

The Mahoning River maintains its natural quality as it winds through wooded, rural, and urban areas in Trumbull County. Beginning in Newton Township, this water trail includes long deep pools, riffles, and scenic views. Opportunities abound for wildlife viewing and fishing. The proximity to the Western Reserve Greenway Trail and Bicycle Route J makes this Ohio Water Trail an ideal paddle/pedal destination.

1 Foster MetroPark – River Right

Trumbull County MetroParks
3940 Damascus-Newton Falls Road
Newton Falls, Ohio 44444
Lat 41.135395
Long -80.966218

This river access site has a canoe and kayak launch, picnic tables, portable restroom facilities, informational kiosk, and ample parking for canoe/kayak trailers. This site is adjacent to Bicycle Route J which traverses Trumbull County roads to the Trumbull County/Ashtabula County line.

6.04 miles to next put-in/take-out

Deer and turkey are often seen in this area. MetroParks received its second park as a donation from the Trumbull Canoe Trails Club in 1984. At the time, the park was known as Canoe Trail Park in honor of the organization which had worked to raise funds for its acquisition. Several improvements were made throughout the mid 1980's that included clearing existing scrub, installing a parking lot, building a small hiking trail, digging a small water well, and installing the river's first canoe launch past the Lake Milton Dam.

The projects were funded through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Since its original construction, the parking lot has been expanded, and now features a portable lavatory. Route J was established along East River Road in Newton Township, delineating a network of bicycle-friendly roads between Marietta along the Ohio River and Conneaut on Lake Erie.

- A State Route 534 Bridge:** Stay to left or right of State Route 534 bridge; abutment is located in middle.
- B Newton Falls Covered Bridge:** Stay to middle of Newton Falls Covered Bridge; abutments are located on river right and river left.
- C East Main Street Bridge:** Stay to middle of East Main Street Bridge; abutments are located on river right and river left.

2 Rotary Park – River Left

City of Newton Falls
1025 First Street
Newton Falls, OH 44444
Lat 41.196029
Long -80.967473

This river access site does not currently have a formalized canoe and kayak launch, but there is a portage around the dam. The site contains an undeveloped put-in/take-out point, picnic tables, and parking for canoe/kayak trailers. The launch site is expected to be completed by 2016.

2.9 miles to next put-in/take-out

Just before Rotary Park in Newton Falls you will find the second oldest covered bridge in Ohio, which was constructed over the river in 1831. A walkway was added to the side of the bridge in 1922. Fishing enthusiasts should try catching smallmouth bass, panfish, and pike close to this park. Just after Rotary Park is the first of two dams on the water trail. Portage to the left.

- D Newton Falls Dam:** Portage to left; watch for signs.
- E Turnpike Bridge:** Stay to middle of Turnpike Bridge; abutments are located on river right and river left.
- F State Route 5 Bridge #1:** Stay to middle of the State Route 5 Bridge #1; abutments are located on river right and river left.

3 Braceville Nature Preserve – River Right

State Route 5
Lat 41.216824
Long -80.944532

This river access site is currently NOT open to the public, but when it comes available it will have a canoe and kayak launch, parking for canoe and kayak trailers, and picnic tables. The launch site is expected to be completed by 2016.

4.32 miles to next put-in/take-out

You will traverse under State Route 5 By-Pass and float by two of the more than 20 golf courses in Trumbull County. Paddlers regularly encounter geese and other water fowl near this access point. Featuring over 71 acres of generous woods, open meadows, and an oxbow lake with delicate wetlands, the flat and gently rolling landscape along the river offers great opportunities for exploration, education, and exercise. The property is located about 8 miles in either direction from Foster MetroPark and Canoe City MetroPark.

- G State Route 82 Bridge:** Stay to middle of State Route 82 Bridge; abutments are located on river right and river left.
- H Old Rail Bridge:** Stay to left or right of Old Rail Bridge; abutment is located in middle.

4 Thomas A Swift MetroPark – River Left

Trumbull County MetroParks
870 Benedict-Leavittsburg Road
Leavittsburg, Ohio 44430
Lat 41.238975
Long -80.915873

This river access site has a canoe/kayak launch, a half mile walking trail, arboretum, picnic tables, and an informational kiosk.

3.66 miles to next put-in/take-out

Paddlers will float under rail bridges and pass an old canal system. Bald eagles have been viewed feeding in this location. As an open meadow park positioned along the river, Thomas A. Swift MetroPark offers tremendous education and conservation opportunities. The developed 12.5-acre park located in Braceville Township consists of relatively flat grassland and is bordered by the river to the east and the lightly-traveled Benedict-Leavittsburg Road to the west. Trees enshroud the low-lying and sometimes muddy riverbanks, an area that has also been designated as a floodplain.

E1 Emergency Access Site – River Right

Woodview Circle Parcel, Warren Township
Lat 41.247686
Long -80.901314

For all emergencies please dial 9-1-1

This site is emergency access for law enforcement and rescue personnel only. Please pull-off to river right in an emergency and please wait there for emergency crews to arrive.

- J Nelson Mosier Road Bridge:** Stay to left or right of the Nelson Mosier Bridge; abutment is located in the middle.
- K State Route 5 Bridge #2:** Stay to left or right of the State Route 5 Bridge #2; abutment is located in the middle.

5 Canoe City MetroPark – River Left

Trumbull County MetroParks
74 North Leavitt Road
Leavittsburg, OH 44430
Lat 41.241697
Long -80.881426

This river access site has an ADA accessible floating dock for all types of boats including canoes and kayaks. Along with the floating dock, amenities include a walking trail, picnic tables, grills, and an informational kiosk.

4.08 miles to next put-in/take-out

Trail users will travel under State Route 5 By-Pass for the last time as they start heading into more densely populated areas of Trumbull County. Canoe City has a long history of recreation. Early on, the park served as the site of Mahoning Park, a regionally popular amusement park. Eventually, the amusement park closed and its structures dwindled away. Over time, however, the area became popular with canoeists. Because of the need to portage around the Leavittsburg Dam, canoeists routinely attained permission from Ohio Edison to use the area as a stopping point along their treks up and down the river. Fox and other woodland creatures may be sighted in this section of the water trail.

In 1984, a business person secured a lease from Ohio Edison to establish a private canoe livery on the northern section of the park. The operator referred to the establishment as Canoe City and constructed a wooden building to house the canoes where the business operated for some time. In June of 1993, Ohio Edison donated its N. Leavitt Road property to MetroParks and retained an easement for its substation facility. Just after Canoe City MetroPark is the last dam on the water trail. Please portage to the left.

- L Leavittsburg Dam:** Portage to left; watch for signs.
- M North Leavitt Road Bridge:** Stay to middle of North Leavitt Road Bridge; abutments are located river right and river left.
- N Parkman Road Bridge:** Stay to middle of the Parkman Road Bridge; abutments are located river right and river left.

E2 Emergency Access Site – River Right

Lynwood Drive Parcel, City of Warren
Lat 41.266937
Long -80.846940

For all emergencies please dial 9-1-1

This site is emergency access for law enforcement and rescue personnel only. Please pull-off to river right in an emergency and please wait there for emergency crews to arrive.

6 Burbank Park – River Right

City of Warren
3130 Elm Hill Drive NW
Warren, OH 44485
Lat 41.268021
Long -80.841812

This river access site currently does not have a canoe/kayak launch area but plans are to construct one along with a dedicated parking lot for the water trail. This 33-acre park gives visitors a chance to enjoy the following amenities: ballfields, playgrounds, and restrooms. The launch site is expected to be completed by 2016.

1.67 miles to last take-out

On this stretch of river you will be guided through urban areas while enjoying birdwatching. Keep an eye out for various ducks and great blue heron.

- O NW Bridge Road Bridge:** Stay to middle of the the Bridge Road Bridge; abutments are located river right and river left.

7 Packard Park – River Left

City of Warren
1703 Mahoning Avenue NW
Warren, OH 44483
Lat 41.247368
Long -80.832283

This river access site has a canoe/kayak take-out area along with restrooms, picnic tables and trash receptacles. In addition, this park gives visitors a chance to enjoy the following amenities in its 47 acres: ballfields, pavilions, tennis courts, playgrounds and fitness equipment.

You will enjoy easy paddling in this stretch of river while passing urban areas of Warren. This is the last stop on the Mahoning River Water Trail. Please exit river left.

WATER TRAIL ENDS AT PACKARD PARK. ALL PADDLERS MUST TAKE OUT AT THIS POINT. DAM AHEAD.

- P Summit Street Dam:** Portage to left. Watch for signs.

RESOURCES	
EMERGENCY NUMBER	9-1-1
WATER CONDITIONS	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
LOCAL INFORMATION	Trumbull County Tourism Bureau 866-360-1552 exploretumbullcounty.com
BOATING LAWS, SCENIC RIVERS, AND SAFETY TIPS	ODNR Division of Watercraft 1-877-4BOATER ohiodnr.com/watercraft
FISHING, HUNTING, AND WILDLIFE VIEWING	ODNR Division of Wildlife 1-800-WILDLIFE ohiodnr.com/wildlife
REAL-TIME WATER FLOW CONDITIONS	US Geological Survey 1-888-275-8747 waterdata.usgs.gov
WESTERN RESERVE GREENWAY	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
BICYCLE ROUTE J	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org

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TRAIL AT A GLANCE			
SITE	RIVER ACCESS	DISTANCE	PARK INFORMATION
1	Foster MetroPark	6.04 miles	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
2	Rotary Park	2.9 miles	City of Newton Falls 330-872-0806 ci.newtonfalls.oh.us
3	Braceville Nature Preserve	4.32 miles	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
4	Thomas A. Swift MetroPark	3.66 miles	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
5	Canoe City MetroPark	4.08 miles	Trumbull County MetroParks 330-675-3072 trumbullmetroparks.org
6	Burbank Park	1.67 miles	City of Warren 330-841-2601 warren.org
7	Packard Park	End	City of Warren 330-841-2601 warren.org
TOTAL DISTANCE		22.67 miles	