With our Partners:

- Protect 1,000 miles of river
- Create over 2,000 miles of trails
- Conserve more than 70,000 acres of open space
- National Water Trail System
- Lake Michigan Water Trail
- Statewide Water Trail Programs
- Regional Water Trail Efforts
National RTCA Water Trail Projects

Year 2000-2016

Number of Projects
Every water trail must have:

- A local managing organization or partnership to care about and manage the trail.

- Support by the local community and local government.

- A minimum level of public access to support a trail experience.

- Public information provided online or in print to market the trail to potential trail users, to help them find the trail, plan their trip, use the trail safely, and learn about the natural/cultural resources.
Celebrating:

- 21 National Water Trails
- 3366 miles of trail
- 20 States

A National System of Exemplary Water Trails.
• Protect and restore America’s rivers, shorelines, and waterways and conserve natural areas along waterways

• Increase access to outdoor recreation on shorelines and waterways
Who Designates Them?
• Designated by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture
• Recognized as part of the National Trails System

Who Manages Them?
• Managed by a local management entity (local, state, or federal government agency; nonprofit organization; interagency organization)
NWTS Program Benefits

- Inclusion in the NWTS Learning Network, a community that mentors and promotes the development of water trails and shares BMPs
- Inclusion on the NWTS website and database
- Receipt of a set of NWTS markers
- Access to technical assistance from NWTS program partners and through the learning network (American Rivers, River Network, RMS)
- Access to funding opportunities
Criteria for National Recreation Trails

• The trail (and its access points) must be open to public use and be designed, constructed, and maintained according to best management practices, in keeping with the anticipated use.

• The trail is in compliance with applicable land use plans and environmental laws.

• The trail will be open for public use for at least 10 consecutive years after designation.

• The trail designation must be supported by the landowner(s), (public or private), on which access points exist.
Best Management Practice Category: Recreation Opportunities

Definition:
The water trail route has established public access points that accommodate a diversity of trip lengths and provide access to a variety of opportunities for recreation and education.

Launches and Access Sites

Prepare to Launch! Guidelines for Assessing, Designing, and Building Launch Sites for Carry-in Watercraft is a resource designed to help river and water trail managers and park planners build ‘put-in and take out’ sites as they address the evolving needs of paddlers and other users.

Connectivity

How well the water trail connects with other water trails, land recreation networks, and public transportation networks including sidewalks, bike trails, bus routes, etc.

Bronx River Blueway NRT Map

Online Interactive Map

Map of Access points along the water trail showing street grid.

The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area has created an online interactive map to integrate the water trail into the regional transportation networks. The map shows bikeshare stations, bike routes, bus stops, rail stations, and streets.

http://rivertripplanner.org/

Recreation Info and Facilities

www.nps.gov/watertrails
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Island Loop National Water Trail
Variety is the Spice of Life

A healthy ecosystem includes a variety of animals including fish, birds, mammals, amphibians, and birds. Bringing back free swimming to a lake is a great idea for revitalizing St. Clair River.

Wildlife Boat Tours:
When looking at the lake, animals such as bees, butterflies, and dragonflies can be observed. These insects play a vital role in pollination and the well-being of the ecosystem.

Designing for a variety of native plants is important in sustaining and enhancing St. Clair River.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Cargill
June 9, 2012 • St. Clair County

River Day

Saturdays, June 9, 2012

Get Out and Show the Water Some Love!
A Full Day of Free Activities for Families!

Advisory on the River (June 9 & 10) • Port Huron
Family Fishing Clinics (June 9 & 10) • Port Huron
Blue Water YMCA Swimmer Safety • Port Huron
Cedar Point Treatment Plant Virtual Tours • Port Huron
Sakakawea Field Riverfront Park Grand Opening • Port Huron
Kids Fishing Derby • St. Clair
Paddle the Pine River • St. Clair
Native Plant Sale • Goodells
Columbus County Park Tour • Columbus
Marine City Family Fishing Mammals • Marine City
Discover the Delta Paddle-Palooza • Clay Township
Household Hazardous Waste Collection • Algonac

www.RIVERDAYFUN.com
The Huron River Water Trail

The Huron River Water Trail is a 106-mile (167 km) Indiana paddling trail connecting people to the river’s natural environment, its history, and the communities it touches. In Michigan’s Lower Peninsula.

From the rapids at Delhi and Dexter to the placid flat water at the entrance to Lake Erie, a variety of paddling experiences await you. For kayaking, canoeing, fishing, or a fly, and other freshwater pursuits, follow the Huron River Water Trail to learn what others already know — the Huron River is a Michigan treasure worth exploring.

KEY
- Huron River Water Trail
- City, town
- Lakes, streams
- Major river
- Natural river
- Major river
- State, county, or local park
- Major road and highways

Trail Map:
- Map showing the location of the river and its surrounding areas.
- Key features and points of interest.

Images:
- Paddlers on the water.
- Kayak and canoeing.
- Map of the river trail.

Contact Information:
- www.huronriverwatertrail.org
- Huron River Water Trail
- Pure Michigan
BUILDUP!
TURNING OUR COMMUNITIES
TO FACE THE RIVER

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA
Lake Michigan Water Trail

One lake, four states, all trails, a world class destination connecting people to adventure and exploration around Lake Michigan. 1600 miles, 760 MI miles.
State Water Trail Programs

- # of state programs: 26
- # of water trails: 1,394
- # of water trail miles: 40,824 miles (approximation)

*There is at least 1 water trail reported in every state except Oklahoma, but only 26 states have statewide water trail programs. 2015 NPS-RTCA survey*
Statewide Water Trail Programs

- Connecticut – NGO
- Georgia – NGO
- Pennsylvania – Partnership
- Florida – Partnership
- Minnesota - State
- Texas – State
- Iowa - State
Southeast Michigan Water Trails

1. Blueways of St. Clair (17)
2. Clinton River Water Trail
3. Detroit Heritage River WT
4. Huron River National WT
5. Lake St. Clair Coastal WT
6. Monroe County Water Trails (6)
7. Rouge River Water Trail
Coordinating Organizations

• National Park Service
• River Network
• River Management Society
• Huron River Water Trail
• St. Clair County
• Michigan Sea Grant
• Riverside Kayak Connection
Saginaw Bay Watershed Water Trails

1. Saginaw Bay Water Trail
2. Cass River Water Trail
3. Flint River Water Trail
4. Shiawassee River Water Trail
Grand River Water Trail - 250 miles

WMEAC, Ottawa Co. Parks, GVSU

Jackson County, Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance, LIAA
For More Information

- National Water Trail System
  www.nps.gov/watertrails
  - Toolbox
- Prepare to Launch http://www.river-management.org/prepare-to-launch
- NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program  www.nps.gov/rtca

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Suttons Bay – World Record Flotilla 2,099 - Find Paul Yauk