

WEST VIRGINIA
FISHING GUIDE
DISTRICT 4



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BOAT AND WATER SAFETY

Boating Education Requirement

Anyone born on or after December 31, 1986, must successfully complete an approved boating education course before operating a motorboat. The course is available on the DNR website. Click on boating under the Law Enforcement heading.

Wear Your Life Jacket

Personal flotation devices are not just for wearing in boats and not just for those who can't swim. Make sure the PFD is in good condition and fits properly. Youth 12 years or younger must wear a PFD if they are on deck while a motorboat is moving.

Wading

There are several rules you should follow for safe wading.

- Wade with a fishing buddy
- Wear your PFD
- Find out whether the bottom is rocky or muddy
- Shuffle your feet or probe with a stick along the bottom to avoid holes
- Study how swiftly the water is moving
- Wear appropriate foot wear (considering water temperature and bottom substrate)



Person in Water

Reach-Throw-Row-Go is a method of rescuing a person who is in trouble in water.



If the person is close to you, **REACH** out with a long object such as an oar or tree limb to pull the person into shore or the boat.



If you can't reach the person, then **THROW** them a life-saving device, like a ring buoy or throw cushion. If possible, it should be tied to the end of a line so you can pull the person to you. An inflatable ball or foam cooler can be used if the proper device is not available.



If there is nothing to throw, **ROW** a boat to the person in trouble. The person should be pulled in over the stern, or back of the boat, if possible to prevent the boat from tipping over. If the boat has a motor, it must be shut off before you get to the person in the water.



GO (swim) to the person only as a last resort and only if you have had life-saving training. People who are drowning often panic and injure or drown someone trying to rescue them. Then call 911 if necessary.

Fishing in Cold Weather

Hypothermia is a life-threatening condition in which your body loses heat faster than it can produce it. A common misconception is that the air or water temperature must be below freezing before you can become hypothermic. Any water colder than 70 degrees can cause hypothermia. Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, fumbling hands, slow speech, confusion and exhaustion. In the case of an emergency, get the victim out of the cold, give them warm drinks, keep them awake, remove all wet clothing and get them into dry clothes.

To stay warm, wear several layers of clothing. Air trapped between the layers serves as insulation. A wool hat prevents heat loss from your head. Fishing is difficult with most gloves, but lightweight rubber gloves, gloves without fingertips and gloves that have a flap to expose your fingers allow greater manual dexterity.

FISHING FLOAT TRIPS

Greenbrier River

From	To	Miles
Renick	Anthony	9.5
Anthony	Caldwell	12
Caldwell	Ronceverte	6
Ronceverte	Fort Springs	8.5
Fort Springs	Alderson	6
Alderson	Talcott	13
Talcott	Barger Springs	5
Barger Springs	Willowood	6

Guyandotte River

From	To	Miles
Mullens	Pineville	11
Pineville	Baileysville	13
Baileysville	USCOE campground	5.5

Kanawha River

From	To	Miles
Kanawha Falls	Montgomery	10.5

New River

From	To	Miles
Shanklins Ferry	Cedar Branch	6
Cedar Branch	Mouth of Indian Creek	2.5
Bellepoint Park	Brooks Falls	6.5
Sandstone PAS	Meadow Creek	3.5
Meadow Creek	Glade Creek	5
Glade Creek	Grandview Sandbar	5
McCreery	Stonecliff	13
Stonecliff	Cunnard	9.5

Special Regulation Areas

District 4 has special regulation areas for trout, bass, walleye and other species. These may include catch-and-release, fly fishing only, delayed harvest and slot limits. For information about special regulations, please check the current Fishing Regulations booklet, as these may change each year. The booklet also provides a description of each area's location and how to access it.

ANGLER'S ALERT

Spread of Unwanted Organisms

Moving live fish or other aquatic animals and plants from one body of water to another can cause long-term damage to the ecological stability of lakes and streams and can threaten recreational fishing. Please take these precautions to prevent problems.

- do not move fish from one body of water to another
- drain live wells thoroughly before leaving an access area
- do not release live baitfish or aquarium fish into West Virginia's waters
- remove all visible plants and animals from your boat, motor, trailer, nets and all fishing gear before leaving an access area

Fishing and Boating Access Sites

Public boating and fishing access facilities shall be used solely for the purpose of launching and retrieving watercraft or fishing from the shore. No other use of the access sites is allowed.

After launching, vehicles shall be parked in available parking spaces.

Any law enforcement officer acting under proper authority may prohibit an individual from launching a watercraft from any public boating and fishing access site.

The following are prohibited at fishing and boating access sites:

- consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of an open container of alcoholic beverages
- swimming or bathing
- camping
- open fires
- trash disposal except where trash receptacles are provided
- discharge of firearms, fireworks or explosives
- leaving unattended watercraft
- commercial use except as authorized by the director
- parking of any vehicle or the mooring of any watercraft in such a manner as to obstruct any avenue of ingress or egress, except for the purpose of launching

TROUT STOCKING LAKES AND PONDS

Code	No. Stockings	Period	Code	No. Stockings	Period	Code	No. Stockings	Period
Q	One.....	1st week of March	BW	Two each month....	February - April	CR or DH	Varies.....	Varies
W	One.....	January		One.....	May	M	One each month....	February - May
	Two.....	February	BA	One.....	January	MJ	One each month.....	January - April
	One each week.....	March - May		One.....	March	Y	One.....	April
X	After April 1 or area is open to public					F	One ... each week during the last two weeks of October.	

I.D.	LAKE OR POND: COUNTY	ACRES			TROUT STOCKING
					CODE: AREA
L1	Anawalt Lake: McDowell	6	Trail	Lot	M: U.S. Route 52 to state Route 161 near the town of Elkhorn, then proceed on county Route 84 to the town of Anawalt. From Anawalt, take county Route 8.
L2	Berwind Lake: McDowell	17	Trail/Pier	Lot	M: Berwind Lake WMA south of War via county Route 12/4
L6	Boley Lake: Fayette	17	Trail	Lot	M: Babcock State Park - four miles south of Hilton Village on U.S. Route 60 via state Route 41
L7	Fitzpatrick Lake: Raleigh	5	Pier	Lot	MJ: Fitzpatrick Park 2 miles southeast of MacArthur on county Route 20 and 20/1
L8	Horse Creek Lake: Wyoming	8	Trail	Lot	M: 3 miles from Baileysville via state Route 9 and Delta Route 36
L9	James P. Bailey Lake: Mercer	28	Trail	Lot	BA: Take U.S. Route 460 from Princeton or Bluefield to county Route 25/3
L10	Jimmy Lewis Lake: Mercer	13	Pier	Lot	M: Pinnacle Rock State Park - accessible from Bramwell by county Route 52/5 and from Nemours by county Route 52/6
L12	Little Beaver Lake: Raleigh	18	Pier	Lot	MJ: Little Beaver State Park - from U.S. Route 19, accessible by state Route 307, county Route 22 or county Route 19/15
L15	Pipestem Lake: Summers	18	Trail/Pier	Lot	M-F: Pipestem Resort State Park - accessible only to walk-in fishing by a paved trail near the main lodge or by horse trail near the stables
L17	Raleigh County Airport Pond: Raleigh	2	Trail	Lot	Q: Airport Exit off I-64 and continuing on county Route 9/9
L22	Summit Lake: Greenbrier	37	Pier	Lot	W-F: Accessible from both Richwood and Mill Point via state Route 39. County Route 39/5 provides the last 2.2 miles to the lake
L23	Tuckahoe Lake: Greenbrier	43	Pier	Lot	M: Accessible via county Route 50 south from White Sulphur Springs

Landowner - Angler Relations

West Virginia anglers are indebted to local landowners throughout the state. Without their consent and generosity, fishing would be restricted to state and federal lands. The opportunity for continued use of private property is largely dependent upon anglers' attitudes and conduct. Most stream closures are the result of disrespect for private property. Do not leave fishing line, bait containers or other trash.

TROUT STOCKING RIVERS AND STREAMS

Code	No. Stockings	Period	Code	No. Stockings	Period	Code	No. Stockings	Period
Q	One.....	1st week of March	BW	Two each month...	February - April	CR or DH	Varies.....	Varies
W	One.....	January		One.....	May	M	One each month....	February - May
	Two.....	February	BA	One.....	January	MJ	One each month.....	January - April
	One each week.....	March - May		One.....	April	Y	One.....	April
X	After April 1 or area is open to public			One.....	March	F	One ... each week during the last two weeks of October.	

RIVER OR STREAM: COUNTY	TROUT STOCKING CODE: AREA
Anthony Creek: Greenbrier	W-F: from 1 mile below Big Draft Run upstream 13 miles to Neola.
Big Clear Creek: Greenbrier	BW-F: from Kessler upstream 11.5 miles along WV Secondary Route 1 to Clearco.
Camp Creek: Mercer	BW: from the entrance of Camp Creek State Forest upstream 4 miles.
Clear Fork: McDowell	M: from Meathouse Branch downstream 4 miles to Wilmore Dam. Access is provided by U.S. Route 52 near Clear Fork Junction by an old railroad grade.
Clear Fork: Wyoming	BW: from the first bridge above the mouth on state secondary Route 6 near Simon, upstream 5 miles to the golf course. DH: 1.2-mile section from the Wildlife Management Area manager's residence downstream to the state Route 6 bridge from Nov. 1 to May 15.
Dry Fork: McDowell	M: from Canebrake upstream 4 miles to within 0.5 mile of the Virginia line. State Route 9 parallels to stream.
Dunloup Creek: Fayette	M: from the mouth upstream 3.5 miles to Harvey. Access via WV Secondary Route 25 from Glen Jean.
East River of New River: Mercer	BW: from 1 mile below Kelleysville upstream 6 miles to near Hardy. State Route 112 follows the stream for most of the stocked section while state secondary Route 460/3 provides access downstream of Oakvale.
Glade Creek (Babcock): Fayette	BW: from Manns Creek upstream through Babcock State Park 3.5 miles to Sidenstricker Branch outside Landisburg.
Glade Creek of New River: Raleigh	BW-F: in a 0.5-mile section at the WV Secondary Route 27 crossing and from below Glade Springs Resort to the upper end of the catch & release area, 3 miles above the mouth.
Howard Creek: Greenbrier	MJ: under general regulations, upstream section in White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier Ave. to Mill Hill Drive, and lower section from the Route 63 bridge at Caldwell upstream to a location near Wendy's.
Indian Creek of New River: Summers	M: in a 3-mile section from the mouth upstream to WV Secondary Route 33/2 bridge near Indian Mills. Stocked section is within Bluestone Lake Wildlife Management Area.
Laurel Creek of New River: Fayette	M: from the Beckwith Dam upstream to the mouth of Dempsey Branch. WV Secondary Routes 8, 8/4 and state Route 16 follow the stream.
Laurel Creek of Cherry River: Greenbrier, Nicholas	M: from Jettsville upstream 1.5 miles to Ford.

RIVER OR STREAM: COUNTY	TROUT STOCKING CODE: AREA
Laurel Fork: Wyoming	Q: 300-yard section of Clear Fork in Gilliland Park in Oceana. Access is by Route 10.
Little Clear Creek: Greenbrier	BW: from the U.S. Route 60 bridge upstream 4.5 miles to one mile above Rader Run
Marsh Fork: Raleigh	M: from the WV Secondary Route 13 bridge, upstream of Arnett, downstream to Dry Creek. State Route 3 follows the stream for nearly all the stocked portion.
Mash Fork: Mercer	BW-Q: from Camp Creek upstream 2.5 miles
Meadow Creek: Greenbrier	M: from the bridge at Correctional Center upstream 6 miles to near Lake Sherwood. State secondary Routes 14 and 14/1 follow the stream.
Meadow Creek: Summers	M: from the railroad bridge near Claypool, downstream 3.5 miles to the mouth at the Meadow Creek post office.
Mill Creek: Fayette	M: from WV Secondary Route 5 bridge, near Ames Heights, downstream to within 0.5 mile of New River outside Ansted.
North Fork of Cherry River: Greenbrier, Nicholas	BW: from 0.25 mile above the catch & release area upstream 9.25 miles along WV Route 39 to bridge near Carpenter Run. CR: 1.67-mile section near Richwood.
Paint Creek: Fayette, Kanawha	BW: from the mouth of Milburn Creek upstream to Pax. DH: from Ash Branch upstream 12.5 miles to Milburn Creek.
Panther Creek: McDowell	M: 4.5 miles within the Panther State Forest boundaries.
Pinch Creek: Raleigh	Y: in a 1-mile section at the WV Secondary Route 27 bridge.
Pinnacle Creek: Wyoming	BW-F: from state Route 16 bridge upstream along Pinnacle Creek Road (Route 12/3), 3.12 miles downstream from Belcher Branch.
Potts Creek: Monroe	M: at accessible points from the WV Secondary Route 20 bridge upstream to one mile east of Waiteville. State secondary Route 17 follows the stream.
R.D. Bailey Lake (tailwaters): Mingo, Wyoming	BW-F: below the dam 1.5 miles near Justice.
Rich Creek: Monroe	M: three miles from Peterstown, upstream to near the Route 219 bridge.
Second Creek: Greenbrier, Monroe (Fly Fishing Section Only)	CR: 1.5-mile section at Rodgers Mill. Accessible by state secondary Routes 219/3 and 3/7 from U.S. Route 219, approximately 5 miles south of Ronceverte.
South Fork of Cherry River: Greenbrier, Nicholas	BW: from 1 mile above Richwood upstream 9 miles to Cold Knob Fork.
Upper Guyandotte: Wyoming	BW-F: from Mullens to Pineville.

Litter Law

It is illegal to dump litter and other waste on public or private property. In addition, it is illegal to throw litter, a fish or animal carcass, or other unsightly matter into a water body or on land within 100 yards of water, or in a location where high water would wash the matter into a water body.

For more information

See the West Virginia Fishing Regulations booklet for:

- Reciprocal fishing agreement on Ohio River
- Fish consumption advisories
- Sport fish identification

DNR DISTRICT 4 ACCESS SITES

How to read this map

ACCESS SITES

Weather, varying topography, stream conditions and other unforeseen circumstances may affect access to individual sites. Contact the DNR district office listed in this brochure for specific accessibility issues.

- Boat access with ramp
- Carry down boat access
- Fishing access only - NO BOATS

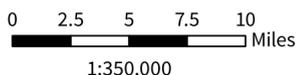
Colors of the symbols will vary according to corresponding ID colors in the charts on this page.

For more detailed information on individual access sites, go online to mapwv.gov/huntfish.

- Trout Hatchery
- Interstate
- U.S. Route
- State Route
- Trout stocked streams
- Public land
- County boundary
- State boundary



Access sites with facilities for people with disabilities are indicated with orange numbers and outlines.



See West Virginia District 3 Map

See West Virginia District 5 Map

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Public Lake and Pond Access Sites							
ID	LAKE OR POND: COUNTY		ACRES			Lat.	Long.
L1	Anawalt: McDowell		6	Lot		37.3197	-81.4220
L2	Berwind: McDowell	Pier	17	Lot		37.2626	-81.7053
L3	Bluestone (Bertha Campground): Summers		2,040	Lot		37.5701	-80.8775
L4	Bluestone (Pit Area): Summers		2,040	Lot		37.6126	-80.9163
L5	Bluestone State Park: Summers		2,040	Lot		37.6152	-80.9310
L6	Boley: Fayette	Pier	17	Lot		37.9774	-80.9522
L7	Fitzpatrick: Raleigh	Pier	5	Lot		37.7429	-81.1973
L8	Horse Creek WMA: Wyoming		8	Lot		37.5736	-81.7088
L9	James P. Bailey: Mercer	Trail	28	Lot	NO BOATS	37.2937	-81.1802
L10	Jimmy Lewis: Mercer	Pier	13	Lot		37.3061	-81.2947
L11	Kee: Mercer		62	Lot		37.3066	-81.1728
L12	Little Beaver: Raleigh	Pier	18	Lot		37.7536	-81.0785
L13	Moncove: Monroe	Pier	93	Lot		37.6183	-80.3534
L14	Mountain Valley: Summers		38	Lot		37.6607	-80.9788
L15	Pipstem (Long Branch): Summers		18	Lot		37.5368	-80.9828
L16	Plum Orchard: Fayette		175	Lot		37.9499	-81.2300
L17	Raleigh County Airport: Raleigh		2	Lot	NO BOATS	37.7849	-81.1162
L18	RD Bailey: Wyoming		630	Lot		37.5961	-81.7795
L19	Sherwood: Greenbrier	Pier	161	Lot		38.0081	-80.0096
L20	Stephens: Raleigh	Pier	276	Lot		37.7775	-81.3071
L21	Stephens (Marina): Raleigh		276	Lot		37.7853	-81.3088
L22	Summit: Greenbrier	Pier	37	Lot		38.2498	-80.4347
L23	Tuckahoe: Greenbrier	Pier	43	Lot		37.7400	-80.2792

River and Stream Access Sites									
ID	SITE NAME: COUNTY	RIVER OR STREAM				Lat.	Long.	GPS	
1	Renick: Greenbrier	Greenbrier River				37.9897	-80.3569		
2	Spring Creek: Greenbrier	Greenbrier River	Pull-off			37.9514	-80.3461		
3	Anthony: Greenbrier	Greenbrier River	Lot			37.8965	-80.3254		
4	I-64 Bridge: Greenbrier	Greenbrier River	Pull-off			37.7901	-80.3844		
5	Caldwell: Greenbrier	Greenbrier River	Lot			37.7822	-80.3989		
6	Ronceverte City Park: Greenbrier	Greenbrier River	Lot			37.7448	-80.4661		
7	Ronceverte South: Greenbrier	Greenbrier River	Lot			37.7257	-80.4896		
8	Fort Spring: Greenbrier	Greenbrier River	Pull-off			37.7530	-80.5464		
9	St Rt 3 Bridge at Alderson: Greenbrier/Monroe	Greenbrier River	Lot			37.7263	-80.6499		
10	Talcott: Summers	Greenbrier River	Lot			37.6500	-80.7511		
11	Barger Springs: Summers	Greenbrier River	Lot			37.6147	-80.7752		
12	Willowood: Summers	Greenbrier River	Lot			37.6434	-80.8070		
13	Big Clear Creek Bridge: Greenbrier	Big Clear Creek/Meadow River	Pull-off			37.9581	-80.6834		
14	Hines: Greenbrier	Meadow River	Lot			37.9774	-80.7115		
15	Charmco Roadside Park: Greenbrier	Meadow River	Lot			37.9998	-80.7509		
16	Upper Shanklins Ferry: Summers	New River	Lot			37.4436	-80.8483		
17	Lower Shanklins Ferry: Summers	New River	Lot			37.4751	-80.8717		
18	Cedar Branch: Summers	New River	Lot			37.5015	-80.8497		
19	Indian Creek (Campground): Summers	New River	Lot			37.5232	-80.8500		
20	Indian Creek (Lawson's): Summers	New River	Lot			37.5231	-80.8500		
21	Indian Creek (Dickinson's): Summers	New River	Lot			37.5312	-80.8608		
22	Bull Falls: Summers	New River	Lot			37.5401	-80.9098		
23	Bluestone Lake Tailwaters West: Summers	New River	Pier	NO BOATS		37.6425	-80.8878		
24	Bluestone Lake Tailwaters: Summers	New River	Lot			37.6438	-80.8838		
25	Bellepoint: Summers	New River	Lot			37.6521	-80.8852		
26	Camp Brookside: Summers	New River	Lot			37.7220	-80.8914		
27	Brooke Falls: Raleigh	New River	Lot			37.7229	-80.8951		
28	Sandstone Rec Area: Raleigh	New River	Lot			37.7605	-80.9001		
29	Sandstone East: Summers	New River	Pull-off			37.7735	-80.8917		
30	Meadow Creek Access: Summers	New River	Lot			37.8094	-80.9245		
31	Mouth of Glade Creek: Raleigh	New River	Lot			37.8294	-81.0146		
32	Grandview Sandbar: Raleigh	New River	Lot			37.8571	-81.0537		
33	McCreery: Raleigh	New River	Lot			37.8491	-81.0919		
34	Thayer Access Point: Fayette	New River	Lot			37.9019	-81.0322		
35	Stone Cliff: Fayette	New River	Lot			37.9337	-81.0639		
36	Thurmond: Fayette	New River	Lot			37.9537	-81.0760		
37	Cunard River Access Road: Fayette	New River	Lot			37.9989	-81.0237		
38	Hawks Nest State Park: Fayette	New River	Lot			38.1185	-81.1198		
39	Brookfield: Fayette	New River	Pier	NO BOATS		38.1513	-81.1782		
40	Gauley Ramp: Fayette	Kanawha River	Lot			38.1565	-81.1850		
41	Kanawha Falls: Fayette	Kanawha River	Pier	Lot		38.1465	-81.2134		
42	Montgomery Boat Launch: Fayette	Kanawha River	Lot			38.1817	-81.3175		
43	St Rt 16 Bridge at Mullens: Wyoming	Guyandotte River	Pull-off			37.5627	-81.4068		
44	St Rt 16 Bridge Pineville: Wyoming	Guyandotte River	Pull-off			37.5744	-81.5355		
45	CR 14 Bridge: Wyoming	Guyandotte River	Pull-off			37.5877	-81.6646		
46	Mouth of Horse Creek: Wyoming	Guyandotte River	Lot			37.5829	-81.7128		
47	Guyandotte Campground: Wyoming	Guyandotte River	Lot			37.5978	-81.7665		
48	RD Bailey Lake Tailwaters: Wyoming	Guyandotte River	Lot			37.5978	-81.8280		
49	Jodie: Nicholas	Gauley River	Pull-off			38.2260	-81.1524		

Purchasing a License

Licenses may be obtained as follows:

- At more than 160 retail agent locations throughout the state and designated county clerks offices. (\$3 issuing fee for first purchase and \$1 for subsequent purchases.)
- **WVdnr.gov** (Official website – \$2 fee per transaction.)
- Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit by phoning (304) 558-2758. (\$2 fee per transaction.)

Useful Phone Numbers

Report stream pollution or fish kills (800) 642-3074
Trout stocking hotline (304) 558-3399

Reporting Boating, Fishing and Hunting Violations

In progress: dial 911

Not in progress:

- call your DNR District Law Enforcement Office during normal operating hours
- report online at WVdnr.gov/reportcrime
- report on [Facebook.com/DNRpolice](https://www.facebook.com/DNRpolice)
- Observe and write down all of the information concerning the violation.
- Don't confront violator.
- Contact a local Natural Resources Police Officer or county communication center as soon as possible.

Protect your sport. Be willing to testify in court.



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Money used to buy and develop stream and lake access sites comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, including the conservation stamp. Federal funds used for these projects come from taxes paid by anglers when they buy fishing equipment or gasoline for their boats in compliance with the Sport Fish Restoration Act.

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