

French Creek Water Trail Public Access Sites and Area Information

River Miles are used to identify locations of various sites along the creek. River Mile 0 is at the confluence of French Creek and the Allegheny River. "River Left" and "River Right" are used to indicate which side of the stream a site is on. Orient yourself looking downstream to determine right and left. PFBC (PA Fish & Boat Commission) launches require boat registration (other states accepted) or a launch permit from a state park office or PFBC.

	Union City Dam Path - River Right	Lat 41 55 11 Lon 79 54 06	From PA Rt. 8 in Union City, follow PA Rt. 97 N 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Middleton Road. Turn left at the dam. Go 0.7 miles to launch (drive across the dam to the parking lot on the far side). Carry canoe at gate down gravel rd hill to water.
	Routes 6N&19 Int. Path - River Right	Lat 41 52 55 Lon 79 59 60	Int. of US Rts 6, 19 & 6N just west of Mill Village. Drop boats behind Yesterday's Best Antiques then park ~200 feet north of the int. at south end of Creekside Bar and Grille lot. Unattended vehicles at Yesterday's Best Antiques will be towed.
	Cambridge Springs Paved Ramp-River Right	Lat 41 48 26 Lon 80 02 37	PFBC. Follow US Routes 6E/19N 0.2 miles from the French Creek bridge in Cambridge Springs then turn right onto Miller Station Rd, follow for 0.3 miles and turn right to access area.
	Conneautee Path - River Right	Lat 41 48 40 Lon 80 04 44	From intersection with US Routes 6/19 in Cambridge Springs, follow McClellan St (SR 1006) 1.3 miles west. Access point is located at the confluence of Conneautee Creek and French Creek.
	Saegertown Gravel Ramp - River Left	Lat 41 42 31 Lon 80 08 45	PFBC. From the intersection of US Routes 6/19 and PA Rt 198 at H&H Market in the center of Saegertown, take US Routes 6W/19S approximately 0.4 miles heading south. Access directly off US Routes 6/19.
	Cussewago Creek Path - River Right	Lat 41 38 58 Lon 80 11 01	PFBC. From the Mead Ave Bridge at Bicentennial Park in Meadville, take PA Rt 102 (Cussewago Rd) approximately 1.4 miles north, then turn right at the PA Fish and Boating Commission sign.
	Bicentennial Park Path - River Left	Lat 41 38 14 Lon 80 09 44	From US Routes 6/19 in Meadville, turn West onto Mead Ave (a.k.a. "Bessemer Park"), then left onto French St (just before Mead Avenue Bridge - look for historic log cabin), then right into the park. French Creek access is straight ahead and slightly downstream of Mead Ave. Bridge.
	Wilson Chutes Gravel Ramp - River Left	Lat 41 35 21 Lon 80 08 59	PFBC. Follow US Rt. 322 E approximately 2.3 miles southeast of Meadville, turn right onto Wilson Chutes Road, then left into the parking lot just before Wilson Chutes Bridge.
	Shaw's Landing Gravel Ramp - River Right	Lat 41 32 27 Lon 80 06 15	PFBC. Follow US Rt. 322 E 6.1 miles southeast of Meadville, turn right onto "Town Hall Road" (sign may say Creveling), then across bridge over French Creek, turn left onto Wightman Rd (dirt) and follow 0.5 miles. Access is adjacent to Conneaut Outlet.
	Cochranton Borough Path - River Left	Lat 41 31 09 Lon 80 03 14	From the traffic light in Cochranton, follow PA Rt. 173 S 0.5 miles. Just past the railroad tracks, turn right into Cochranton Borough Park. Access can be challenging as there is no improved ramp into French Creek.
	Utica Path - River Left	Lat 41 26 17 Lon 79 57 19	About 7.5 miles west of Franklin on US Rt. 322, turn left at a paved crossroads with a sign for Utica (Foster Rd). After driving 2.4 miles down hill, look for the parking area on the right immediately after the railroad tracks and before you cross French Creek.
	Cranberry Twp Trailhead Path - River Left	Lat 41 23 16 Lon 79 49 03	From Franklin cross the Allegheny River on US Rt. 322 E. Make first right hand turn into the bike trailhead about 500 feet past the bridge. Primitive 'Leave No Trace' camping and seasonal porta potties available. Approximately 0.5 mile walk into Franklin.
	PFBC Franklin Paved Ramp - River Right	Lat 41 22 53 Lon 79 49 12	PFBC. Located in Franklin, take US Rt. 322/Liberty St East and turn left onto 8th St (continuing on US Rt. 322). Turn right onto Elk St. Access is on your left between 3rd St. and 4th St.

Monthly Average Information for Meadville, PA

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. High(F)	32°	35°	45°	57°	68°	77°	81°	79°	72°	61°	48°	37°
Avg. Low(F)	16°	17°	25°	34°	44°	54°	58°	57°	51°	40°	32°	23°
Avg. Precip.(in)	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.4	3.7	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.5	4.0	3.7
Sunrise(AM)	7:45	7:16	7:33	6:41	6:01	5:46	5:59	6:29	7:01	7:32	7:09	7:40
Sunset(PM)	5:15	5:54	7:27	8:01	8:33	8:57	8:54	8:21	7:31	6:40	5:01	4:51
Gauge(CFS)	2,460	2,290	2,770	2,520	1,500	816	700	562	846	1,130	1,820	2,400

Sunrise and Sunset are the 15th of each month - including daylight savings time.
A general min. USGS gauge at Meadville is 2', though some stretches are passable year round. Call the French Creek Valley Conservancy at 814-337-4321 for more info.

Monthly Average Information for Utica, PA

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. High(F)	34°	37°	47°	60°	71°	79°	84°	82°	74°	62°	50°	39°
Avg. Low(F)	16°	17°	24°	34°	44°	53°	58°	57°	50°	39°	32°	22°
Avg. Precip.(in)	2.6	2.3	3.3	3.6	3.9	5.0	5.0	4.2	4.3	3.0	3.5	3.1
Sunrise(AM)	7:44	7:15	7:32	6:40	6:01	5:45	5:59	6:28	7:00	7:31	7:08	7:39
Sunset(PM)	5:15	5:53	7:26	8:00	8:32	8:55	8:52	8:19	7:30	6:39	5:00	4:51
Gauge(CFS)	2,700	2,940	3,680	3,110	1,800	1,190	852	669	1,000	1,340	2,250	2,950

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