



Kiski-Conemaugh River Water Trail Lower Section Access Sites

Access identification number denotes the approximate river mile from the mouth of the Kiskiminetas River at Freeport

47 Bairdstown Bridge Primitive - River Right	Lat 40 25 52 Lon 79 16 11	From US 22 - Take PA 217 exit (Blairsville). Follow PA 217 S (which becomes Walnut St.) into Blairsville. Turn R at the National Guard Armory (looks like a castle) next to the library. Go straight until it ends behind the Lutheran Church. Parking area is to the R.
39 Aultmans Run Primitive - River Right	Lat 40 28 26 Lon 79 20 23	From US 22 - Take PA 217 exit (Blairsville). Follow PA 217 N 100 yards, turn L onto PA 3009/Newport Road. Go 3.3 miles, turn L onto SR 3007 and go 1.6 miles. Launch is on L at bottom of very rough road.
34 Conemaugh Dam Steps - Primitive - River Right	Lat 40 27 40 Lon 79 22 06	From US 22 take PA 981 N toward Saltsburg. Turn R onto Tunnelton Rd. at Marshall's Market. Go 2.7 miles and turn L over bridge then turn R onto Auen Road (follow brown and white Conemaugh Dam directional signs from 981). Follow through parkette and down a big hill.
27 Saltsburg - Rivers Edge Park Paved Ramp-River Right	Lat 40 29 04 Lon 79 27 11	From US 22 take PA 981 N toward Saltsburg. Follow 981 about 8 miles to PA 286, turn R over bridge and make immediate R onto Water St. Access is on R below Rivers Edge deck.
22 Avonmore Ramp - River Left	Lat 40 31 45 Lon 79 28 31	From US 22 take PA 981 N toward Saltsburg. Follow 981 about 10 miles and turn R onto PA 156 N at corner with equestrian center. Continue to stop sign at Westmoreland and 2nd Sts. Turn L onto gravel drive at Avonmore Municipal Authority Water Collection Area.
15 Roaring Run Recreation Area Paved Ramp-River Right	Lat 40 33 48 Lon 79 33 36	From PA 66 N cross bridge into Apollo using R lane. Make immediate R onto Kiski Ave., follow 3/4 mile, staying R and low onto Canal Rd., 0.7 miles to trail head on R.
12 East Vandergrift Primitive - River Left	Lat 40 35 56 Lon 79 33 29	From US 22 take PA 66 N. At Apollo bridge make L onto McKinley Ave (don't cross bridge). Follow McKinley 1.5 miles to R onto Chambers, go to stop sign. Turn L onto Kennedy, go to stop sign. Turn R and go over RR tracks. Make L onto alley along tracks to park at end of street.
11 North Vandergrift Paved Ramp-River Right	Lat 40 36 24 Lon 79 33 40	From PA 56 E cross bridge heading northeast over Kiskiminetas River in Vandergrift. Make immediate L onto Jefferson St. Make another immediate L into the access area.
7 Rivers Edge Canoe and Kayak Private River Right	Lat 40 38 14 Lon 79 35 01	Private, \$5 parking/launch fee. From PA 28 take 356 S, then L onto 356/56. Follow across Leechburg Bridge and turn R onto PA 66 S. Follow 1.5 miles to River's Edge on L (Rivers Edge is also 3 miles from Vandergrift bridge coming from S on R.)
6 Hyde Park Surfaced Ramp - River Left	Lat 40 37 58 Lon 79 35 32	From Leechburg take the 3rd St Bridge S over the Kiski River. Go 0.5 miles and turn L onto S. Gosser Hill Rd (turning lane). Stay straight for 1.7 miles to borough (becomes Railroad St). Turn L onto Main St. at fire hall, cross RR tracks, turn L onto Kiski St. Follow to ramp on R.
5 Leechburg Surfaced Ramp - River Right	Lat 40 37 29 Lon 79 36 15	From PA 28 take PA 356 S, then PA 56 E toward Leechburg. Cross bridge and turn R onto PA 66/Market St. Go 2 blocks then turn R onto 1st St. Follow 2 blocks to river. Do not park near ramp.
5 Riverfront Park Primitive - River Right	Lat 40 37 43 Lon 79 36 33	From PA 28 take PA 356 S, then PA 56 E toward Leechburg. Cross bridge, merge PA 66 N, left at light onto Main St, then left to parking / access.
A28 Freeport Dock Surfaced Ramp - River Right	Lat 40 40 17 Lon 79 41 01	From PA 356 (Leechburg area) follow N toward Freeport over high bridge, merge onto Freeport Rd but stay in R lane to Freeport exit. Merge onto 2nd St, go 0.3 miles to Riverside Dr into Riverside Park on the Allegheny River.
A28 Freeport Ramp (PFBC) Surfaced Ramp - River Left	Lat 40 40 21 Lon 79 41 31	From PA 356 (Leechburg area) follow N toward Freeport over high bridge, merge onto Freeport Rd but stay in R lane to Freeport exit. Merge onto 2nd St, go one block and turn R onto High St. Go one block to ramp on R. Located ~1000 feet upstream on Buffalo Creek from Allegheny River.

PFBC Access Sites Require PA Fish&Boat Comm. Launch Permit

- River Access Site with Ramp and Parking (ID Number is the Approximate River Mile - See Chart for Directions)
- Carry-In Canoe Access Site (ID Number is the Approximate River Mile - See Chart for Directions)
- Canoe Livery / Outfitter (Contact for Access)
- Riffles / Waves
- Caution
- In-Stream River-Wide Dam. Danger. Avoid.
- Mileage from Mouth of Kiskiminetas River (Two-Mile Intervals)
- USGS Stream Flow Gauge Station (Internet Accessible)
- Camp Sites - With Restrooms
- Inns and Bed & Breakfasts
- Hotels and Motels
- Restaurants
- Point of Interest
- Hospital
- Public Library - Identification Required for Internet Access
- Possible Motorboat Traffic - Caution

- Rail Trail
- Other Trails
- County Boundary
- River Island
- City or Borough
- State Park
- SGL State Game Land
- Local Park
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway

Points of Interest

- Conemaugh Dam**
- J Tunnelview Historic Site
- Saltsburg**
- K Rebecca J. Hadden Stone House Museum
- L 1863 West Penn Railroad Piers
- Apollo**
- M Drakes Log Cabin
- N Apollo Area Historical Society-Women's Christian Temperance Union Building
- O General Jackson's Mansion
- P Nellie Bly's House
- Vandergrift**
- Q St. Gertrude's Catholic Church
- R Victorian Vandergrift Museum and Historical Society
- S Historic Train Depot
- T Casino Theatre and Vandergrift Library
- Hyde Park**
- U Hyde Park Historical Museum
- Leechburg**
- V Leechburg Area Museum and Historical Society/David Leech House
- Freeport**
- W Laneville Grist Mill
- X Hope Garden
- Y Park It Here Bicycle Garden

Caution Information

Several riffles are identified on the map that can be navigated with minimal paddling experience. Avoid the upstream side of bridge abutments. The Conemaugh Dam can not be portaged at this time. Motorboat traffic can be heavy from miles 2 through 0 and into the Allegheny River.

Monthly Average Information for Vandergrift, PA

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. High(F)	37°	40°	50°	61°	71°	79°	83°	82°	75°	64°	52°	42°
Avg. Low(F)	15°	16°	24°	33°	44°	52°	57°	55°	48°	37°	29°	21°
Avg. Precip.(in)	2.6	2.5	3.3	3.3	4.2	4.2	4.5	3.9	3.7	2.6	3.5	2.9
Sunrise(AM)	7:41	7:13	7:32	6:42	6:03	5:49	6:02	6:30	7:00	7:30	7:05	7:35
Sunset(PM)	5:17	5:54	7:26	7:58	8:28	8:51	8:49	8:18	7:30	6:41	5:03	4:54
Gauge(CFS)	3,880	4,620	6,470	5,580	3,680	2,440	1,480	1,110	1,290	2,030	3,390	

(Sunrise and Sunset are the 15th of each month - including daylight savings time)

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