

Pennsylvania Highlands Region Canoeing Stream Inventory

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This document is a list of all streams in the Pennsylvania Highlands region, annotated to indicate canoeable streams and stream characteristics. Streams in bold type are paddleable. The others, while possible paddleable, are not generally used for canoeing.

Note that some of these streams become canoeable only after heavy rain or snow melt. Others have longer seasons. Some, like the Delaware, Schuylkill and Lehigh Rivers, are always paddleable, except when flooding or frozen.

This inventory uses the standardized river rating system of American Whitewater. It is not intended as paddlers guide. Other sources of information, including information on river levels.

Sources:

My own personal field observations over 30 years of paddling. I have paddled a majority of the streams listed.

Keystone Canoeing, by Edward Gertler, 2004 edition. Seneca Press.

American Whitewater, National River Database.

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ID	Stream	Comments
1.	Alexanders Spring Creek	
2.	Allegheny Creek	
3.	Angelica Creek	
4.	Annan Run	
5.	Antietam Creek	Might be high water runnable
6.	Back Run	
7.	Bailey Creek	
8.	Ball Run	
9.	Beaver Creek	
10.	Beaver Run	
11.	Beck Creek	
12.	Bells Run	
13.	Bernhart Creek	
14.	Bieber Creek	
15.	Biesecker Run	
16.	Big Beaver Creek	
17.	Big Spring Run	
18.	Birch Run	
19.	Black Creek	
20.	Black Horse Creek	
21.	Black River	
22.	Boyers Run	
23.	Brills Run	
24.	Brooke Evans Creek	
25.	Brubaker Run	
26.	Buck Run	
27.	Bulls Head Branch	
28.	Butter Creek	
29.	Cabin Run	
30.	Cacoosing Creek	
31.	Calamus Run	
32.	Carbaugh Run	
33.	Cedar Creek	
34.	Cedar Run	
35.	Chickies Creek	Nice, easy novice stream. Nine dams and weirs.
36.	Clear Run	

37. **Cocalico Creek** **Disgusting scenery, easy, sluggish current; two dams, three low water bridges.**
38. **Codorus Creek** **The lower Codorus is a class 2 whitewater stream (class 3 at high water), very popular. The upper Codorus is an easy class 1 stream.**
39. Cold Spring Run
40. **Conestoga River** **Scenic flatwater river that is runnable much of the year.**
41. **Conewago Creek (east)** **There are two Conewago Creeks, on opposite sides of the Susquehanna River. This one is a small, hard to catch, class 1-3 whitewater stream.**
42. **Conococheague Creek** **The upper part (above Chambersburg) is a class 1 to 2+ whitewater stream.**
43. Conodoguinet Creek The caoeable part is not in the highlands.
44. Conoy Creek
45. Cooks Creek
46. Coover Run
47. Culbertson Run
48. Deep Creek
49. Deep Run
50. Deer Lick Run
51. Deer Run
52. **Delaware River** **The Highlands section of Delaware River includes some of the best flatwater to class 1 canoeing on the east coast. Scenic and historic. Also includes some areas adjacent to power plants.**
53. Dellinger Run
54. Dimple Creek
55. Dogwood Run
56. East Branch Antietam Creek
57. **East Branch Brandywine Creek** **Flat to class 2 small stream, two dams.**
58. East Branch Conestoga River
59. East Branch Octoraro Creek
60. **East Branch Perkiomen Creek** **Flat water, scenic.**
61. East Branch Saucon Creek
62. Eshleman Run
63. Falling Spring Branch
64. Fishers Run
65. Fishing Creek
66. Flat Run
67. **French Creek** **Excellent class 2- stream, several runnable weirs and two runnable broken dams.**
68. Friends Creek
69. Frya Run
70. Furnace Creek
71. Furnace Run

72. Gallows Run
- 73. Geddes Run** **Class 4 to 5, 200 ft/mile gradient tributary to Tohickon Creek, Experts only!**
74. Gingrich Run
75. Glen Run
76. Goshenhoppen Creek
77. Green Run
78. Groff Run
79. Hammer Creek
80. Harnish Run
81. Hartenstine Creek
82. Hay Creek
83. Haycock Creek
84. Hayes Run
85. Hazelbach Creek
86. Heisters Creek
87. Hoffer Creek
88. Hosack Run
89. Hosensack Creek
90. Hospital Creek
91. Houston Run
92. Hunters Run
93. Indian Corn Creek
94. Indian Creek
95. Indian Run
96. Irish Creek
97. Iron Run
98. Ironstone Creek
- 99. Jordan Creek** **Class 1, poor to good scenery. Four dams.**
100. Kettle Run
101. Knott Run
102. Landis Creek
103. Laurel Run
- 104. Lehigh River** **The Highlands portion is flat water, suitable for novices. Dams at Glendon and the mouth.**
105. Leibert Creek
106. Letort Spring Run
107. Licking Creek
108. Limekiln Creek

109. Little Beaver Creek
110. Little Cedar Creek
111. **Little Chickies Creek** **Nice, easy novice stream.**
112. Little Cocalico Creek
113. Little Conewago Creek
114. Little Dogwood Run
115. **Little Lehigh Creek** **Class 1. Two dams. Used as practice area by local paddlers.**
116. Little Manatawny Creek
117. Little Marsh Creek
118. Little Muddy Creek
119. Little Sacony Creek
120. Lodal Creek
121. Londonland Run
122. Lynch Run
123. Lyons Run
124. Macoby Creek
125. **Maiden Creek** **Class 1, easy, scenic, one dam.**
126. Manada Creek
127. **Manatawny Creek** **Class 1 easy, two dams, very scenic.**
128. Manor Creek
129. **Marsh Creek** **(Adams County) Easy class 1 with one class 2-, one dam. Good for novices.**
130. Marsh Run
131. Meadow Run
132. Meetinghouse Creek
133. **Middle Creek** **(Adams County) Class 1 to 3- whitewater, small stream.**
134. **Mill Creek** **(Lancaster County) Class 1, easy.**
135. Mine Run
136. Miney Branch
137. Mingo Creek
138. Minister Creek
139. Mink Run
140. Molasses Creek
141. **Monocacy Creek**
142. Morgan Creek
143. Morris Run
144. Moselem Creek
145. Mountain Creek
146. Mountain Run

147. Muddy Creek This not the good one, which is in York County.
148. Muddy Run
149. Mummasburg Run
150. Muskrat Run
151. Nancy Run
152. Nickel Mines Run
153. North Branch Indian Run
- 154. North Branch Neshaminy Creek Possible, but not particularly desirably paddling stream. Brush, strainers and low bridges**
155. Oysterville Creek
- 156. Pequea Creek Class 1, with one class 3-; small stream, seldom up.**
- 157. Perkiomen Creek Class 1, runnable much of the year.**
158. Phillaman Run
159. Pickering Creek
160. Pigeon Creek
161. Pine Creek
162. Pine Run
163. Pippins Run
164. Pleasant Spring Creek
165. Plum Run
166. Possum Hollow Run
- 167. Quittapahilla Creek Class 1, small stream, seldom up.**
168. Raccoon Creek
169. Rapp Creek
170. Rattlesnake Run
171. Red Run
172. Richardson Run
173. Ridge Valley Creek
174. Rife Run
175. Rock Run
176. Rocky Mountain Creek
177. Rocky Spring Branch
178. Rowe Run
179. Sacony Creek
180. Sanatoga Creek
181. Santo Domingo Creek
- 182. Saucon Creek Class 1+, small stream, seldom up.**
183. Schaefer Run

184. Schlegel Run
185. Schmoutz Creek
- 186. Schuylkill River** **Easy, flat water. Scenic in many spots, but it is followed by a noisy highway.**
187. Scioto Creek
188. Segloch Run
189. Seidel Creek
190. Shearers Creek
191. Shirley Run
192. Shoeneck Creek
193. Silver Creek
194. Sixpenny Creek
- 195. Skippack Creek** **Excellent paddling for novices, scenic, runs through Evansburg State Park. Up for only a day or two after heavy rain.**
196. Snitz Creek
197. South Branch French Creek
198. Spring Creek
199. Spring Run
200. Sprogels Run
201. Spruce Run
202. Stillhouse Run
203. Stony Run
- 204. Susquehanna River** **The highlands section of the Susquehanna has a mixture of industrial and mountain scenery. It is broad, flat water, with major hydro dams blocking the mile-wide river to form power boat laden lakes. Highlights include Three Mile Island and its damaged power plant, plus the Safe Harbor hydro dam.**
205. Swabia Creek
- 206. Swamp Creek** **Class 1+ high quality paddling stream. Four small dams. Up after heavy rain.**
- 207. Swatara Creek** **The Highlands portion of the Swatara is an excellent beginner stream, too wide for strainers, runnable much of the year. Lethal four foot dam below Union Deposit is easily portaged.**
208. Tagg Run
209. Thomson Creek
210. Threemile Run
211. Tincum Creek
- 212. Tohickon Creek** **The lower Tohickon (Stover Park to the mouth) is *the* classic whitewater run of the region. Class 3 to 4, depending on level. Well-known by paddlers throughout the northeast. A class 1+ novice section runs from the dam at Lake Nockamixon to Stover. Above Lake Nockamixon, there is an infrequently run class 3-4 section.**
213. Toms Creek
214. Toms Run
215. Towamencin Creek

216. Trindle Spring Run
217. Trout Run
218. Tulpehocken Creek
219. Tumble Brook
220. Tumbling Run
221. Two Log Run
- 222. Unami Creek** **A hard to catch class 4 run with two class 6 drops. Lots of live tree strainers. Experts only.**
223. Valley Creek
224. Valley Run
225. Vaughn Run
226. Vineyard Run
227. Walnut Run
228. West Branch Antietam Creek
- 229. West Branch Brandywine Creek** **There is a wonderful, but seldom up, class 2 to 3+ section from the Icedale Rd. to Rr. 340 in Coatsville that runs through Hibernia Park.**
230. West Branch Conestoga River
231. West Branch Neshaminy Creek
232. West Branch Octoraro Creek
- 233. West Branch Perkiomen Creek** **Class 1, runnable after heavy rain.**
234. West Branch Pine Creek
235. West Branch Skippack Creek
236. Williams Run
237. Willoughby Run
238. Willow Creek
239. Wolf Run
- 240. Yellow Breeches Creek** **A scenic, pleasant novice stream with a long season. Lots of dams and weirs.**