

# Float, fish, frolic

Here's what you need to know before you hit the river

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Don't look now, but Memorial Day weekend is just about here, and with it, the unofficial kickoff to summer.

With warm temperatures and longer days on deck, here is your all-inclusive guide on how to enjoy one of Hampshire County's best natural resources — our rivers.

From the South Branch to the Cacapon all the nearby bodies in between, from float to fishing to swimming, make this summer one where you get out, get wet and have fun.

## River access in Hampshire County

### On the Cacapon:

- Cacapon Crossing: parking lot and pull down boat access
- Route 127 Bridge: parking lot with a boat ramp
- Yellow Springs North: parking lot and pull down boat access
- Yellow Springs: parking pull off with pull down boat access
- Capon Lake: parking lot with pull down boat access

### On the South Branch:

- Mouth of the South Branch: pull off with pull down boat access
- Indian Rocks: parking lot with a boat ramp
- Blue Ford South: parking lot with pull down boat access
- Blue Ford North: parking lot with pull down boat access
- Millesons Mill Bridge: parking lot with a boat ramp
- Maple Landing: pull off with pull down boat access
- Blue Beach Bridge: pull off with pull down boat access
- Hanging Rock: pull off with pull down boat access
- Romney Bridge: parking lot with pull down boat access
- Fort Mill Ridge: pull off with pull down boat access
- Stoney Run: parking lot with pull down boat access
- Harmisons: parking lot with a boat ramp



## Float trip fun

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ it's \_\_\_\_\_ miles on the South Branch

- Harmisons to Stony Run — 1.5
- Stony Run to Romney Bridge — 8.75
- Romney Bridge to Hanging Rock — 5.0
- Hanging Rock to Blue Beach Bridge — 4.5
- Blue Beach Bridge to Maple Landing — 7.5
- Maple Landing to Millesons Mill Bridge — 2.0
- Millesons Mill Bridge to Blue Ford South/North — 4.75
- Blue Ford South/North to Indian Rock — 4.0
- Indian Rock to Mouth of South Branch — 4.5

## Launch site rules

- No consumption of alcoholic beverages or open containers
- No swimming or bathing
- No camping
- No open fires
- No trash disposal except where trash receptacles are provided
- No discharge of firearms, fireworks or explosives
- No leaving unattended watercraft
- No commercial use except as authorized by the director

## Wear your life jacket

Personal flotation devices are not just for wearing in boats and not just for those who can't swim. Make sure the PFD is in good condition and fits properly.

## You need a license to fish

Call 304-558-2758, visit a local agent or go online at [www.wvfish.com](http://www.wvfish.com)



## If you swim, don't forget

- Always go with a buddy
- Wear your PFD.
- Find out whether the bottom is rocky or muddy
- Shuffle your feet along the bottom to avoid holes
- Study how swiftly the water is moving
- Wear appropriate footwear