

UPPER DELAWARE

SCENIC & RECREATIONAL RIVER

Public River Accesses

Access	River Mile	Facilities
Balls Eddy (PA)	West Branch Delaware	P
Shehawken (PA)	Northern Terminus	P
Hancock (NY)	330	P
Buckingham (PA)	325	P
Lordville (NY)	321	P
Long Eddy (NY)	315	P
Basket Creek (NY)	314	P
Kellams (NY)	312	P
Callicoon (PA)	303.5	P
Cochecton (NY)	298	P
Damascus (PA)	298.3	P
Skinners Falls (NY)	295	P
Narrowsburg (NY)	290	P
Darbytown (PA)	289.6	P
Ten Mile River (NY)	284	P
Lackawaxen (PA)	277.7	P
Highland (NY)	276.5	P
NPS Corwin Farm (NY)	272.5	P
Mongaup (NY)	261	P
Sparrowbush (NY)	258	P

Please Note: Some facilities and amenities are seasonal and may only be available during summer months

Parking

Boat Launch

Canoe Launch

Portable Toilets

Information

Fishing

Accommodations

- The Carriage House
3351 NYS Route 97
Barryville, NY 12719
(845) 557-0400
www.thecarriagehousesny.com

ECCE Bed & Breakfast
19 Silverfish Road
Barryville, NY 12719
(845) 557-8562
www.eccebedandbreakfast.com

The Lackawaxen Inn
188 Scenic Drive
Lackawaxen, PA 18435
(570) 685-7061

Long Eddy Hotel & Saloon
7 Depot Street
Long Eddy, NY 12760
(845) 887-4554

Narrowsburg Inn
182 Bridge Street
Narrowsburg, NY 12764
(845) 252-3998

The Barryville Sportsman at The Spring House Commons
3461 NYS Route 97
Barryville, NY 12719
(845) 557-9907
www.BarryvilleSportsman.com
- 1870 Roebling Inn on the Delaware*
155 Scenic Dr.
Lackawaxen, PA 18435
(570) 685-7900
www.roebblinginn.com

Smith's Colonial Motel*
23085 NYS Route 97
Hancock, NY 13783
(607) 637-2989
www.smithscolonialmotel.com

Stickett Inn
3380 NYS Route 97
Barryville, NY 12719
(845) 557-0913
www.stickettinn.com

Sylvania Tree Farm Country Lodging*
112 Mast Hope Ave.
Lackawaxen, PA 18435
(570) 685-7001
www.sylvaniatreefarm.com

Hagemann's Tackle*
116 Richardson Ave.
Shohola, PA 18458
(570) 559-7589

Tom's Bait and Tackle
116 Kirk Road
Narrowsburg, NY 12764
(845) 252-7445
www.tomsbaitandtackleny.com

Bait and Tackle

- Angler's Roost and Hunter's Rest
Two River Junction
106 Scenic Drive
Lackawaxen, PA 18435
(570) 685-2010
www.tworiverjunction.net
- The Barryville Sportsman at The Spring House Commons
3461 NYS Route 97
Barryville, NY 12719
(845) 557-9907
www.BarryvilleSportsman.com

Fishing Guides

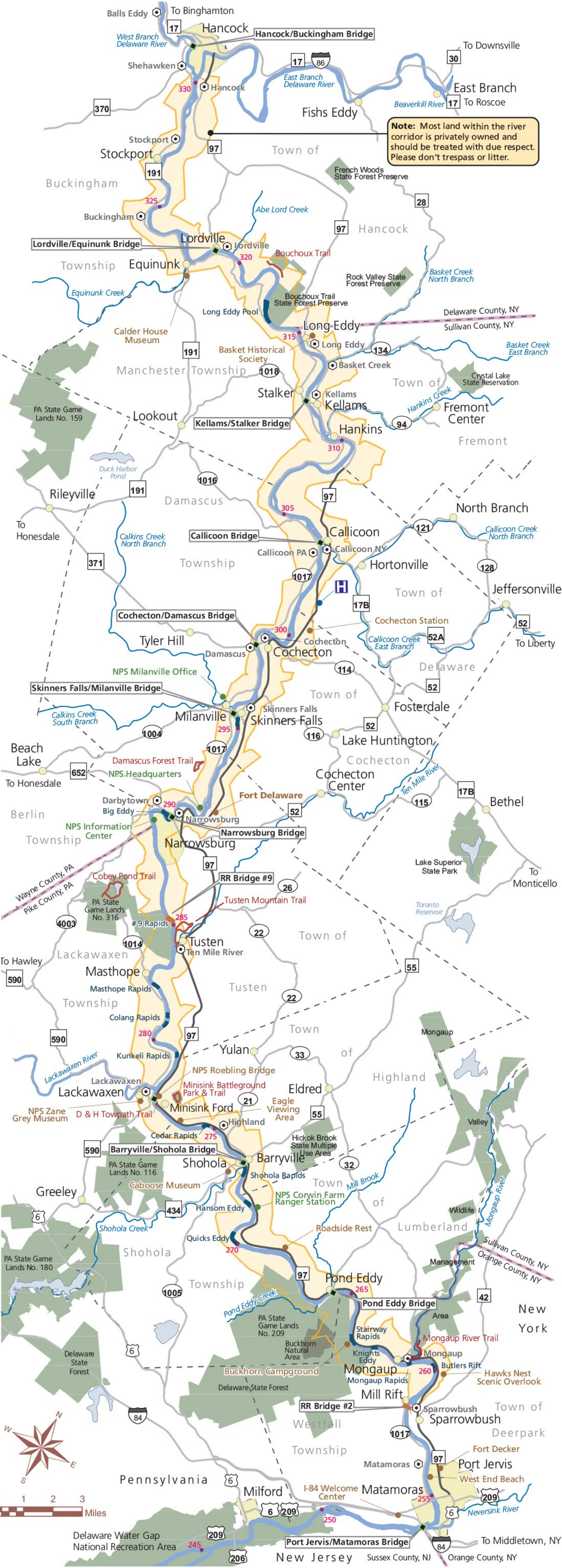
Approximately 60 commercial fishing guides are licensed by the National Park Service to operate on the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. To obtain the complete list of these fishing guides, visit the National Park Service unit's website at www.nps.gov/upde/playyourvisit/fishingguides.htm or request a complimentary copy from the Upper Delaware Council office by calling (845) 252-3022.

Map Orientation

Map Legend

- Designated River Corridor
- Public Land
- River Access
- Trails
- Upper Delaware Scenic Byway
- River Mile Number
- Rapids / Eddies
- Interstate Bridge
- Railroad Bridge
- Town or Township
- Hamlet Area
- Points of Interest

This directory includes businesses which are located within the boundaries of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Corridor only. They are presented here for informational purposes, and do not imply any endorsements or recommendations by the Upper Delaware Council. Businesses marked with an asterisk (*) contributed voluntary donations toward the printing costs of this brochure, with our appreciation.



Welcome to the River

Welcome to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. This designated, 73.4-mile section of the Delaware River flows freely from Hancock, NY to Mill Rift, PA. The Upper Delaware Council is proud of our river valley's unique management structure, natural beauty, rich history, and recreational opportunities.

Why This Guide?

The purpose of this guide is to provide information that will help to make your visit enjoyable and safe. Please keep in mind that, unlike most units within the National Park System, the majority of land in the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is privately owned.

A table of river accesses and the various facilities offered at each appears on the reverse side of this brochure. To avoid trespassing on private land, plan ahead to use available public and commercial recreational facilities.

The Upper Delaware River forms the boundary of two states. As you travel downstream, New York is on your left and Pennsylvania is on your right.

Conserve the Resource

The Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River is a working partnership of local, state, and federal governments, as well as individuals, organizations, and businesses, dedicated to conserving this precious resource while providing for the public's enjoyment and preserving private property rights.

While visiting, please leave habitat intact, properly dispose of litter, and respect the wishes of private property owners. Be a part of this cooperative stewardship for current and future generations.

Upper Delaware Council

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) was incorporated in 1988 as the oversight body responsible for the coordinated implementation of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

As the driving force behind the River Management Plan, the UDC provides a mechanism to address actions by local, state, and federal agencies which affect the river valley. Services to members include reviews of development projects, ordinances, and land use planning initiatives. The Council also administers a Technical Assistance Grants program, publishes *The Upper Delaware* newsletter, sponsors educational programs, and holds an annual awards ceremony to honor river valley contributors.

The Council's voting members are the two states and presently 13 of the 15 local governments which border on the Upper Delaware River. The Delaware River Basin Commission is a non-voting member. The UDC, a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, operates under a Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Service.

The UDC's business office is in Narrowsburg, NY. The full Council meets on the first Thursday of every month. Three standing committees – Water Use/Resource Management, Operations, and Project Review – also convene monthly. All meetings of the Council are open to the public.

For further information, contact:

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Narrowsburg, NY 12764-0192
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www.upperdelawarecouncil.org

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Upper Delaware

Scenic and Recreational River New York & Pennsylvania



Before Getting on the River

Like any large river, the Upper Delaware can be dangerous and must be treated with respect. Tragic drownings teach a lesson of supreme importance: almost all Upper Delaware drowning victims did not wear their life jackets. When boating, swimming, or tubing on the river, it is mandatory for each person to have a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved life jacket, and you are strongly advised to wear it at all times. **Children 12 years of age and under are required by law to wear a life jacket at all times in any vessel.**

Because of reservoir releases or heavy rains, the Upper Delaware can run cold enough to stun a person even during the summer months. A person may also be incapacitated by striking the rocky river bottom while swimming. In such situations, a life jacket is often the only chance for survival. Before getting in a boat, make sure that everyone has a properly-fitting life jacket.

If Boating or Tubing ...

- ✓ **Wear a securely-fastened, USCG-approved life jacket!**
- ✓ **Prepare a float plan** and leave it with a family member or friend who isn't going with you. Tell them to call 911 if you do not return from your trip on time.
- ✓ **Check weather conditions and call the Upper Delaware River Information Hotline at (845) 252-7100** in advance of your trip to prepare.
- ✓ **Don't drink alcohol or use drugs.** Alcohol and drugs impair your judgment and increases the effect of cold water. Many boating accidents and drownings are alcohol-related.
- ✓ **Know how to swim.** If you are in a boat, assume that sooner or later you will be in the water.
- ✓ **Scout the rapids.** There are seven difficult Class II rapids on the river (see map). Scout the rapids from shore before attempting to run them.
- ✓ **Carry out** what you carry in and do not litter. Glass containers are prohibited on the Upper Delaware River.



- ✓ **Beware of eel weirs.** In the river there are a number of V-shaped rock walls in the channel designed to catch eels that can trap and swamp your boat. Ask National Park Service rangers or lively personnel for information on how to locate and avoid them. Watch for the signs.
 - ✓ **River and weather conditions are unpredictable.** High water, thunderstorms, or cold weather can increase the danger for boaters. For a report on daily river and weather conditions, call NPS at **(845) 252-7100**.
 - ✓ **Do not overload your boat.** Keep weight evenly distributed.
 - ✓ **Wear protective foot gear.**
 - ✓ **Hypothermia** is a danger whenever the water temperature is below 70 degrees. You should know how to prevent, recognize, and treat hypothermia. For a report on temperature conditions, call NPS at **(845) 252-7100**. Wear warm clothing when boating in cold water.
 - ✓ **Avoid boating alone.** The American Red Cross recommends traveling with a minimum of three craft. Use the buddy system and keep other boats in sight.
 - ✓ **Be courteous.** Extend courtesy to anglers and other river users. Respect natural resources.
 - ✓ **Don't trespass.** Almost all land along the river is privately owned and should be treated with due respect.
- If Your Boat Gets Swamped ...**
- ✓ **Even a swamped boat will float.** However, if you capsize in rapids, your safety will be increased by staying upstream of the boat with your feet downstream while working your way towards the shore.

- ✓ **Hold on** to the upstream end of the boat in order to avoid being pinned between the boat and a rock. Float on your back with your feet pointed downstream and near the water surface (see diagram). Do not attempt to stand in fast water unless it is too shallow to float because if your foot is caught in the rocks, the current can pin you under water.



Viewed from above.

- ✓ **Save people first.** Save equipment later only if it can be done safely.

If Swimming ...

- ✓ **Designate a Water Watcher.** Supervise children and poor swimmers at all times. It could save their lives.
- ✓ **Wear a securely-fastened, USCG-approved life jacket!**
- ✓ **Never attempt to swim across the river.** The distance across to the other bank can be deceiving and the power of the current can wear down even the strongest of swimmers.
- ✓ **Be aware of sudden drop-offs and swift currents.**
- ✓ **Wear foot gear** to protect against sharp rocks and broken glass.

For further information on boating safety, contact:
National Park Service Upper Delaware (conditions): **(845) 252-7100** hotline or www.nps.gov/upde
U.S. Coast Guard (boating regulations): www.uscgboating.org

American Canoe Association (paddlers' guide):

www.americancanoe.org/page/Resources

National Weather Service (for local forecasts): www.weather.gov

American Red Cross (water safety): www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/water-safety

Recreation

The Upper Delaware offers some of the finest recreational opportunities in the northeastern United States. In particular, sightseeing, boating, camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, geocaching, bird watching, and cycling along state-established bike routes are popular activities in the river area.

The river corridor's 55,575 acres of mostly private property traverse five counties, eight New York towns, and seven Pennsylvania townships.

Portions of NYS Route 97, the river valley's main transportation artery, were designated in 2002 as the "Upper Delaware Scenic Byway" by New York State. The road's 71-mile length provides outstanding views. Particularly impressive is the rock cut at the Hawks Nest in the Town of Deerpark, which features winding S-curves and panoramic vistas from river bluffs hundreds of feet high.

Many historic sites are easily visited from Rt. 97. Of note are the NPS Zane Grey Museum in Lackawaxen, PA, former home of the famous western novelist; Minisink Battleground, the site of a bloody 1779 Indian and Tory victory over Colonials; Roebling's 1848 Delaware Aqueduct, the nation's oldest existing wire suspension bridge built by Brooklyn Bridge designer John A. Roebling to accommodate the Delaware & Hudson Canal, remnants of which can still be seen; and Fort Delaware Museum in Narrowsburg, a living re-enactment of regional Revolutionary War-era life.

Upper Delaware communities offer festivals, sporting activities, parades, ethnic celebrations, farmers' markets and arts programs to appeal to people of all ages. Browse museums, go antiquing, observe bald eagles and wildlife, and take historic walking tours. Earn a patch for hiking all six Upper Delaware trails listed on the National Park Service's "Take a Hike!" brochure, available by calling (570) 685-4871.

The valley boasts many fine restaurants, specialty shops, and choices of lodging. A listing of visitor-oriented businesses **located within the river corridor** is provided on the reverse side.

Boating and Camping



The Upper Delaware is navigable by a wide variety of watercraft throughout its entire length and boasts a total elevation differential of 460 feet, better than six feet per mile, although it is much steeper in some reaches. Boating experts have said that the combination of proximity to major metropolitan areas, high visual quality, and consistent flows due to upstream reservoir releases, makes the Upper Delaware one of the finest recreational canoeing rivers in the Northeast.

Canoes, kayaks, rafts, and tubes are the most popular watercraft on the Upper Delaware. If you don't have your own, vessels are available to rent from the many licensed commercial outfitters that operate on the river. Please note that Personal Watercraft or PWCs (i.e. jet skis) are prohibited. To ensure safety, National Park Service rangers and volunteers, as well as members of the National Canoe Safety Patrol, may be present to assist boaters in need.

Those using their own boats should locate the public access points that are indicated on the inside map. Of course, every boater should bring along a bag for trash and pack out what he or she carries in.

Camping is available only at private or commercial campsites. Keep in mind that most land in the river valley is privately owned and should not be used without permission. Primitive camping is available on Pennsylvania State Forest land at the Buckhorn Natural Area in the Delaware State Forest with a permit, which may be obtained free of charge by contacting the National Park Service at (570) 685-4871 to make arrangements.

Fishing

The Upper Delaware is recognized by anglers and fishery biologists as one of the finest fishing rivers in the northeastern United States.

The coldwater releases from the upstream reservoirs support a tremendous trout fishery above Callicoon, NY. The river also hosts an incredible walleye and smallmouth bass fishery. The Upper Delaware is a key component in the spawning cycle for many species of fish including the anadromous American Shad and the catadromous American Eel. Striped bass have been caught as far north as Hancock, NY.

A valid New York *or* Pennsylvania fishing license is required for all anglers, age 16 and older, on the Delaware River between NY and PA when fishing from a boat or from either shore. Be sure to obtain a summary book of laws and regulations with your license. Refer to the boundary/border waters section and follow the regulations for size, creel limit, and open season. Trout stamps are required with a PA license to take, kill, or possess any trout. Fishing licenses may be purchased from local sporting goods stores or other state license issuing agents. Watch for Fish-for-Free Days offered throughout the year.

Variable flows can affect the angling experience on the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. The United States Geological Survey has established a number of gaging stations along the Delaware River to measure the quantity and temperature of its surface water. Real-time data on river flows can be obtained prior to setting out for a fishing trip by consulting the USGS gage station links provided on the Delaware River Basin Commission's web site at www.state.nj.us/drbc/hydrological/river/usgs-links.html.

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Keep in mind that private property dominates both sides of the Upper Delaware River and its islands. Please respect the rights of local landowners when accessing the river to fish. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission offer several public fishing accesses along the river.

Hunting & Eagle Watching



Hunting and trapping within the river valley are managed by the states in accordance with state and federal laws. In Pennsylvania, state game lands and state forest lands are provided for public hunting.

In New York, state forest preserve lands are available. The map on the reverse side of this guide shows the locations of these and other public lands. All other land in the river valley is privately owned. Always ask permission before crossing private land. Please do not trespass.

A license is required for hunting and trapping in each state. Licenses may be obtained from local municipal offices, sporting goods stores, or online. The license year in New York State is Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. The license year in Pennsylvania is July 1 to June 30.



The Upper Delaware is an important part of the Atlantic Flyway. With over 200 avian species relying on the area for all or part of their life cycle, the Upper Delaware offers ample opportunity for both novice and avid birders.

All wildlife including Bald eagles are easily disturbed by human activity which may alter their feeding or breeding habits. Follow all regulations and etiquette.

The Eagle Watch Program of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy is housed in the Upper Delaware Visitor Center in Lackawaxen, PA, open weekends in January and February. Visitors will find information about eagles and eagle etiquette, wintertime updates on area viewing locations and sightings, and bus tours scheduled throughout the winter season. Year-round information is available on www.delawarehighlands.org/eagles, by calling (570) 226-3164 in PA or (845) 583-1010 in NY, or by e-mailing info@delawarehighlands.org.

For Further Information

National Park Service
Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River
274 River Rd.
Beach Lake, PA 18405-4046
General Inquiries: (570) 685-4871
River Conditions Hotline: **(845) 252-7100**
www.nps.gov/upde

Delaware River Basin Commission
P.O. Box 7360, 25 Cosey Rd., West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360; (609) 883-9500
www.nj.gov/drbc

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 3: for Sullivan and Orange Counties
21 South Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3000
Region 4: for Delaware County
1130 North Westcott Rd., Schenectady, NY 12306 (518) 357-2068
www.dec.ny.gov

PA Department of Environmental Protection
Northeast Region (Wayne and Pike Counties)
2 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-1915 (570) 826-2511
Parkregion4sp@pa.gov
www.dep.pa.gov

PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Northeast Region (Wayne and Pike Counties)
2808 Three Mile Run Rd.
Perkasie, PA 18944-2065 (215) 453-5000
www.dcnr.state.pa.us

PA Fish and Boat Commission, Northeast Region
5566 Main Road, Sweet Valley, PA 18656 (570) 477-2206 (Educ.) or (570) 477-5717 (Law Enf.)
www.fishandboat.com

PA Game Commission, Northeast Region
3917 Memorial Highway, Dallas, PA 18612 (570) 675-1143 or 1144
www.pgc.state.pa.us

How to Get Here

The Upper Delaware valley is located between the Catskill and Pocono regions, where the river forms the border between Pennsylvania and New York, and is easily reached by major highways.

The southern terminus of the river above Port Jervis, NY may be reached by I-84 and U.S. Routes 6 & 209 to NY Route 97. The northern terminus of the river below Hancock, NY is accessed via NY Route 17/I-86 to NY Route 97 and PA Route 191. Middle sections of the river may be reached by a variety of state, county, and local roads. Please refer to the map on the reverse side.

Tourism Information

Delaware County, NY: www.GreatWesternCatskills.com
Sullivan County, NY: www.sullivancatskills.com
Orange County, NY: www.orangetourism.org
Wayne and Pike Counties, PA: www.northermpoconoschamber.com
PA Regional: www.poconomountains.com
NY Rt. 97: www.UpperDelawareScenicByway.org
NY-PA-NJ: www.ScenicWildDelawareRiver.com

Emergency Contacts

River Emergency in NY or PA: **Dial 911**
National Park Service Dispatch (570) 426-2457

New York State Police

www.troopers.ny.gov
Delaware County (Deposit) (607) 467-1800
Sullivan County (Narrowsburg) (845) 252-3212
Orange County (Middletown) (845) 344-5300

Sheriff's Offices

Delaware County, NY (607) 746-2336
Sullivan County, NY (845) 794-7100
Orange County, NY (845) 291-4033

Pennsylvania State Police

www.psp.pa.gov
Wayne County (Honesdale) (570) 253-7126
Pike County (Blooming Grove) (570) 226-5718