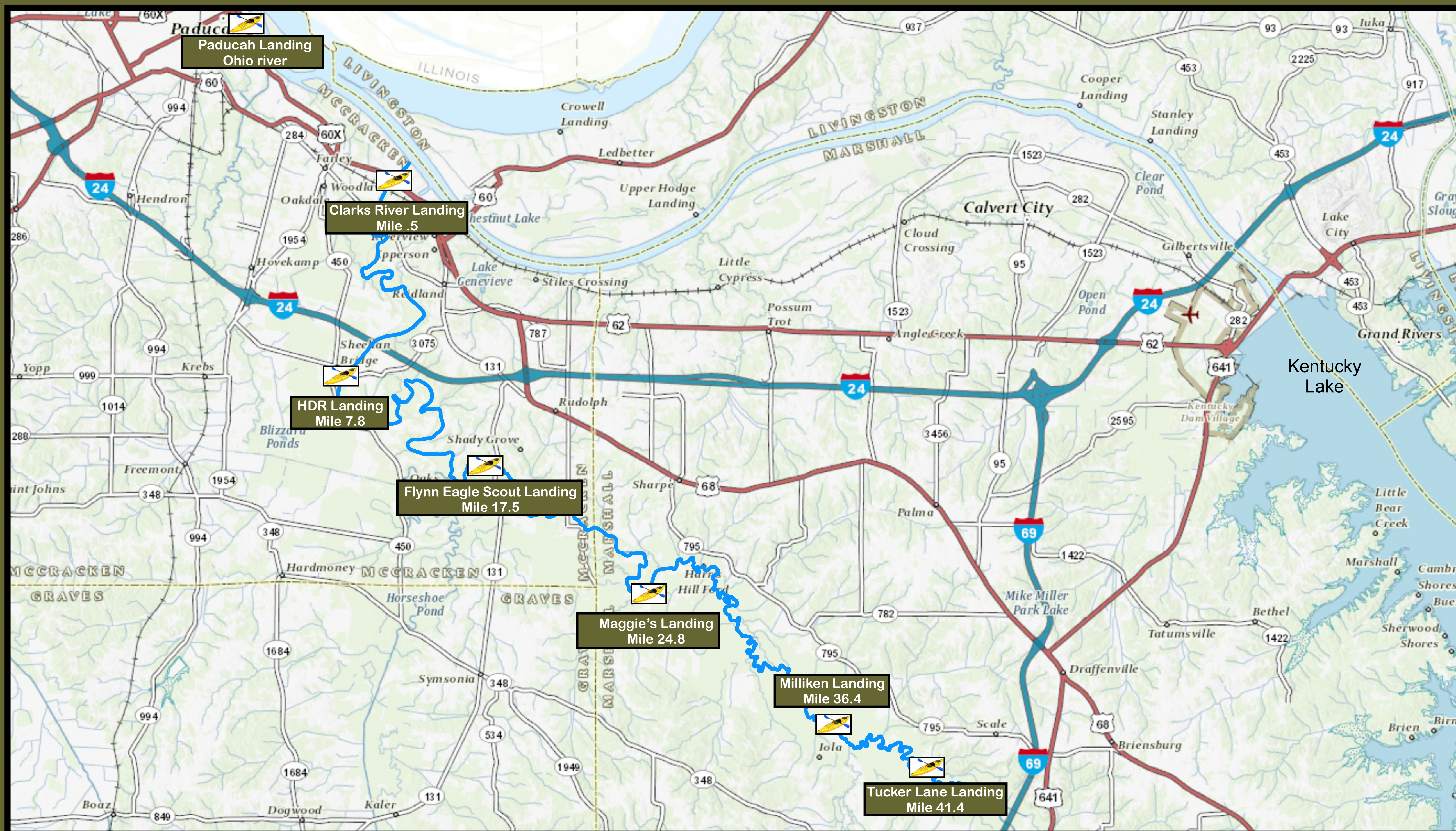


# Clarks River Canoe & Kayak Trail



The Clarks River named for George Rogers Clark, meanders back and forth through this low country of thick alluvial soils, creating unique untamed bottomland hardwood habitat. The dwindling amount of wetlands prompted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge, the only one located solely within Kentucky's borders. Clarks River also escaped the ravages of channelization, making it one of the few streams in the region left in its natural state. The Clarks River watershed drains approximately 521 square miles making it the largest in the Mississippi River basin.

Clarks River is comprised of the largest remaining bottomland hardwood forests in the region. Over 200 species of birds can be found along the Clarks River.

Bottomland hardwood forests are one of the most biologically productive ecosystems on land, and the rich moist soils from seasonal flooding nourish and explosion of wildlife diversity. Freshwater mussels, amphibians, fish, and mammals are all found in abundance here, and migratory songbirds and waterfowl take advantage of this rich habitat on their long flights from nesting to wintering grounds. This diversity and abundance of wildlife provides ample hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities.

This is a wild river, precautions should be taken. It is difficult to exit the river at non - landing sites.

Call 911 for emergencies. Carry in - Carry out Trash

