

The Nationwide Rivers Inventory 32 Segments for the State of Ohio

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River	County	Reach	Length (miles)	Year Listed/Updated	Potential Classification	ORVs	Description	Other States
Auglaize River	Auglaize, Allen, Putnam, Paulding, Defiance	Oakwood to Ft. Jennings (26 river miles); Scott crossing to Wapakonetta (29 rm); Wapakonetta to source (26 rm)	81	1982		R, F, W, H, O	See Auglaize River Comments	

Auglaize River Comments: Has large diversity of southern floodplain and mudflat species of plants. Paralleled by Buckeye Trail. Used for canoeing. Good fishing. Historical significance with Ft. Amanda and Defiance. Flows through NW Ohio agricultural area. Provides good fishing for croppies and bullhead, and good waterfowl hunting.

Big Darby Creek	Champaign, Logan, Franklin, Union, Madison	Source to I-70 (42 river miles); I-70 to SR 40 (5 rm)	47	1982		R, F, W	See Big Darby Creek Comments 1	
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Big Darby Creek Comments1: Clear, fast flowing water. Excellent canoeing. Small mouth bass fishing. Wildlife observation popular. Flows near city of Columbus. One of state's least polluted streams with unusually large faunal diversity.

Big Darby Creek	Franklin, Pickway	From Confluence with Scioto River to Rt. 40 in Franklin County	40	1982		S, R, G, F, W	See Big Darby Creek Comments2	
<p><u>Big Darby Creek Comments2:</u> River meanders through level to gently rolling watershed. It is characterized by quiet pools dispersed with riffles and runs. Numerous scenic wooded high bluffs are interspersed with pastoral settings along much of the river. The stream has over 1 million people within short driving distance. It is presently under study for inclusion in State Scenic Rivers System. Has state endangered species cob shell, club shell, northern riffle shell, Simpsons shell, river redhorse, northern brook lamprey, Scioto madtom, northern madtom, tippecanoe darter, spotted darber, blacknose shiner, eastern darter and slender darter. Threatened species streamline chub, bluebreast darter.</p>								
Black River, East Branch	Lorain, Medina	Grafton to source	24	1982		S, R, H	See Black River, East Branch Comments	
<p><u>Black River, East Branch Comments:</u> A somewhat scenic stream tributary to the Black River near metropolitan Cleveland. Flows in part through hilly area with steep hills and graduated valley.</p>								
Black River, West Branch	Lorain, Huron	River mile 7 to source	41	1982		S, G, W, H	See Black River, West Branch Comments	
<p><u>Black River, West Branch Comments:</u> Contains state endangered species, Big Mouth Shiner. Numerous rock out-croppings and very large rocks. Good recreational river used for outdoor nature study. Low waterfalls and caves. Old dam, gristmill and Indian burial ground at Elyria.</p>								
Blanchard River	Hancock, Hardin, Putnam	Ottawa to Findlay (26 river miles); Mt. Blanchard to source (28 rm)	54	1982		R, H, C	See Blanchard River Comments	
<p><u>Blanchard River Comments:</u> Very little visible development. Banks mostly wooded. A popular canoe stream. Many 19th century buildings along river being restored. Flows through gently rolling central Ohio farmland. Provided inspiration for composition of song "Down by the Old Mill Stream".</p>								

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Chagrin River	Lake, Geauga	Ingalls airport to west edge of Chagrin Falls	7	1982		S, R, W, O	See Chagrin River Comments	
<u>Chagrin River Comments:</u> Has state endangered species, American brook, lamprey, pugnose minnow, long nose dace. Canoeing, fishing, hiking. Steep cliffs and ravines. Near Cleveland Metropolitan area. Unusual scenic beauty.								
Conneaut Creek	Ashtabula	SW limits of city of Conneaut to Pennside, PA	50	1982		H, O	See Conneaut Creek, PA comments.	PA
<u>Conneaut Creek, PA Comments:</u> Botanic- (Rich flora including instances of unique types in Ohio.) Historic- (A prehistoric earthwork fortification at the Conneaut Works which is a National Historic Register Site.)								
Cuyahoga River	Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage	From end of canal to dam at Peninsula (8 river miles); Lake Rockwell to Montea. Poineer trail crossing to channelization (11 rm); E. Br. Reservoir to source of E. Br. (7 rm)	26	1982		S, R, F	See Cuyahoga River Comments	
<u>Cuyahoga River Comments:</u> Designated segment of State Scenic Rivers System. Swamp forest vegetation. Two Ohio endangered species present, Iowa darter and lake chubsucker. Excellent canoeing stream. Small and large mouth bass and northern pike fishing. A scenic stream flowing through woods and farmland with some marsh and wetland. Near cities of Cleveland and Akron.								

Four Mile Creek	Butler	From Acton Lake to confluence with Seven Mile Creek	18	1982		S, R, F	See Four Mile Creek Comments	
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Four Mile Creek Comments: A small southwestern Ohio stream, only seasonably canoeable. Good to excellent water quality with good fishing and small game hunting. Moderate existing recreational use. Mainly bordered by tree cover with few cultivated fields to the waters edge. Near Cincinnati Metro area. Scattered development along stream.

Grand	Lake and Ashtabula	U.S. Highway 322 in Ashatabula County downstream to Norfolk and Western Railroad in Lake County	31	1995	S	S, G, F	See Grand Comments	
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Grand Comments: The river is classified as scenic from Route 322 to Harper's Field Covered Bridge and classified as wild from Harper's Field Covered Bridge to Norfolk and Western Railroad tressel. **Scenic** resources include a well wooded corridor with shale cliffs; **Recreational** resources consist of excellent canoeing and fishing opportunities; **Fishery** resources provide high quality Northern brook lamprey; **Wildlife** resources can be found in the extensive wetlands. The Grand is a designated wild and scenic river in the Ohio Scenic River program.

Great Miami River	Hamilton, Butler, Warren, Montgomery, Miami	Mouth to Dayton (56 river miles); Dayton to Troy (excluding Hamilton and Middletown areas) (20 rm)	76	1982		S, R, H, C	See Great Miami River Comments	
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Great Miami River Comments: Rt. of Buckeye and North Country Trails, Historical significance as "Highway of Indians and Pioneers". Scenic stream located near historic Miami and Erie canal. Indian mounds scattered along stream. Popular fishing river. Area near mouth used extensively for duck hunting.

Hocking River	Athens	Chauncey to Athens (12 river miles); Athens to confluence with Ohio River (20 rm)	32	1982		S, R, H	See Hocking River Comments	
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Hocking River Comments: Flows through small towns and rural areas. Some scenic parklands. Most of adjacent land forested. Popular canoe stream. Flows through Hocking Hills, a very scenic, popular tourist area. Fishing and watersports near mouth. Buckeye Trail crosses river. Several historic sites including Ft. Gower (revolutionary war era).

Huron River, West Branch	Huron	From bridge crossing near Standardsburg South of Monroeville to Skinner Road north of Plymouth.	25	1982		R	See Huron River, West Branch Comments	
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Huron River, West Branch Comments: A meandering stream flowing through a moderately wooded corridor. Some high banks. Scattered housing. The stream has good water quality, but is generally narrow and somewhat silted. Moderate fishing use. Seasonably canoeable.

Kokosing River	Morrow, Knox, Coshocton	From confluence with Mohican River to Mt. Vernon (25 river miles); From Mt. Vernon to source (32 rm)	57	1982		R, G, F	See Kokosing River Comments	
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Kokosing River Comments: Located in east central Ohio and flows through mostly agricultural land. Had cliffs and large boulders throughout its length. A popular canoe stream with good small mouth bass fishing. Under consideration for State Scenic Rivers System.

Little Muskingum River	Washington, Monroe	Marietta to Woodsfield	35	1982		S, R, F, H	See Little Muskingum River Comments	
<u>Little Muskingum River Comments:</u> Flows through very scenic sparsely populated hill country of southeastern Ohio. An excellent canoeing and fishing stream located partly in the Wayne National Forest. Several covered bridges contribute to the area's personality. The banks are mostly wooded with some bottomland farming. One of the few streams in the state with Ohio River muskie.								
Loramie Creek	Shelby	Mouth to Mill Creek	5	1982		R, H, C	See Loramie Creek Comments	
<u>Loramie Creek Comments:</u> Route of Buckeye and North Country Trails. Near Miami and Erie Canal, numerous locks, aqueducts and pioneer dwellings. Outstanding historic and archeologic significance with Ft. Pickaway and the Miami and Erie Canal. Buckeye trail passes through area. Canoeing is popular and fishing use is increasing due to improved water quality.								
Mad River	Greene, Clark	From Montgomery-Greene County line to Tremont city	20	1982		R, F, H, C	See Mad River Comments	
<u>Mad River Comments:</u> Two state endangered species. Excellent canoeing stream. One of the few trout streams in the state. Rich in Ohio history with Simon Kenton Farm, Indian burial sites, Shawnee Indian Village, George Rogers Clark Park, U.S. Air Force Museum and Wright Brothers Park nearby. Buckeye trail uses some of corridor.								
Mill Creek	Ashtabula	From the confluence with the Grand River to the headwaters	31	1995	S	S, G, F	See Mill Creek Comments	
<u>Mill Creek Comments:</u> Mill Creek meets Ohio State River Inventory requirements for study. Scenic -High shale cliffs, well-wooded, upper stream area woods and pastoral areas; Fishery -Northern brook lamprey, an endangered species.								

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Mohican River	Ashland, Holmes, Knox	From confluence with Clear Fork to southernmost crossing of Holmes-Knox County line	20	1982		R, W, H	See Mohican River Comments	

Mohican River Comments: Good canoeing stream. Presently under consideration for inclusion in State Scenic Rivers System. Area rich in Indian lore. Has state endangered species cob shell, club shell, fan shell, ridged pocketbook, bullhead, long solid.

Ohio River	Columbiana	From Ohio-Pennsylvania state line to Wellsville	18	1982		S, R, H	See Ohio River Comments	WV
Ohio River	Adams, Brown	From Rome to Morgansville, KY	21	1982		S, R, H	See Ohio River Comments	KY

Ohio River Comments: A broad interstate river used extensively for recreational boating, canoeing and fishing. In this area it flows through scenic hill country in Ohio and Kentucky with some cliffs and rock outcroppings. Considerable historic and archaeological values along river. Used extensively in 19th century by settlers and early explorers. Many stream side recreational facilities available. Flows through Cincinnati and several other smaller cities

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Paint Creek	Ross, Highland, Fayette, Madison	River mile 5 to Point Creek Lake Dam (32 rm); Greenfield to Washington Court House (18 rm); Washington Court House to source (32 rm)	82	1982		S, G, H, O	See Paint Creek Comments	

Paint Creek Comments: Scenic limestone gorge below Paint Creek dam. Seip Mound historic and archeologic area. Great diversity of plant species on bluffs. Has state threatened species-streamline chub, gravel chub, bluebreast darter. Prehistoric burial mounds present.

Pymatuning Creek	Ashtabula and Trumbull	From the headwaters located South of Ayers Road and East of the Conrail tracksdownstream to Orangeville Western Corporate Boundary, one mile West of Pennsylvania line.	32		S	S, F, W	See Pymatuning Creek Comments	
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Pymatuning Creek Comments: Listed in Ohio State River Inventory as a subject for study for designation. **Scenic**-Wooded, extensive wetlands; **Fishery**-Aquatic community includes Pleuroblema clava, or clubshell, an endangered mollusc; **Wildlife**-Bald eagle nesting area, state wildlife area and site of a state nature preserve.

Salt Creek	Ross, Vinton, Hocking	From town of Reed to confluence with Scioto River	25	1982		S, R, W	See Salt Creek Comments	
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Salt Creek Comments: Extremely diverse fauna. Excellent canoeing. Undisturbed and very scenic river. Small mouth bass and other fishing. One of the few unpolluted natural streams in the state. Has state endangered species yellow sand shell and fragile heel splitter.

Sandusky River	Wyandot, Crawford	From U.S. 23 SE of Upper Sandusky to Kestetter Road west of Bucyrus	25	1982		R	See Sandusky River Comments1	
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Sandusky River Comments1: The Sandusky flows north into Lake Erie east of Toledo. This portion of stream only seasonally canoeable. Moderate hunting and fishing use. Considerable agricultural lands to rivers edge. Has endangered species, northern riffle shell.

Sandusky River	Sandusky	From mouth at Lake Erie to Fremont (14 river miles); Fremont to Tiffin (23 rm); From U.S. 224 at Tiffin to St. John bridge in Sec. 23, TIN, R14E. (7 rm); From the spillway at Indian Mill Park downstream to Upper Sandusky (26 rm)	70	1982		R, H	See Sandusky River Comments2	
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Sandusky River Comments2: Included in the State Scenic River System. Wood duck hunting in area good. Rises in north-central part of state and flows north to Lake Erie through generally flat agricultural land. Whittaker home site, first non-Indian family in Ohio, is located along river. Used extensively for power boating and water skiing. Extensive marshes near mouth receive heavy waterfowl hunting use.

Scioto River	Scioto, Pike, Ross, Pickaway, Franklin, Delaware, Marlon, Hardin	Chillicothe to Circleville (16 river miles); Circleville to Columbus(24 rm); Bellpoint to Kenton (53 rm)	93	1982		R, H	See Scioto River Comments	
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Scioto River Comments: A mostly slow, meandering stream with generally forested banks. Archeological value, including five National Register sites and a National Historic Monument. Many Indian burial mounds. Hunting along the corridor is good. Chillicothe area referred to as "Capitol of Prehistory". Paralleled in part by remnants of old Ohio and Erie Canal. Has state endangered species Ohio lamprey, shortnose gar, blue sucker, mountain madtom, river darter, paddlefish and northern madtom. Threatened species gravel chub.

St. Mary's River	Mercer, Auglaize	From Rockford to Barber-Warner Road in Auglaize County	25	1982		R	See St. Mary's River Comments	
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St. Mary's River Comments: A meandering western Ohio river extending into Indiana. Flows through mainly flat farm country. Good hunting and fishing available with moderate use. Good water quality. Some heavily wooded areas along stream, mainly in Oxbow areas. Canoeable but does not receive much use.

Stillwater River	Montgomery, Miami, Darke	Englewood Reservoir to Penn Central RR in Covington (24 river miles); Covington to Ansonia (31 river miles)	55	1982		R, F, O	See Stillwater River Comments	
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Stillwater River Comments: A gentle canoeing stream with generally wooded banks. Flows through central Ohio farm lands and City of Dayton. Some protection offered by Stillwater River Association. A National Recreation Trail is proposed on lower part of City of Dayton.

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Tuscarawas River	Stark, Tuscarawas	Canal Fulton to Massillon (8 river miles); Massillon to Dover (20 rm); Dover to New Philadelphia (5 rm); New Philadelphia to New Comerstown (20 rm)	53	1982		S, R, H	See Tuscarawas River Comments	
<p><u>Tuscarawas River Comments:</u> The Tuscarawas is a feeder stream to the Muskingum River. Provides a long canoe trip when combined with parent stream. Flows through east-central Ohio rolling farmland. Has rich historic values, including Ohio and Erie Canal. Tuscarawas Valley has considerable scenic beauty with lowlands bordered by steep hills.</p>								
Twin Creek	Preble, Montgomery	From Lewisburg downstream to Germantown dam	41	1982		R	See Twin Creek Comments	
<p><u>Twin Creek Comments:</u> Located near Dayton metropolitan area in heavy agriculture area. Banks somewhat wooded and steep in places. Moderate hunting and fishing use. Very little public land. Access is a problem. A generally shallow and narrow stream. Seasonally canoeable.</p>								
Vermillion River	Huron, Erie	From Clarksfield to the Ohio Turnpike and east fork of the Vermilion from confluence with Vermillion to Orphanage Road	25	1982		S, R, F	See Vermillion River Comments	

Vermillion River	Lorain, Erie, Huron	From mouth at Lake Erie to river mile 7 (7 river miles); from river mile 7 to Ohio Turnpike (5 rm); From W. Clarksfield to Huron-Ashland County line (16 rm)	28	1982		R, G, W	See Vermillion River Comments	
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Vermillion River Comments: Rises in north central Ohio and empties into Lake Erie near the western edge of the Cleveland metropolitan area. Exceptional warm water species habitat with good water quality. Recreational use moderate with good opportunity for hunting and fishing. This segment seasonally canoeable. Main stem and east branch both flow through wooded corridors with steep hills.

White Oak Creek	Brown	From Ohio River to confluence with North and East Forks of White Oak Creek	31	1982		S, R, F	See White Oak Creek Comments	
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White Oak Creek Comments: A small stream flowing through scenic southern Ohio hill country into the Ohio River. Seasonally canoeable with good to excellent hunting and fishing available. Receives moderate recreational use due to poor access. Corridor 99% privately owned. Has good water quality. Exceptional warm water habitat. Corridor fairly well wooded.

Outstanding Resource Values (ORV) Definitions:

Scenery (S): The landscape elements of landform, vegetation, water, color, and related factors result in notable or exemplary visual features and/or attractions. When analyzing scenic values, additional factors -- such as seasonal variations in vegetation, scale of cultural modifications, and the length of time negative intrusions are viewed -- may be considered. Scenery and visual attractions may be highly diverse over the majority of the river or river segment.

Recreation (R): Recreational opportunities are, or have the potential to be, popular enough to attract visitors from throughout or beyond the region of comparison or are unique or rare within the region. Visitors are willing to travel long distances to use the river resources for recreational purposes. River-related opportunities could include, but are not limited to, sightseeing, wildlife observation, camping, photography, hiking, fishing and boating.

- Interpretive opportunities may be exceptional and attract, or have the potential to attract, visitors from outside the region of comparison.
- The river may provide, or have the potential to provide, settings for national or regional usage or competitive events.
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Geology (G): The river, or the area within the river corridor, contains one or more example of a geologic feature, process or phenomenon that is unique or rare within the region of comparison. The feature(s) may be in an unusually active stage of development, represent a "textbook" example, and/or represent a unique or rare combination of geologic features (erosional, volcanic, glacial, or other geologic structures).

Fish (F): Fish values may be judged on the relative merits of either fish populations, habitat, or a combination of these river-related conditions.

- *Populations:* The river is nationally or regionally an important producer of resident and/or anadromous fish species. Of particular significance is the presence of wild stocks and/or federal or state listed (or candidate) threatened, endangered or sensitive species. Diversity of species is an important consideration and could, in itself, lead to a determination of "outstandingly remarkable."
- *Habitat:* The river provides exceptionally high quality habitat for fish species indigenous to the region of comparison. Of particular significance is habitat for wild stocks and/or federal or state listed (or candidate) threatened, endangered or sensitive species. Diversity of habitats is an important consideration and could, in itself, lead to a determination of "outstandingly remarkable."

Wildlife (W): Wildlife values may be judged on the relative merits of either terrestrial or aquatic wildlife populations or habitat or a combination of these conditions.

- *Populations:* The river, or area within the river corridor, contains nationally or regionally important populations of indigenous wildlife species. Of particular significance are species considered to be unique, and/or populations of federal or state listed (or candidate) threatened, endangered or sensitive species. Diversity of species is an important consideration and could, in itself, lead to a determination of "outstandingly remarkable."
- *Habitat:* The river, or area within the river corridor, provides exceptionally high quality habitat for wildlife of national or regional significance, and/or may provide unique habitat or a critical link in habitat conditions for federal or state listed (or candidate) threatened, endangered or sensitive species. Contiguous habitat conditions are such that the biological needs of the species are met. Diversity of habitats is an important consideration and could, in itself, lead to a determination of "outstandingly remarkable."

Prehistory (P): The river, or area within the river corridor, contains a site(s) where there is evidence of occupation or use by Native Americans. Sites must have unique or rare characteristics or exceptional human interest value(s). Sites may have national or regional importance for interpreting prehistory; may be rare and represent an area where a culture or cultural period was first identified and described; may have been used concurrently by two or more cultural groups; and/or may have been used by cultural groups for rare sacred purposes. Many such sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which is administered by the NPS.

History (H): The river or area within the river corridor contains a site(s) or feature(s) associated with a significant event, an important person, or a cultural activity of the past that was rare or one-of-a-kind in the region. Many such sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A historic site(s) and/or features(s) is 50 years old or older in most cases.

Cultural (C): The river or area within the river corridor contains archaeological sites or areas significant to traditional cultures. Examples might be American Indian burial grounds, petroglyphs, the oldest known human use site in a region, or streams that support traditional agriculture, subsistence fishing, or religious ceremonies.

Other Values (O): While no specific national evaluation guidelines have been developed for the "other similar values" category, assessments of additional river-related values consistent with the foregoing guidance may be developed -- including, but not limited to, hydrology, paleontology and botany resources.