



Mohican River Water Trail

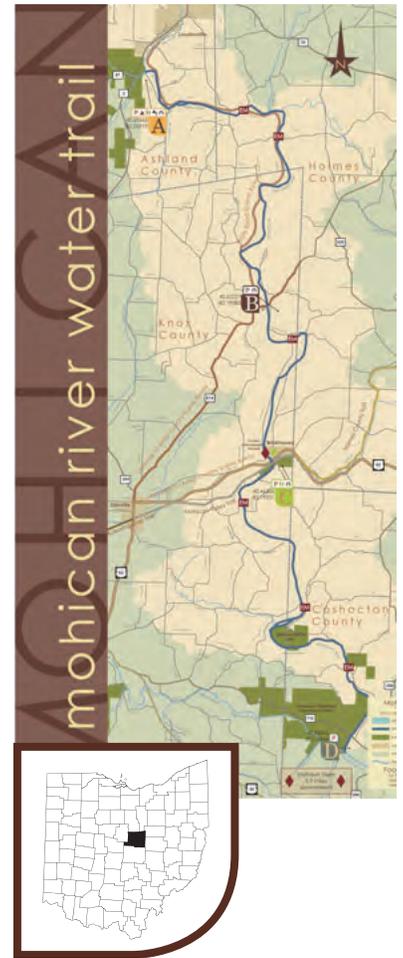
28 Miles / Class I



The verdant, forested valleys you see while paddling the Mohican are reminiscent of the viewshed experienced by Native Americans and early settlers. In the 1800s and 1900s, human activities transformed the landscape, with few wooded hillsides remaining. Today, the Mohican creates an experience of wilderness, a welcomed chance to allow stillness and tranquility to envelop the paddler or angler.

Two segments of the Mohican State Scenic River were designated as "scenic" in December 2006. The Clear Fork of the Mohican River from the base of the Pleasant Hill Dam to the confluence with the Black Fork of the Mohican River is 4.8 river miles. The entire main stem of the Mohican River from the confluence of the Clear Fork to the confluence with the Kokosing Scenic River is 27.5 miles.

The lower section of the Clear Fork and the Mohican River consists of a lush forested river valley and clean, flowing waters which provide valuable habitats for numerous flora and fauna. Clear Fork Gorge State Nature Preserve lies adjacent to the scenic river. Other public lands in the watershed include Mohican State Park and Mohican Memorial State Forest.



RESOURCES		EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911
Ashland Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau*	877-581-2345	visitashlandohio.com
Coshocton Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau*	800-338-4724	visitcoshocton.com
Holmes Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau*	877-643-8824	visitamishcountry.com
Knox Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau*	800-837-5282	visitknoxohio.org
Knox Co. Park District [water conditions]	740-392-7275	knoxcountyparks.org
Knox Ways [scenic byways, outdoor recreation info]		knoxways.info
Kokosing Gap Trail	740-392-6102	kokosinggaptrail.org
Leave No Trace [low-impact outdoor recreation]	800-332-4100	lnt.org
Mohican-Loudonville Visitors Bureau*	877-266-4422	discovermohican.com
Mohican State Park	419-994-5125	mohicanstatepark.org
Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District	877-363-8500	mwcldlakes.com
ODNR Division of Watercraft [boating laws, safety tips, scenic rivers]	877-4BOATER**	watercraft.ohiodnr.gov
ODNR Division of Wildlife [fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing]	800-WILDLIFE	wildlife.ohiodnr.gov
Ohio Water Trails	614-265-6484	watercraft.ohiodnr.gov
US Geological Survey [real-time water flow conditions]	888-275-8487	waterdata.usgs.gov

*[local information] **[Ohio only]



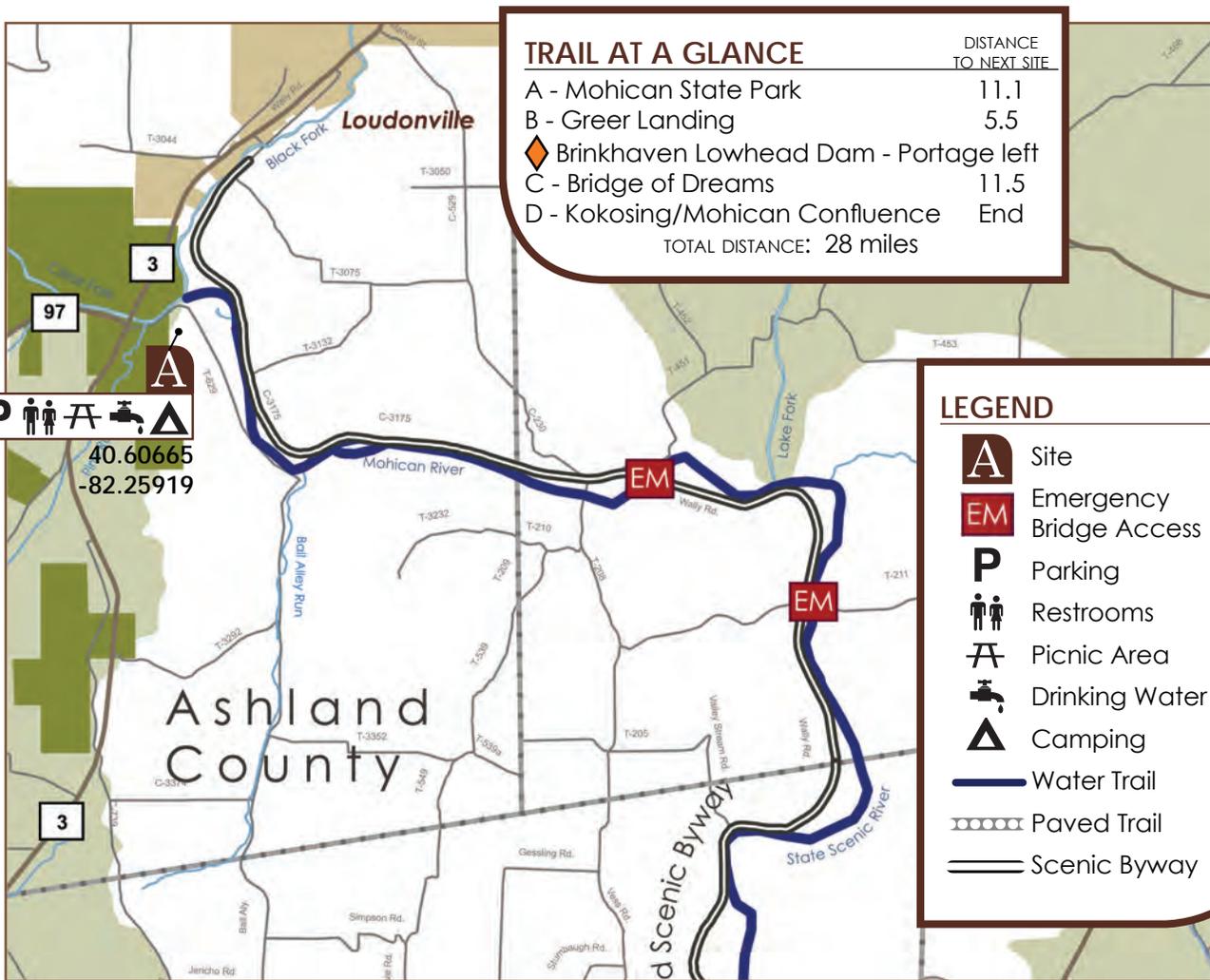
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Mohican State Park Access

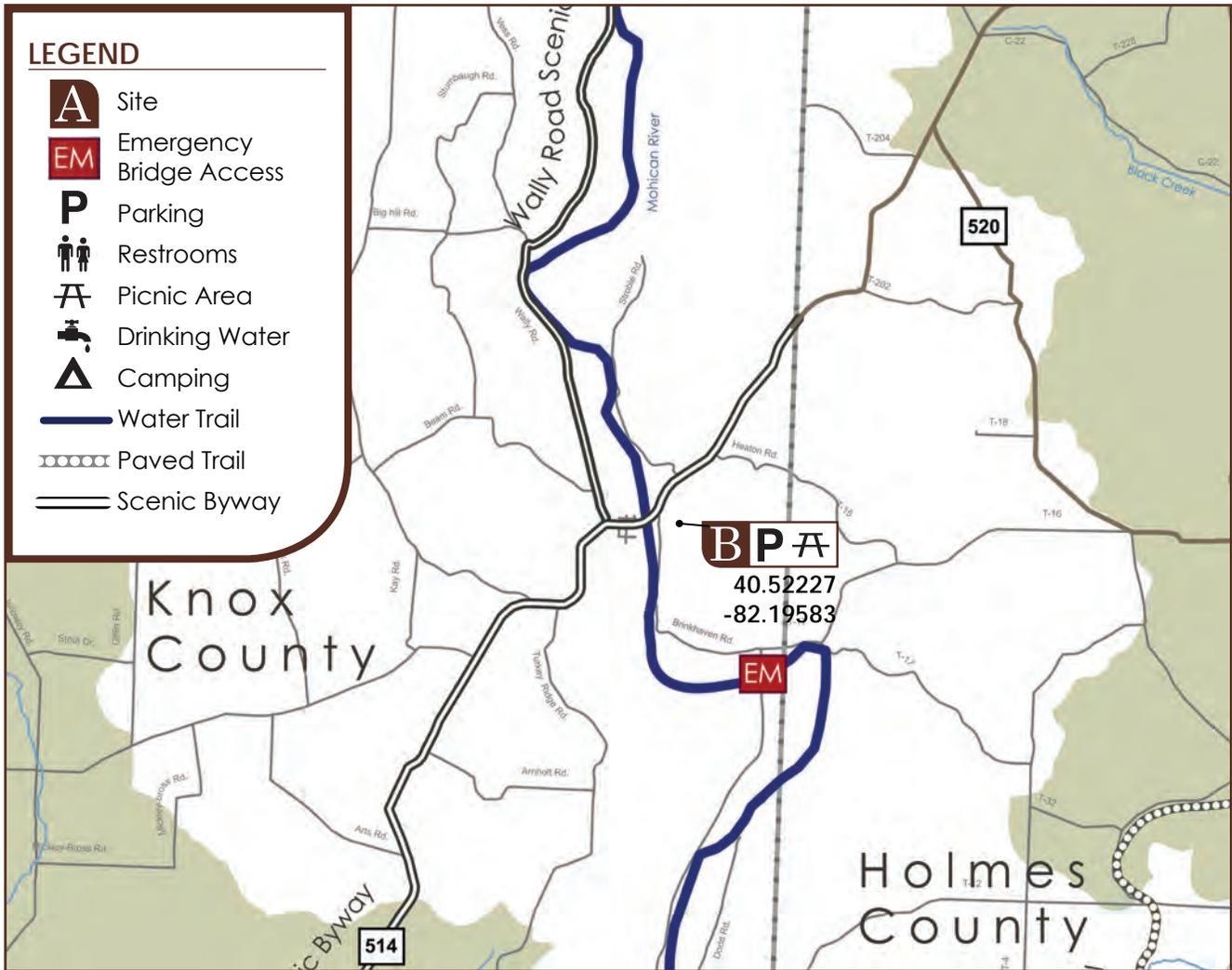
3131 State Route 3 [MOHICAN STATE PARK]
 40.60665 -82.25919 River left



Includes a recently improved launch ramp, visitor's center operated by the Mohican-Loudonville Visitors Bureau, nearby restrooms (across SR3 at the state park picnic area), and mountain bike trail parking area.

The Mohican-Loudonville area serves as the Canoe Capital of Ohio due to the more than 50 years of canoe livery operation, number of canoes registered in the area, and concentration of paddling activities. For those who enjoy paddling and other outdoor recreation pursuits, this area affords more opportunity than any other in Ohio. In fact, the stretch of the Mohican from Loudonville to Greer, Ohio, near the Wally Road Scenic Byway, serves as Ohio's largest outdoor recreational complex. Traveling to the Mohican area allows one to enjoy several scenic byways, including the Gateway to Amish Country, Wally Road, and Amish Country Scenic byways.

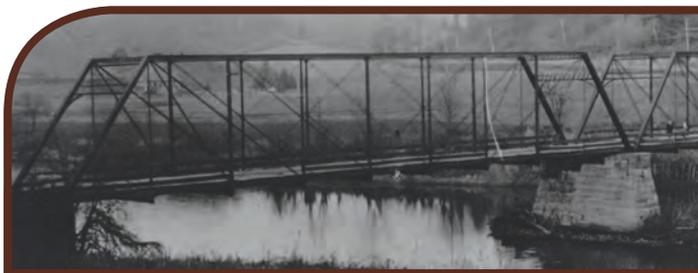
As you paddle down the river, you will cross from Holmes to Knox County. This point is historically significant, since the Greenville Treaty line crosses this point. The Greenville Treaty line was established in August of 1795 between the United States and Native American tribes, following the end of the Northwest Indian War. Those lands south of the treaty line, including Knox County, were open to settlers, while those to the north remained Native American territory.



B Greer Landing Access
 20389 Brinkhaven Road [KNOX COUNTY PARK DISTRICT] **P A**
 40.52227 -82.19583 River left

Includes ample parking, picnic table, and grill. As you continue your float, look for remnants of the historic Walhonding Valley and Ohio Railroad (affectionately known as the “Wally”). The railroad ran between the towns of Loudonville, Greer, and Coshocton.

Many mills were constructed on the Mohican, giving local farmers a nearby place to process their crops. As you float the river, look for the remnants of a mill on the left descending bank at Brinkhaven.



Mohican River - Brinkhaven



Wally Railroad - Greer



LOWHEAD DAM: Watch for a lowhead dam at Brinkhaven. Proceed river right to pass this obstacle. Depending on the water level, this section of the river may be considered dangerous due to the partially existing lowhead dam. Caution should be taken when canoeing through this area. Portage river left.



An improved access is planned in Brinkhaven



Brinkhaven Dam [prior to partial demolition]



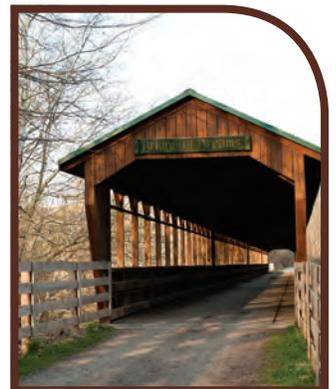
Bridge of Dreams Access

16606 Hunter Road [KNOX COUNTY PARK DISTRICT]
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Includes a latrine, picnic shelter, and interpretive information on the hill above the access site.

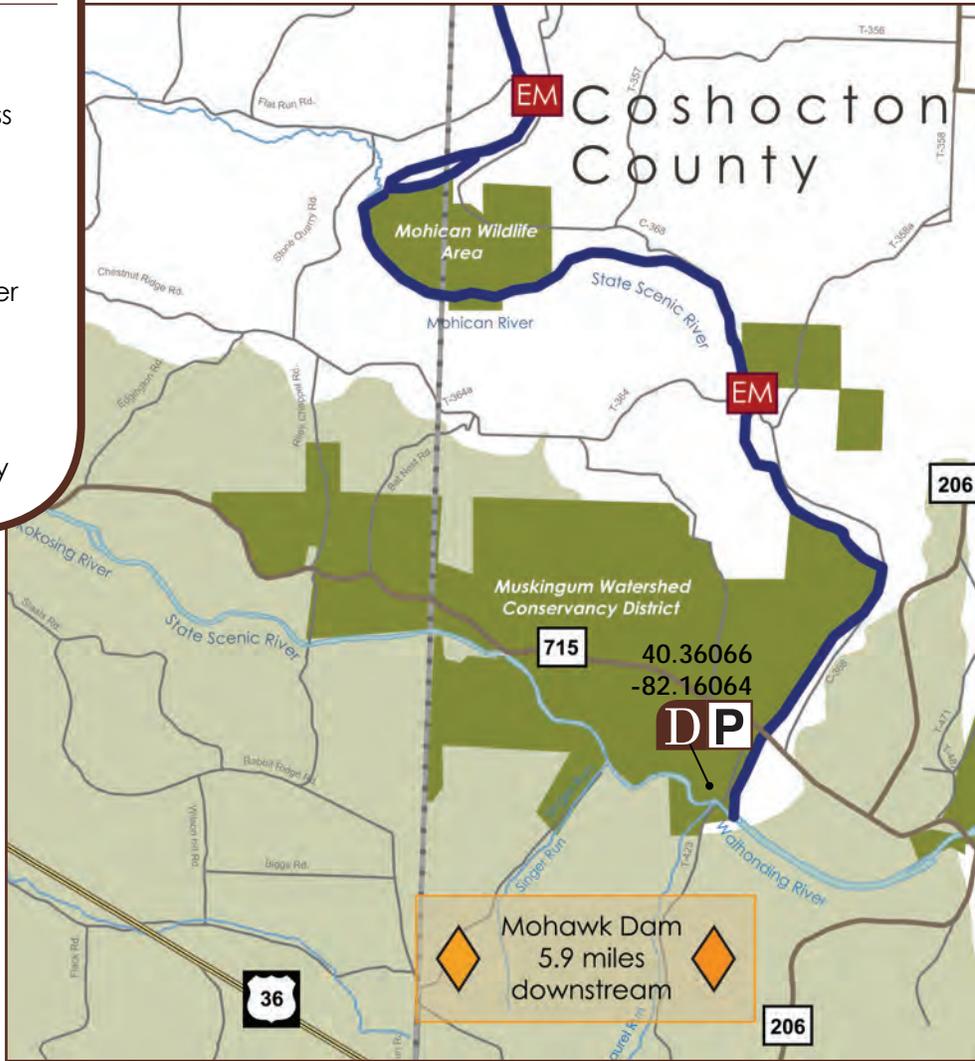
The 370-foot Bridge of Dreams spans the Mohican and is located on the 4.5-mile Mohican Valley Trail. The Mohican Valley Trail links to the Holmes County Trail and the Kokosing Gap Trail, all of which form a segment on the statewide Ohio to Erie Trail. The bridge is the longest covered trail bridge in Ohio.



Bridge of Dreams

LEGEND

-  Site
-  Emergency Bridge Access
-  Parking
-  Restrooms
-  Picnic Area
-  Drinking Water
-  Camping
-  Water Trail
-  Paved Trail
-  Scenic Byway



D The Kokosing/Mohican Confluence Access
 161 Township Road 423
 [MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT] **P**
 40.36066 -82.16064 River right, upstream on the Kokosing

Actually located a few yards upstream of the confluence of the two rivers, on the Kokosing. The site offers ample parking.

 The Mohawk Dry Dam, located on the Walhonding River nearly six miles downstream from the Mohican/Kokosing confluence, is a dry dam that is used to control flooding. If you are planning to paddle the Mohican or lower Kokosing rivers during flood potential, check with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to see if the Mohawk Dam is currently being used for water storage, as pool level will affect your trip.