WEST VIRGINIA

# FISHING GUIDE

DISTRICT 5



### **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 at WVdnr.gov/boater-education.

#### **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 Protocol**

**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, **THROW** them a life-saving device, such as 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 for greater manual dexterity.

## FISHING FLOAT TRIPS

#### **Big Coal River**

From	То	Miles
Whitesville	Orgas	9.0
Orgas	John Slack Park	11.0
John Slack Park	Dartmont	9.0
Dartmont	Lions Park	12.0

#### **Little Coal River**

From	То	Miles
Madison City Park	Donald Kuhn Juv. Ctr.	9.0
Donald Kuhn Juv. Ctr.	Water Ways Park	6.0
Water Ways Park	US Rt. 119 Bridge	12.0
US Rt. 119 Bridge	Lions Park	2.0

#### **Coal River**

From	То	Miles
Meadowood Park*	Lower Falls	6.0
Lower Falls	Gateway Shopping Center	5.5

<sup>\*</sup> Unimproved walk-down trail below Upper Falls Dam Danger: No Portage around Upper Falls Dam

#### **Special Regulation Areas**

District 5 has numerous special regulation areas for trout, bass, walleye and musky. These include catch-and-release, fly fishing only, delayed harvest and Class Q waters. Please check the annual West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary for current regulations, as these may change each year. The regulations summary 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.

# Activities 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

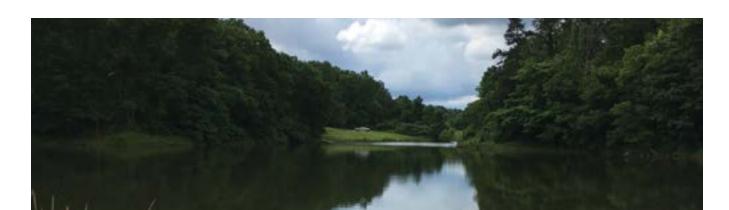
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	One each weekMarch - May			F	One each week during the last two full weeks of October
х	After April 1 or area is open to public				

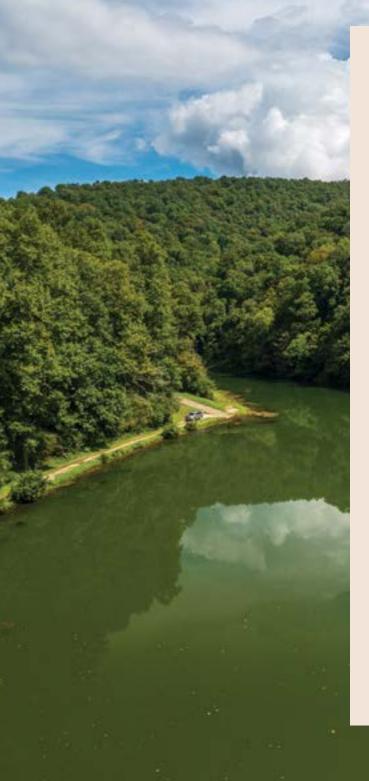
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I.D.	LAKE OR POND:	ACRES	E	P	TROUT STOCKING
	COUNTY		ر کی		CODE: AREA
L1	Barboursville: Cabell	14		Lot	<b>MJ:</b> A 14-acre impoundment located on the City Barboursville's Community Park in Cabell County. Access to the lake is by County Route 31 and 31/7.
L6	Chief Cornstalk: Mason	4		Lot	<b>MJ:</b> A 4-acre impoundment located on Chief Cornstalk Wildlife Management Area (10,120 acres) in Mason County. It is accessible from Henderson by US Route 35 and County Route 40.
L7	Chief Logan: Logan	6		Lot	<b>MJ:</b> From Logan take State Route 10 North to Chief Logan State Park and follow signs to the 6-acre lake.
L8	Coonskin Park: Kanawha	2		Lot	<b>Q:</b> A 2.5-acre impoundment located in Kanawha County. Access to this pond is through Coonskin Park off of Route 114 northeast of Charleston.
L16	Hurricane Water Supply: Putnam	13	Pier	Lot	<b>MJ:</b> A 13-acre impoundment located in Putnam County in Hurricane Community Park, 1.5 miles east of Hurricane accessible by County Route 34.
L17	Krodel: Mason	21		Lot	MJ: A 21-acre impoundment located in Krodel Park City Recreation Area in Mason County. It is accessible from Point Pleasant by WV Route 2 north.
L18	Laurel: Mingo	22		Lot	<b>MJ:</b> A 22-acre impoundment on Laurel Lake Wildlife Management Area (13,000 acres) in Mingo County. It is accessible from Dingess and Lenore by County Route 3/5.
L19	Lick Creek: Wayne	4		Lot	MJ: A 4-acre impoundment located 6.5 miles south of East Lynn on WV Route 37 and 0.5 mile east on County Route 37/14 in Wayne County.
L20	Logan County Airport: Logan	1		Lot	<b>Q:</b> A 1-acre impoundment located 3.5 miles south of Logan on County Route 119/8 off State Route 17 near the Logan Airport in Logan County.
L22	Millers Fork: Wayne	5		Lot	<b>Q:</b> A 5-acre impoundment located 15 miles south of Huntington by WV Route 10, County Route 43 to County Route 17 and 0.5 mile east on County Route 22. Also accessible from Wayne by going north on County Route 17 and 0.5 mile east on County Route 22.
L24	Ridenour: Kanawha	23	Pier	Lot	MJ: A 23-acre impoundment located on the City of Nitro's Ridenour Park (43 acres). From County Route 25/1 in Nitro, take 21st Street to access the lake.
L25	Rockhouse: Logan	11		Lot	M: An 11-acre lake located west of Mifflin. From Route 17, take Route 17/20 to Route 17/9 and follow Rockhouse Creek to the lake.
L26	Underwood: Cabell	1		Lot	<b>Q:</b> A 1-acre impoundment located on YMCA's Kennedy Center Recreation Area, 5 miles north of Huntington on State Route 2.

# TROUT STOCKING RIVERS AND STREAMS

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х	After April 1 or area is open to public				

RIVER OR STREAM:	TROUT STOCKING
COUNTY	CODE: AREA
Beech Fork Lake (tailwaters): Wayne	M: Stocked below dam. Approximately one mile of the tailwater available to public fishing.
Buffalo Creek: Logan	M: Stocked from Man upstream to Craneco at various bridges and other access points.
Davis Creek: Kanawha	<b>Q:</b> Stocked from where the dam was removed near the Kanawha State Forest entrance upstream within the forest.
East Lynn Lake (tailwaters): Wayne	<b>M:</b> Stocked in a 2-mile section below the dam located south of East Lynn. Accessible by WV Route 37.
Hopkins Fork: Boone	<b>M:</b> Stocked in a 5-mile section from the mouth to near Prenter. WV secondary Route 5 parallels the stream for the entire stocked section.
Paint Creek: Kanawha	V: From Ash Branch upstream 12.5 miles to the mouth of Milburn Creek.
Pond Fork: Boone	<b>BW-F:</b> Stocked from Van upstream 6 miles to the Wharton Bridge.
R.D. Bailey Lake (tailwaters): Mingo	BW-F: Stocked below the dam, 1.5 miles near Justice.
Spruce Laurel Fork: Boone	M: Stocked from mouth at Clothier upstream, along WV secondary Route 28, 6 miles to White Oak Branch.
Twelvepole Creek/Wayne Dam: Wayne	MJ: An 8-acre river-line impoundment of Twelvepole Creek at the town of Wayne.
West Fork of Twelvepole Creek: Wayne	M: Stocked from Wilsondale downstream 6 miles through Cabwaylingo State Forest.





#### **Landowner - Angler Relations**

Without the consent of local landowners allowing the public to fish in waters on their property, anglers in West Virginia would be limited to fishing only on 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.

#### **Stream 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.

#### More information

See the West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary for:

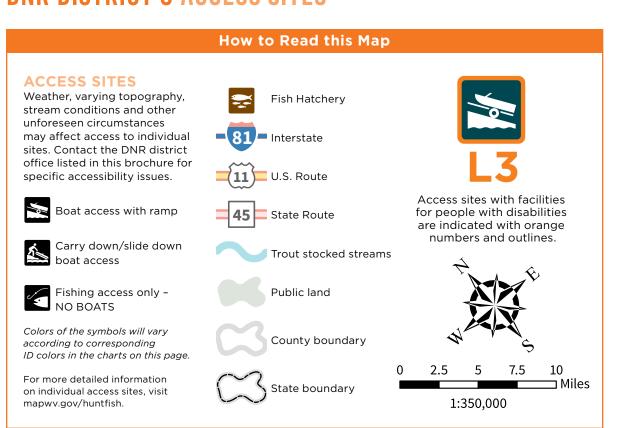
- Reciprocal fishing agreement on Ohio River
- Fish consumption advisories
- Sport fish identification

# Reporting Boating, Fishing and Hunting Violations

In progress: Dial 911
Not in progress:

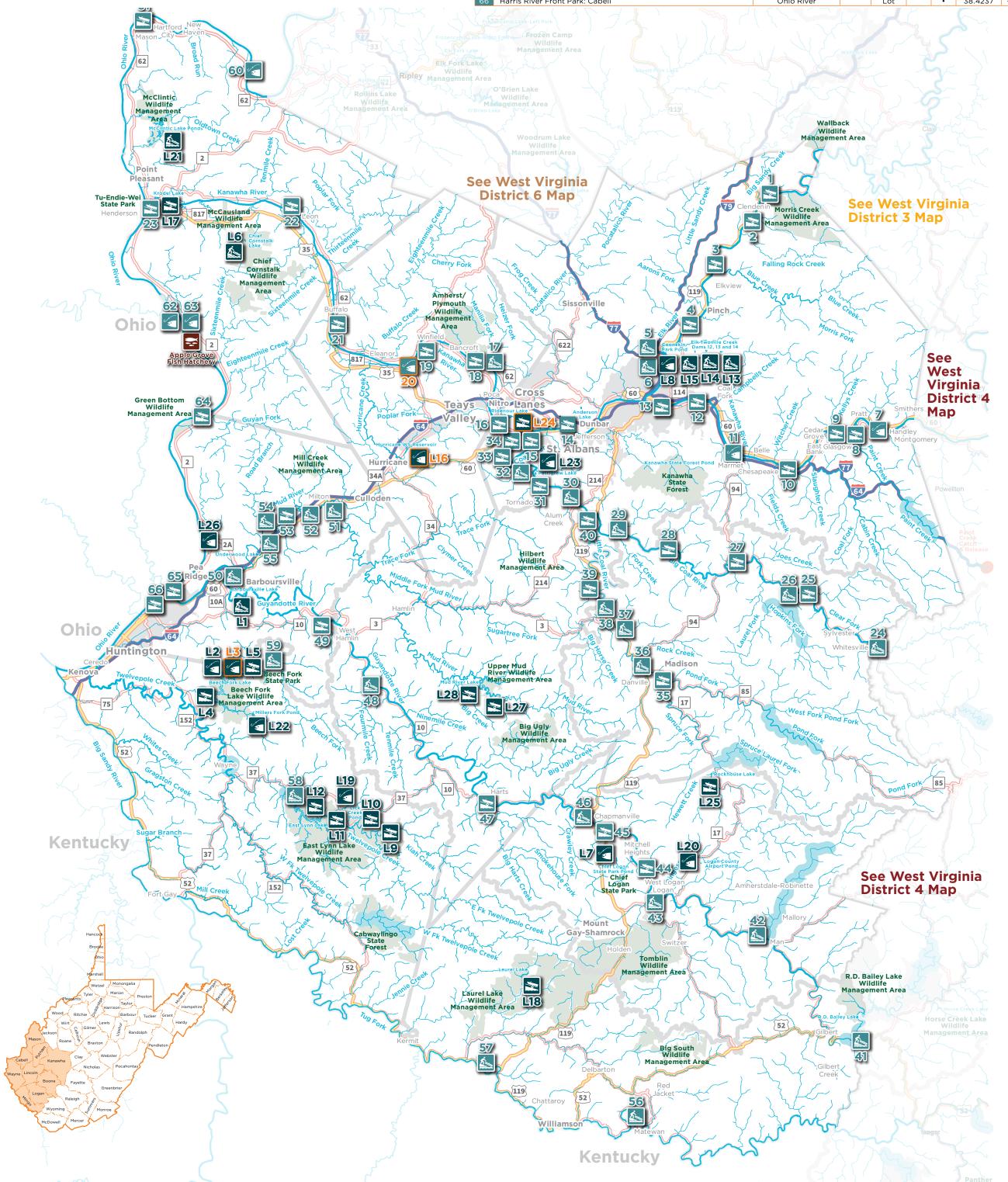
- Call your DNR District Law Enforcement Office during normal operating hours.
- Report online at WVdnr.gov/reportcrime.
- Report on Facebook.com/DNRpolice.
- Observe and write down all of the information concerning the violation.
- Don't confront violator.
- Contact a local Natural Resources Police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

Protect your sport. Be willing to testify in court.



	Public Lake and F	ond	Acces	s Site	S			
ID	LAKE OR POND: COUNTY	E	ACRES	P		*	LAT.	LONG.
L1	Barboursville Lake: Cabell		14	Lot	•		38.3882	-82.3002
L2	Beech Fork Boat Dock: Cabell		720	Lot	N	Α	38.3109	-82.3585
L3	Beech Fork Handicap Accessible Fishing Pier: Cabell	Pier		Lot	N	Α	38.3114	-82.3587
L4	Beech Fork Lake Dam: Wayne			Lot		•	38.3044	-82.4146
L5	Beech Fork State Park Boat Launch: Wayne			Lot		•	38.3117	-82.3579
L6	Chief Cornstalk WMA Lake: Mason		4	Lot	•		38.7435	-82.0422
L7	Chief Logan State Park Pond: Logan		6	Lot	N	Α	37.9061	-82.0146
L8	Coonskin Park Pond: Kanawha		2	Lot	N	Α	38.3917	-81.5835
L9	East Lynn Lake East Fork Campground Area 5: Wayne		1,005	Lot		•	38.0722	-82.2989
L10	East Lynn Lake East Fork Ramp: Wayne			Lot		•	38.0850	-82.3118
L11	East Lynn Lake Lick Creek Ramp: Wayne			Lot		•	38.1165	-82.3332
L12	East Lynn Lake Marina: Wayne			Lot		•	38.1287	-82.3780
L13	Elk Twomile Creek Dam #14: Kanawha		2	Pull-off	•		38.3603	-81.5120
L14	Elk Twomile Creek Dam #13: Kanawha		3	Pull-off	•		38.3696	-81.5310
L15	Elk Twomile Creek Dam #12: Kanawha		3	Pull-off	•		38.3745	-81.5452
L16	Hurricane WS Reservoir: Putnam	Pier	13	Lot	N	Α	38.4409	-81.9872
L17	Krodel Park: Mason		21	Lot		•	38.8392	-82.1286
L18	Laurel Lake WMA: Mingo		22	Lot		•	37.8428	-82.2179
L19	Lick Creek Pond: Wayne		4	Lot	N	Α	38.1141	-82.3219
L20	Logan County Airport Pond: Logan		1	Lot	N	Α	37.8554	-81.9072
L21	McClintic Lake Ponds: Mason		211	Pull-off	•		38.8994	-82.0787
L22	Millers Fork Pond: Wayne		5	Lot	N		38.2615	-82.3729
L23	Pettigrew Lake: Kanawha		5	Lot	N	Α	38.3431	-81.8385
L24	Ridenour Lake: Kanawha	Pier	23	Lot		•	38.4161	-81.8323
L25	Rockhouse Lake: Logan		11	Lot		•	37.9404	-81.8309
L26	Underwood Lake: Cabell		1	Lot	N	Α	38.4491	-82.3150
L27	Upper Mud River Lake #1: Lincoln		237	Pull-off		•	38.1620	-82.0447
L28	Upper Mud River Lake #2: Lincoln			Lot		•	38.1572	-82.0587

River and Stream Access Sites										
ID	SITE NAME: COUNTY	RIVER OR STREAM	F	P		*	LAT.	LONG.		
1	Clendenin: Kanawha	Elk River		Lot		•	38.4897	-81.3315		
2	Clendenin South: Kanawha	Elk River		Lot		•	38.4755	-81.3776		
	Blue Creek Bridge: Kanawha	Elk River		Lot	•		38.4495	-81.4560		
4 5	Big Chimney: Kanawha Mink Shoals: Kanawha	Elk River		Lot	•	•	38.4032	-81.5349		
5 6	Coonskin Park Boat Slide: Kanawha	Elk River Elk River		Lot Lot	·		38.3960 38.3893	-81.5858 -81.5843		
7	USACE London Locks and Dam Tailwater Access: Kanawha	Kanawha River		Lot		A	38.1913	-81.3708		
	Hansford: Kanawha	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.2045	-81.4010		
	Glasgow: Kanawha	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.2146	-81.4291		
10	Chesapeake: Kanawha	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.2241	-81.5357		
11	USACE Marmet Locks and Dam Tailwater Access: Kanawha	Kanawha River		Lot	N	Α	38.2545	-81.5702		
12	Daniel Boone Park: Kanawha	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.3299	-81.5831		
13	Verizon Ramp: Kanawha	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.3389	-81.6280		
14	Shawnee State Park: Kanawha	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.3720	-81.7642		
15 16	St. Albans Roadside Park: Kanawha City of Nitro: Kanawha	Kanawha River Kanawha River		Lot Lot		•	38.3893 38.4117	-81.8283 -81.8476		
17	Poca: Putnam	Pocatalico River		Pull-off	•	•	38.4786	-81.8133		
18	Raymond City Boat Launch: Putnam	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.4829	-81.8255		
19	Winfield Bridge: Putnam	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.5338	-81.8967		
20	Winfield Locks & Dam Tailwater Access: Putnam	Kanawha River	Pier	Lot	N	А	38.5240	-81.9131		
21	Buffalo Boat Ramp: Putnam	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.6088	-81.9934		
22	Leon Public Access Area: Mason	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.7503	-81.9612		
23	Point Pleasant Launch Ramp: Mason	Kanawha River		Lot		•	38.8387	-82.1316		
24	Whitesville: Boone	Big Coal River		Lot	•		37.9716	-81.5286		
25	Orgas: Boone	Big Coal River		Pull-off		•	38.0649	-81.5756		
26	Fosterville: Boone	Big Coal River		Pull-off	•	_	38.0765	-81.5997		
27 28	John Slack Park: Boone  Dartmont Park: Boone	Big Coal River Big Coal River		Lot Lot		•	38.1375 38.1892	-81.6464 -81.7220		
29	Sproul (Brier Crk): Kanawha	Big Coal River		Pull Off	•	•	38.2411	-81.7741		
30	Alum Creek Lions Club Park: Boone	Coal River		Lot	•		38.2994	-81.8108		
31	Meadowood Park: Kanawha	Coal River		Lot		•	38.3393	-81.8402		
32	River Bend: Kanawha	Coal River		Pull-off	•		38.3544	-81.8438		
33	Lower Falls: Kanawha	Coal River		Pull-off		•	38.3775	-81.8567		
34	St. Albans Coal River Group: Kanawha	Coal River		Lot		•	38.3910	-81.8401		
35	Madison City Park: Boone	Little Coal River		Lot		٠	38.0595	-81.8247		
36	Lick Creek Park: Boone	Little Coal River		Lot	•		38.0850	-81.8405		
37 38	Don R. Kuhn: Boone Upper Waterways Park: Boone	Little Coal River Little Coal River		Lot Lot	•		38.1375 38.1811	-81.8365 -81.8491		
39	Lower Waterways Park: Boone	Little Coal River		Pull-off	-	•	38.1826	-81.8500		
40	The Forks of Coal: Kanawha	Little Coal River		Lot		•	38.2670	-81.8052		
41	Justice: Logan	Guyandotte River		Lot	•		37.5889	-81.8343		
42	Man: Logan	Guyandotte River		Lot	•		37.7441	-81.8879		
43	Shawnee Island Park: Logan	Guyandotte River		Lot	•		37.8478	-81.9953		
44	Peach Creek: Logan	Guyandotte River		Lot		•	37.8731	-81.9854		
45	Rocky Creek: Logan	Guyandotte River		Lot		•	37.9370	-82.0132		
46	Chapmanville: Logan	Guyandotte River		Lot	•	_	37.9740	-82.0207		
47 48	Harts Creek: Lincoln	Guyandotte River Guyandotte River		Lot	•	•	38.0385	-82.1399 -82.2028		
48	Branchland: Lincoln Salt Rock: Cabell	Guyandotte River Guyandotte River		Lot Lot	•	•	38.2212 38.3107	-82.2028 -82.2213		
50	Farmdale Bridge: Cabell	Guyandotte River		Lot	•		38.4107	-82.2968		
51	CR 25: Cabell	Mud River		Lot	•		38.4238	-82.1222		
52	US RT 60 Bridge Milton: Cabell	Mud River		Lot	•		38.4314	-82.1586		
53	Yates Crossings Bridge: Cabell	Mud River		Pull-off		•	38.4438	-82.1900		
54	Howells Mill Bridge: Cabell	Mud River		Pull-off	•		38.4423	-82.2195		
55	I-64 Bridge Ona: Cabell	Mud River		Pull-off	•		38.4295	-82.2256		
56	Haffield Bottom Roadside Park: Mingo	Tug Fork		Lot	•		37.6361	-82.1737		
57 58	Maher: Mingo	Tug Fork		Lot	•		37.7750	-82.3234		
58 59	East Lynn Lake Tailwaters: Wayne Aquatic Trail Stream Access: Cabell	Laurel Creek Beech Fork		Lot Lot	•		38.1467 38.3014	-82.3813 -82.3225		
60	USACE Racine Locks & Dam Tailwater Access (OH side): Mason	Ohio River		Lot		A	38.9163	-82.3225 -81.9069		
61	Mason: Mason	Ohio River		Lot	1 1	•	39.0248	-82.0303		
62	USACE R.C. Byrd Locks and Dam Tailwater Access (OH side): Mason	Ohio River		Lot	N	A	38.6816	-82.1922		
63	USACE R.C. Byrd Locks and Dam (WV access): Mason	Ohio River		Lot		А	38.6812	-82.1808		
64	Green Bottom WMA: Cabell	Ohio River		Lot		•	38.5888	-82.2225		
65	Guyandotte Ramp: Cabell	Guyandotte River		Lot		•	38.4313	-82.3907		
66	Harris River Front Park: Cabell	Ohio River		Lot		•	38.4237	-82.4450		



#### **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 (\$2 fee per transaction.)
- Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit by calling (304) 558-2758. (\$2 fee per transaction.)

#### **Useful Phone Numbers**

Report stream pollution or fish kills **Trout Stocking Hotline** 

(800) 642-3074 (304) 558-3399



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.

This program receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

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