



## American Canoe Association 2006 ACA-Recommended Water Trails

The American Canoe Association is proud to announce the 2006 ACA-Recommended Water Trails! ACA-Recommended Water Trails meet a set of basic criteria and stand out as particular good destinations for paddlers. To be eligible, a trail must meet the following requirements:

- The trail must be a contiguous or semi-contiguous waterway or series of waterways that is open to recreational use by paddlers;
- The trail must have public access points for paddlers;
- The trail must be covered by a map, guide, signage or a web site that is of reasonable quality and detail and available to the public.
- Published or printed materials for the trail (*e.g.* guidebook, map, signs, website) must communicate low-impact ethics to trail users; and
- The trail must be supported and/or managed by one or more organizations.

ACA-Recommended Water Trails earn the right to use a special ACA logo, shown above, in maps, signs and other printed material related to the trail. The ACA will name a new group of recommended trails each year. To find out about water trails in your area, visit the ACA's website at [www.americancanoe.org](http://www.americancanoe.org). There, you will find information on 400 water trails around the United States and Canada.

The 2006 ACA-Recommended Water Trails are:

**Apalachicola Paddling Trail System** - A extensive network of trails in the creeks and sloughs of Apalachicola Bay, in the Florida panhandle. The Apalachicola Paddling Trail System was established by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with support from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. For more information, contact:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
620 S. Meridian St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600  
Phone: 850-488-5520

Trail website: [http://myfwc.com/recreation/apalachicola\\_river/recreation.asp](http://myfwc.com/recreation/apalachicola_river/recreation.asp)  
Organization website: <http://myfwc.com/>

**Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Paddling Trails** - A network of trails through spectacular wildlife habitat on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Paddling Trails were established by the Friends of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For more information, contact:

Friends of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge  
P. O. Box 1231  
Cambridge, MD 21313  
Phone: 410-228-2677  
Trail website: <http://www.friendsofblackwater.org/paddling.html>  
Organization website: <http://www.friendsofblackwater.org/index.html>

**Conodoguinet Creek Water Trail** - A 40-mile water trail on a historic creek in Southern Pennsylvania. The Conodoguinet Creek Water Trail was established by the Cumberland County Planning Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. For more information, contact:

Cumberland County Planning Commission  
18 North Hanover Street, Suite 102  
Carlisle, PA 17013  
Phone: 717-240-6100  
Trail website: <http://www.ccpa.net/cumberland/cwp/view.asp?A=1725&Q=483549>  
Organization website: <http://www.ccpa.net/cumberland/site/default.asp>

**Hudson River Water Trail** - An extended trail of 158 miles through the wild and urban sections of New York's Hudson River Valley. The Hudson River Water Trail was established by the Hudson River Watertrail Association. For more information, contact:

Hudson River Watertrail Association  
118 Old Ox Road  
Ghent, NY 12075  
Phone: 518-392-5771  
Trail website: <http://www.hrwa.org/>  
Organization website: <http://www.hrwa.org/>

**Lower Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Canoe Trail** - Connected trails on two tributaries of Virginia's York River, featuring some of the last pristine fresh water paddling on the Atlantic seaboard. The Lower Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Canoe Trail was established by the Mattaponi & Pamunkey Rivers Association. For more information, contact:

Mattaponi & Pamunkey Rivers Association  
P.O. Box 157  
Walkerton, VA 23177  
Trail website: <http://www.mpra.org/>  
Organization website: <http://www.mpra.org/>

**Middle Allegheny River Water Trail** - A 107-mile trail on the Allegheny River, a federally-designated Wild and Scenic River in Northwest Pennsylvania. The Middle Allegheny River Water Trail was established by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission and the U.S. Forest Service. For more information, contact:

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission  
1601 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000  
Phone: 717-705-7800  
Trail website: [http://sites.state.pa.us/PA\\_Exec/Fish\\_Boat/watertrails/alleg/trailguide.htm](http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/watertrails/alleg/trailguide.htm)  
Organization website: [http://sites.state.pa.us/PA\\_Exec/Fish\\_Boat/mpag1.htm](http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/mpag1.htm)

**Milwaukee Urban Water Trail** - Twenty-five miles of urban paddling on three rivers in the heart of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Urban Water Trail was established by the Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers. For more information, contact:

Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers  
1845 N. Farwell Ave., Suite 100  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Phone: 414-287-0207  
Trail website: <http://www.mkeriverkeeper.org/watertrail/home.htm>  
Organization website: <http://www.mkeriverkeeper.org/index.html>

**Muskingum River Water Trail** - A 112-mile water trail on the Muskingum River, a historic transportation corridor in southeast Ohio. The Muskingum River Water Trail was established by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. For more information, contact:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. A-2  
Columbus, OH 43229-6693  
Phone: 614-265-6672  
Trail website: <http://ohiodnr.com/watercraft/watertrails/ohiotrails.shtm>  
Organization website: <http://ohiodnr.com/default.htm>

**Ohio River Water Trail - Markland Pool Section** - A 75-mile water trail on the Ohio River near Cincinnati, the first segment of planned trail that will extend from Pittsburgh, PA to Cairo, IL. The Markland Pool Section of the Ohio River Water Trail was established by Ohio River Way. For more information, contact:

Ohio River Way  
2055 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Phone: 513.588.6936  
Trail website: <http://ohioriverway.org/paddlefest/>  
Organization website: <http://ohioriverway.org/paddlefest/>

**Potomac River Water Trail** - History-rich paddling on one of America's heritage rivers, from the Allegheny mountains to the Chesapeake Bay. The Potomac River Water Trail was established by the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, the Virginia Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, the National Park Service and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. For more information, contact:

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources  
Maryland Greenways and Water Trails Program  
580 Taylor Avenue, E-3  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Phone: 800-830-3974  
Trail website: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/greenways/trailsbyregion.html#WM>  
Organization website: [http://www.dnr.state.md.us/sw\\_index\\_flash.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/sw_index_flash.asp)

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Division of Planning and Recreation Resources  
203 Governor Street, Suite 326  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Phone: (804) 786-5046  
Organization website: <http://www.state.va.us/dcr/>

**Tilghman Island Water Trail** - Spectacular paddling around Tilghman Island in the Central Chesapeake Bay, where the land and water intertwine. The Tilghman Island Water Trail was established by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Talbot County Office of Tourism. For more information, contact:

Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Maryland Park Service  
580 Taylor Avenue, E-3  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Phone: 800-830-3974  
Trail website: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tilghmantrail.html>  
Organization website: [http://www.dnr.state.md.us/sw\\_index\\_flash.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/sw_index_flash.asp)

**Willamette River Water Trail** - 132 miles of urban and rural paddling on one of the great rivers of the Pacific Northwest. The Willamette River Water Trail was established by the Willamette Riverkeeper and the Mid-Willamette River Connections Group. For more information, contact:

Willamette Riverkeeper  
49 SE Clay  
Portland, OR 97214  
Phone: 503-223-6418  
Trail website: <http://www.willamettewatertrail.org/>  
Organization website: <http://willamette-riverkeeper.org>