

The Nationwide Rivers Inventory 6 Segments for the State of Rhode Island

Reference Source: <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/nri/> Note: Outstanding Resource Values (ORVs) Definitions at List Bottom

For More Information Contact: **Jamie Fosburgh**, National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance, 15 State Street. Boston. MA 02109. (617) 223-5191

River	County	Reach	Length (miles)	Year Listed/Updated	Potential Classification	ORVs	Description	Other States
Chipuxet River	Washington	Worden Pond to Kingston Road	3	1982		O	See Chipuxet River Comments	

Chipuxet River Comments: Botanic-(Segment includes Great Swamp, which is the largest swamp in New England and supports extensive swamp forest and marsh vegetation. The area is a National Natural Landmark.)

Pawcatuck River	Washington	Bradford to Worden Pond	15	1982		G	See Pawcatuck River Comments1	
-----------------	------------	-------------------------	----	------	--	---	-------------------------------	--

Pawcatuck River Comments1: Geologic-(The topography, including outwash plains and depressions forming Kettle Hole Lake, is an exceptional example of glacial deposition of the late Ice Age.)

Pawcatuck River	New London, Washington	Nooseneck Hill Road to Bradford	5	1982		H	See Pawcatuck River Comments2	CT
-----------------	------------------------	---------------------------------	---	------	--	---	-------------------------------	----

Pawcatuck River Comments2: Historic-(Segment includes portions of the site where a decisive colonial battle was fought with the Narragansett Indians.)

River	County	Reach	Length (miles)	Year Listed/ Updated	Potential Classification	ORVs	Description	Other States
Wood River	Washington , Kent, New London, Windham	Ten Rod Road to headwaters.	5	1982		R	See Wood River Comments1	CT

Wood River Comments1: Recreation-(Segment is in close proximity to the urban population centers of southeastern New England and includes significant and diverse recreation features including a trout fishery, a trail network, and Class II canoe waters.)

Wood River	Washington	KG Ranch Road to Ten Rod Road	5	1982		R	See Wood River Comments2	
------------	------------	-------------------------------	---	------	--	---	--------------------------	--

Wood River Comments2: Recreation-(Segment is in close proximity to the urban population centers of southeastern New England and includes significant and diverse recreation features including a trout fishery, a trail network, and Class II canoe waters.)

Wood River	Washington	Alton Pond to I-95	5	1982		R	See Wood River Comments3	
------------	------------	--------------------	---	------	--	---	--------------------------	--

Wood River Comments3: Recreation-(Segment is unique in that it contains a significant trout fishery and wildlife habitat in close proximity to major urban population centers of southeastern New England.)

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.

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.