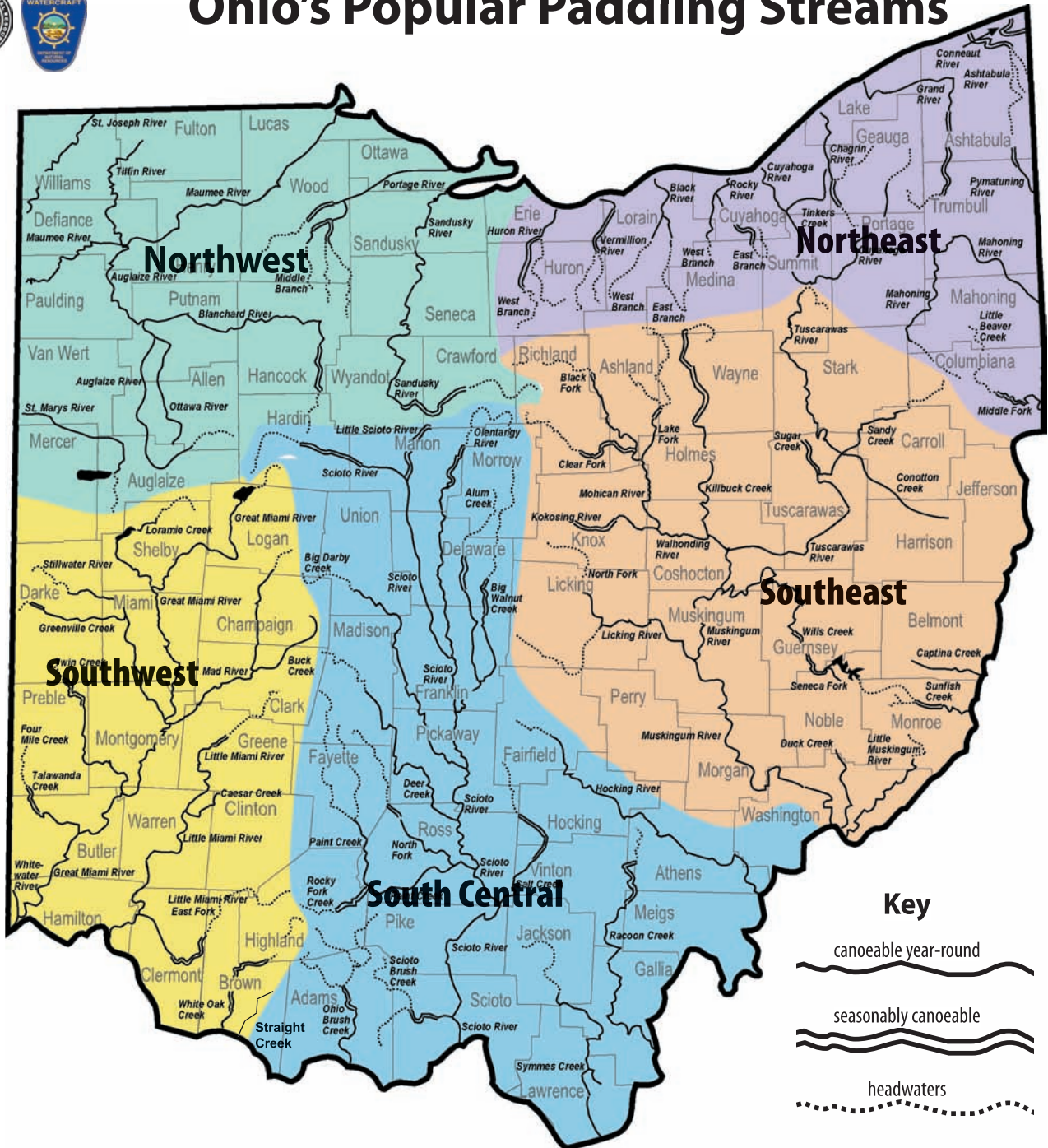




Ohio's Popular Paddling Streams



About this map

This map is meant as an overview of popular paddling streams in Ohio. The scale of river difficulty as well as the river miles inside of Ohio are listed on page two of this document.

More details on these streams, including public access information and known hazards, are listed by waterway in the corresponding regional brochure series, "Boating On Ohio Streams." The eastern and western section brochures are available by request from our website. The south central section brochure is planned for late in 2009.

Responsibility for the safe and legal use of Ohio's rivers lies with the boater. It is the responsibility of the individual boater to seek permission to cross private property in order to access a river.

To request the available regional brochures or for general boating information, contact the ODNR Division of Watercraft at 1-877-4BOATER (Ohio only) or visit our web site:

ohiodnr.com/watercraft

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Waterway	Region	Class	Length*
Alum Cr.	SC	I	55.8
Ashtabula R.	NE	II - III	39.7
Auglaize R.	NW	I	101.9
Big Darby Cr.	SC	I	78.7
Big Walnut Cr.	SC	I	74.2
Black R., Main & East Br.	NE	I	73.0
Black R., West Br.	NE	I	37.8
Blanchard R.	NW	I	91.0
Buck Cr.	SW	I	23.0
Caesar Cr.	SW	I	33.9
Captina Cr.	SE	I	38.6
Chagrin R.	NE	I - I+	47.9
Conneaut Cr.	NE	I+ - II	56.8
Conotton Cr.	SE	I	38.7
Cuyahoga R.	NE	I - III	100.1
Deer Cr.	SC	I	67.1
Duck Cr.	SE	I	51.5
Four-Mile/Talawanda Cr.	SW	I	38.2
Grand R.	NE	I - I+	98.5
Great Miami R.	SW	I - II	170.3
Greenville Cr.	SW	I	40.5
Hocking R.	SC	I	94.9
Huron R. (Main, East & West Br.)	NE	I - I+	59.7
Killbuck Cr.	SE	I	81.7
Kokosing R.	SE	I+ - II	57.2
Licking R. (Main Br., North & South Forks)	SE	I - II, III	67.5
Little Beaver Cr.	NE	I - II+	51.0
Little Miami R., East Fork	SW	I - II	81.7
Little Miami R. Main Br.	SW	I - II	105.5
Little Muskingum R.	SE	I	69.7
Little Scioto R. (Northern Ohio)	SC	I	27.2
Loramie Cr.	SW	I - II	36.5
Mad R.	SW	I - II	60.2
Mahoning R. (Main & West Br.)	NE	I - I+	108.3
Maumee R.	NW	I - III	105.4
Mohican R.	SE	I - II	27.6
Mohican R., Black Fork	SE	I	58.4
Mohican R., Clear Fork	SE	I - II	36.6
Mohican R., Lake Fork	SE	I	14.7

Waterway	Region	Class	Length*
Muskingum R.	SE	I	111.9
Ohio Brush Cr. (Main & West Fork)	SC	I	57.1
Olentangy R.	SC	I - III	88.5
Ottawa R.	NW	I	41.6
Paint Cr. (Main Br. & North Fork)	SC	I - III	94.7
Portage R., Main/Middle Br.	NW	I	27.8
Portage R., North Br.	NW	I	60.6
Pymatuning R.	NE	I	33.8
Raccoon Cr.	SC	I - II	109.0
Rocky Fork Cr.	SC	I - II	27.5
Rocky R., East Br.	NE	I	34.5
Rocky R., Main Br.	NE	I	48.0
Rocky R., West Br.	NE	I	36.2
Salt Cr.	SC	I - I+	45.4
Sandusky R.	NW	I - III, IV	130.2
Sandy Cr.	SE	I	41.3
Scioto Brush Cr. (Main Br., North & South Forks)	SC	I	36.0
Scioto R.	SC	I	230.8
St. Joseph R.	NW	I	44.3
St. Marys R.	NW	I	59.1
Stillwater R.	SW	I	63.5
Straight Cr.	SW	I - II	18.2
Sugar Cr.	SE	I	45.0
Sunfish Cr.	SE	I - II	31.4
Symmes Cr.	SC	I	70.0
Tiffin R.	NW	I	59.2
Tinkers Cr.	NE	I - IV	28.2
Tuscarawas R.	SE	I	129.9
Twin Cr.	SW	I	46.2
Vermilion R.	NE	I+	58.7
Walhonding R.	SE	I	23.5
White Oak Cr.	SC	I - IV	49.3
Whitewater R.	SW	I - II	7.3
Wills Cr., Main Br.	SE	I	92.2
Wills Cr., Seneca Fork	SE	I	30.3

*miles in Ohio only

International Scale of River Difficulty

This classification scale was developed by the American Whitewater Affiliation to rate the boating difficulty of swift water. The scale takes into account river conditions, hazards, availability of rescue, and temperatures. Most of Ohio's streams are rated Class I and II, but flooding may change the stream's rating to a higher classification. Boaters should have advanced paddling skills to attempt any stream over Class II.

- Class I few riffles and small waves; easy boating
- Class II waves up to three feet with wide channels; easy rapids
- Class III high, irregular waves with narrow passages; requires scouting and constant maneuvering
- Class IV long, difficult rapids with constricted passages in turbulent water; scouting necessary, rescue difficult
- Class V difficult, long and very violent rapids with highly congested routes; scouting must be done from shore; rescue is so difficult that it presents a hazard to life
- Class VI the most dangerous rapids; boating is nearly impossible and is life-threatening

Other environmental factors may change a stream's rating to a higher classification:

- Flooding or dam releases causing a water level of a full stream bank or out of banks. This may occur very quickly.
- Cold weather or cold water (extra safety precautions are needed when the water temperature drops below 50° F).
- Absence of a nearby road and/or geographic terrain which makes a rescue and evacuation difficult.