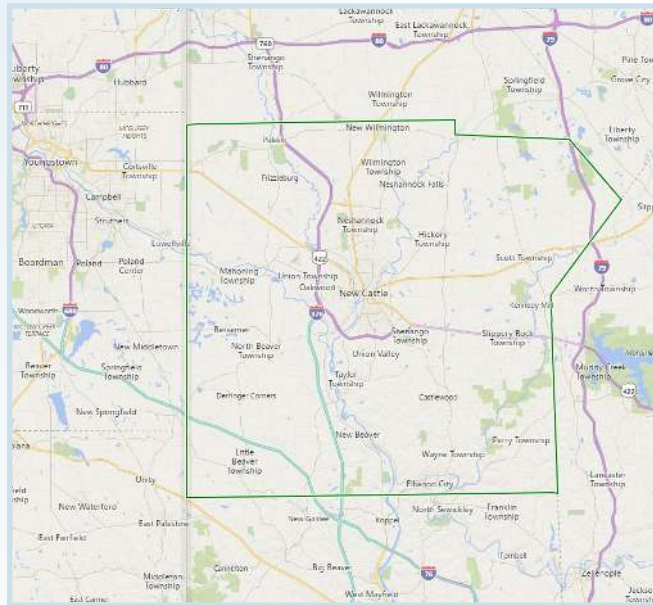


One County. Six Water Trails.

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.



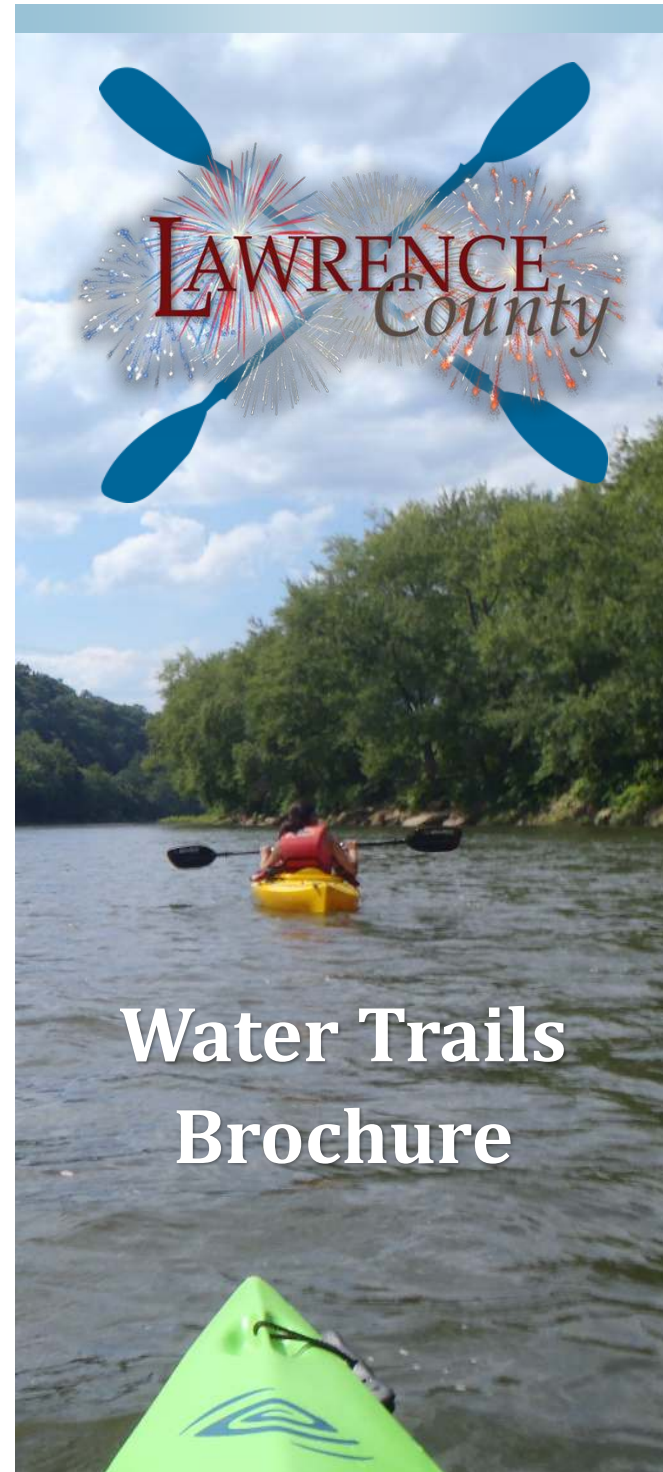
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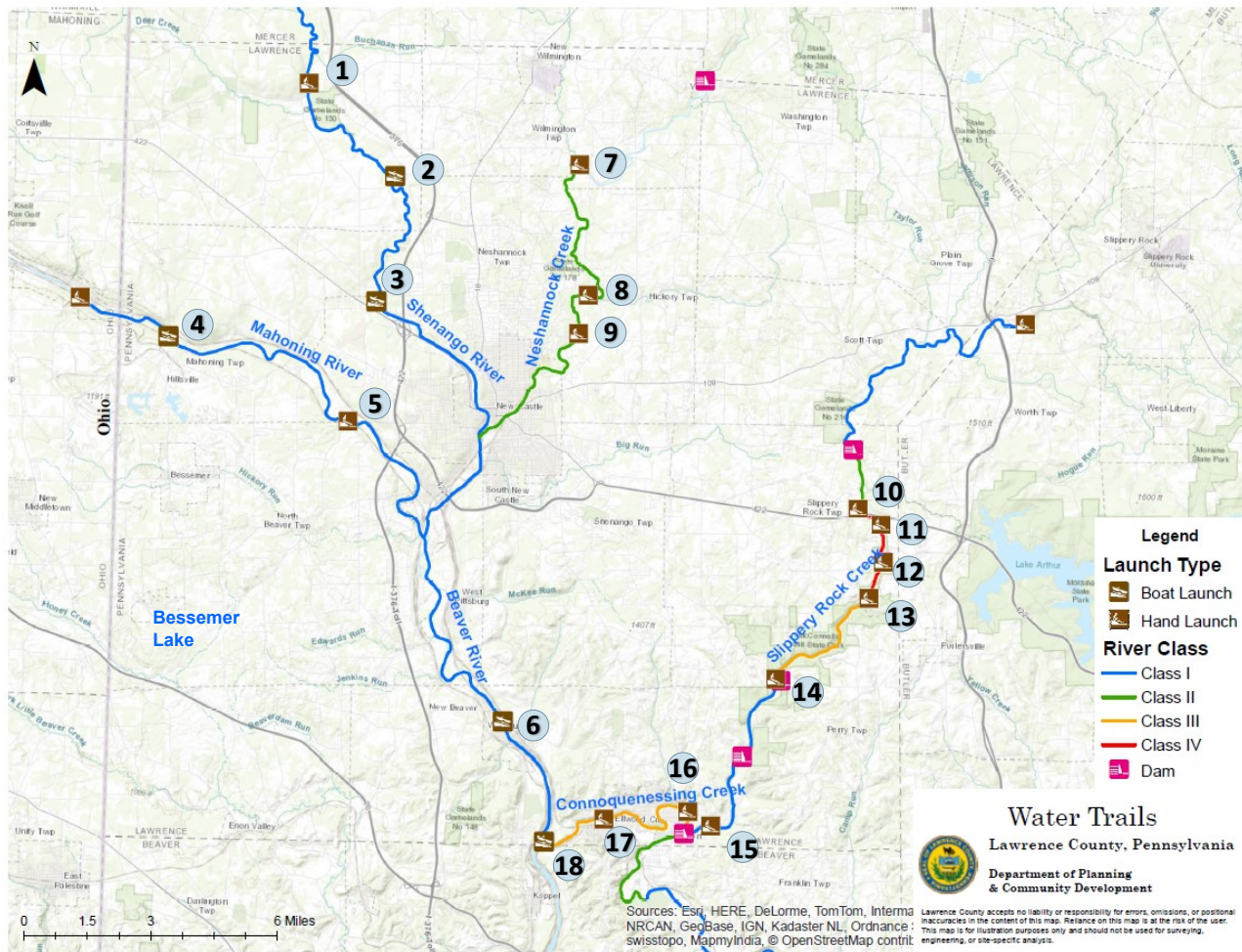
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The **Shenango River** flows southward from the Shenango Reservoir and joins the Mahoning River in New Castle to form the Beaver River. Offering class I waters suitable for beginner paddlers; motorized craft may only be able to navigate select parts 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), Kings Chapel Road, Neshannock 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. Beyond Corporation LLC Boat Access Area (Lawrence County), Hillsville Road, Mahoning Township
5. McKinney/Russell Boat Access Area (Lawrence County), Covert 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** begins in Volant Borough and flows south to New Castle, where it joins the Shenango River. The Neshannock Creek Gorge section is two miles long (Covered Bridge Road to Sipe Road) and offers approximately eight rapids within one mile, the biggest being Neshannock Falls.

Neshannock Creek is a class I-II section of whitewater, according to American 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. While the majority is class I, the section between the dam and Harris Bridge is a class II to IV. 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. Kennedy 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. McConnells Mill Access (PFBC) Mountville Road, Slippery Rock Township
15. Kids Trout Derby Access (PFBC) SR 488, Wayne 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 III status.

16. Ellport Borough Canoe/Kayak Put-In (Ellport Borough) Rodger Memorial Park, Ellport Borough
17. Ellwood City Access Canoe/Kayak Put-in (Ellwood City Borough) Wampum Avenue, Ellwood City Borough
18. 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. A launch ramp is available with parking facilities; all watercraft must be registered or have a valid launch permit.