

Schuylkill River Water Trail

Main Schuylkill

BACKGROUND: In 1997, the PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) launched a statewide initiative to develop a network of scenic water trails. The PFBC worked with public and private sector partners to make the 147-mile Schuylkill River Water Trail a reality. Public access points to the river are marked as stops on the water trail.



INFORMATION: Access points at Terry Reiley Park with parking (*Experienced paddlers only from here to Schuylkill Haven Island*); Schuylkill Haven Island Park

with parking available; Auburn Dam, parking at boat launch; Auburn SR 895 Trailhead, parking for 15 cars; Port Clinton Park, parking along Broad Street by railroad tracks. Several low-head dams and railroad bridges are in this reach.

CONTACT: For more information, go to www.schuylkillriver.org; www.schuylkill.org; http://www.fish.state.pa.us/watertrails/schuylkill/upper_schu/schuylkill_upper_guide_map.pdf; and http://www.fish.state.pa.us/watertrails/schuylkill/lower_schu/schuylkill_lower_guide_map.pdf.



AREA ATTRACTIONS: Gas stations, mini-markets, restaurants and accommodations are available at Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton. Visit the Schuylkill County Historical Society, Yuengling Brewery and Sovereign Majestic Theater in Pottsville; Island Park and Walk-In Art Center in Schuylkill Haven; Peanut Shop and Transportation Museum in Port Clinton. For more information, visit the Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau website at www.schuylkill.org.

EVENTS: The Schuylkill River Sojourn, held the first week of June, is a 112 mile guided canoe and kayak trip on the Schuylkill River that begins in Schuylkill Haven and ends in Philadelphia.

GPS COORDINATES:

Schuylkill Haven Island Park:

Lat 40°37'58.64" N Lon 76°10'26.30" W

RECOMMENDED GEAR: Always wear a life jacket, obtain proper instruction in boating skills, know fishing and boating regulations, be prepared for river hazards, and carry proper equipment.

