Hill is not a put-in point because it is just upstream from the Carlisle Raw Water Intake Dam. Do not attempt to navigate over the dam! For more information, contact Carlisle Borough at (717) 249-4422, or visit the borough online at www.carlislepa.org.

TRIP B

B1 - Creekview Park: Creekview Park is a neighborhood park located in North Middleton Township at 2309 Douglas Drive, Carlisle. This 10-acre park offers walk-in creek access, fishing, a multipurpose field, playground equipment and a picnic pavilion. No off-street parking is available. For more information, contact North Middleton Township at (717) 243-8550, or visit the township online at www.nmiddleton.com.

B2 - Letort Falls Park: Letort Falls Park is a 2-acre park located in Middlesex Township in the 100 block of North Middlesex Road, Carlisle. Amenities at the site include a boat launch, parking and creek access for fishing. For more information, contact Middlesex Township at (717) 249-4409 or visit the township online at www.middlesextwp.com.

B3 - Scott Farm Work Center/Appalachian Trail: The Scott Farm is a trailhead and work center for the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. This site is located at 301 Bernheisel Bridge Road, Carlisle, and owned by the National Park Service. Creek access is permitted on the south side of the bridge. Parking is limited; users must contact the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to determine parking availability. Driving and parking on the grass are strictly prohibited. There are no sanitary facilities and users must pack out all trash. For more information, contact the Appalachian Trail Conservancy at (717) 258-5771, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

B4 - Willow Mill Park: Willow Mill Park is an 18-acre municipal park owned by Silver Spring Township. The park is located off PA Route 114 at 80 Willow Mill Park Road, Mechanicsburg. Park amenities include: canoe launch, boat launch, hiking, fishing, disc golf, picnic pavilions and grills, portable restrooms and ample parking.

Huston Mill, located in Willow Mill Park, has been a local landmark since the late 1790s. The mill structure is named for James S. Huston, who owned and operated the gristmill from the 1880s through the early 20th century. Today, evidence of the mill race and interior machinery is gone, but the mill building survives as a reminder of past times. For more information, contact Silver Spring Township at (717) 766-1657 or visit the township online at www.silverspringtwp-pa.gov.

B5 - **Hidden Creek Park:** Hidden Creek Park is a 14-acre park owned by Silver Spring Township and located at 50 Millfording Road, Mechanicsburg. The park offers convenient creek access, fishing, soccer fields, portable restrooms and ample parking. The park also offers a scenic walking path along the creek. For more information, contact Silver Spring Township at (717) 766-1657 or visit the township online at www.silverspringtwp-pa.gov.

B6 - Westover Commons Area: Westover Commons is a 10-acre passive park located in the Westover subdivision of Hampden Township. This natural area is completely undeveloped and is accessible for walking, bird watching, bank fishing and other passive leisure uses. Access to the creek is from the 6200 block of Stevens Crossing, Mechanicsburg. Only limited on-street parking is available. For more information, contact Hampden Township at (717) 761-4951, or visit the township online at www.hampdentownship.us.

B7 - Good Hope Access: Good Hope is owned and maintained by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC). This 1-acre site is located in Hampden Township at 915 Good Hope Road, Mechanicsburg. The facility provides convenient creek access for boaters (unpowered boats only) and shore fishing is also permitted. A PFBC launch permit is required. Limited parking is available at the site. For information on other Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission facilities, visit www.fishandboat.com.

B8 - Conodoguinet Youth Park: The Conodoguinet Youth Park is an 8-acre park located at 515 Orr's Bridge Road, Camp Hill. Hampden Township and the Mechanicsburg North Rotary Club have worked cooperatively to plan, develop and construct the improvements at this creekside park. The park offers ample parking, restrooms, a picnic pavilion, picnic tables, fire rings and a fishing dock. Overnight camping is permitted by certain organized groups by reservation only. For more information, contact Hampden Township at (717) 761-4951, or visit the township online at www.hampdentownship.us.

B9 - Acri Meadow Park: This site is a 4-acre municipal park owned by East Pennsboro Township. The park is located at 55 Acri Meadow Drive, Enola. The park offers a launch ramp for unpowered boats, fishing, picnicking and a pavilion. Other available activities include baseball, basketball, volleyball and a playground. For more information, contact East Pennsboro Township at (717) 732-0711, or visit online at www.eastpennsboro.net.

B10 - Oyster Mill Park: Oyster Mill Park is a 1-acre park owned by East Pennsboro Township at 1150 Oyster Mill Road, Camp Hill. The park provides convenient creek access, picnicking and fishing. Limited parking is available. For more information, contact East Pennsboro Township at (717) 732-0711, or visit the township online at www.eastpennsboro.net.

B11 - Adams-Ricci Community Park: This 130-acre municipal park is owned by East Pennsboro Township and located at 100 East Penn Drive, Enola. Adams-Ricci offers a variety of amenities including baseball, softball, basketball, tennis, playground equipment, volleyball, hiking, biking, fishing, picnicking and pavilion rentals. Recommended parking for creek access is near the West Enola Pavilion or the Keystone Pavilion. Walk-in access to the creek is provided via a steep nature trail. For more information, contact East Pennsboro Township at (717) 732-0711, or visit the township online at www.eastpennsboro.net.

B12 - Siebert Park: Siebert Park is a 60-acre municipal park owned by Camp Hill Borough. The park features an arboretum, pavilions, hiking and biking. It also offers a playground, basketball, tennis, an athletic field, running track, swimming pool and volleyball. Access to the creek and parking for boaters is provided along Creek Road at the lower end of the park. For more information, contact Camp Hill Borough at (717) 737-3456, or visit the borough online at www.camphillborough.com.

B13 - Pine Hill Arboretum: Pine Hill is a 15-acre arboretum owned by East Pennsboro Township. The arboretum extends from the bank of the Conodoguinet Creek across Creekside Drive and up the hill to Humer Street. This unique site provides opportunities for nature exploration, hiking, boating and fishing. Access to the creek is by walk-in only. Parking is limited to a small unpaved area along Creekside Drive, Enola.

Pine Hill was originally the summer home of local medical doctor Harvey B. Bashore. Dr. Bashore was a noted naturalist and wrote a number of books and articles on health, sanitation and local history. Many species of wild flowers, trees and ferns as well as birds and mammals have been identified and documented at the arboretum. For more information, contact East Pennsboro Township at (717) 732-0711, or visit the township online at www. eastpennsboro.net.

B14 - Ridley Park: This site is a 16-acre park owned by East Pennsboro Township. The facility is located at 1625 Matthew Road, Camp Hill. Ridley Park provides creek access, hiking, fishing and a pavilion. Other available activities include baseball, basketball, volleyball and playground equipment. For more information, contact East Pennsboro Township at (717) 732-0711, or visit the township online at www.eastpennsboro.net.

B15 - Rupley Park: Rupley Park is an 11-acre neighborhood park owned and maintained by Wormleysburg Borough. The entrance to the park is located at 401 West Crestwood Drive, Camp Hill. Facilities in Upper Rupley Park include playground equipment, picnic tables and a small pavilion. Lower Rupley Park is more primitive and provides opportunities for hiking, fishing and boating. Access to the creek is by walk-in only. No off-street parking is available. For more information, contact Wormleysburg Borough at (717) 763-4483, or visit the borough online at www.wormleysburgpa.org.

B16 - West Fairview Park: West Fairview Park is a 24-acre municipal park owned by East Pennsboro Township. The entrance to the park is located at Fourth and McCormick Streets in Enola. Park amenities include a baseball field, basketball courts, playground equipment, picnic tables and opportunities for fishing, hiking and boating. Access to the creek is by walk-in only.

The remains of an old mill can be found at West Fairview Park. The Harrisburg Nail Works was erected on this site in 1810. At its height, the company produced 6,300 tons of nails annually. West Fairview Park still includes some of the arches and foundation of the old mill, which was dismantled in the early 1900s. For more information, contact East Pennsboro Township at (717) 732-0711, or visit the township online at www.eastpennsboro.net.

B17 - **West Fairview Point (Take-Out Only):** Known by the locals as "The Point," this site provides a paved boat launch at the confluence of the Conodoguinet Creek and the Susquehanna River. The area is located at 50 Front Street, Enola, and is maintained by East Pennsboro Township. Portable toilets and picnic tables are provided, but parking is limited. For more information, contact East Pennsboro Township at (717) 732-0711, or visit the township online at www.eastpennsboro.net.

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