



Welcome and Information Center
River Access Site with Ramp and Parking (ID Number is the Approximate River Mile - See Chart for More Information)
Carry-In Canoe Access Site (ID Number is the Approximate River Mile - See Chart for More Information)
Canoe Sales / Outfitter 814-437-2077
Canoe Livery / Rental / Trips 814-388-9122
Riffls / Small Waves
In-Stream River-Wide Dam. Danger. Avoid.
~Class I Rapid (ID Number is the Approximate River Mile)
Mileage from Mouth of French Creek (Two-Mile Intervals)
USGS Stream Flow Gauge Station (Internet Accessible)
Campground with Restrooms
Primitive Campsite
Motels, Inns and Bed & Breakfasts
Restaurants
Area Point of Interest
Important Bird Area (IBA)
Rail Trail
County Boundary
Creek Island
City or Borough
Local Park
State Game Land
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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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

Sunrise and Sunset are the 15th of each month - including daylight savings time.
A general min. USGS gauge level at Utica is 2.5', though some stretches are passable year round. Call the French Creek Valley Conservancy at 814-337-4321 for more info.

French Creek Water Trail Lower Section Public Access Sites

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.

Joe Cat Launch 32 Path - River Right	Lat 41 39 10 Lon 80 09 36	In Meadville from Spring St, cross the Spring St Bridge over French Creek. Turn right onto Lincoln Ave. Follow to the stop sign and turn right onto Rogers Ferry Rd. Follow around the curve to Wadsworth Ave. Launch is on the left. Unload boats and carry in/out only. Park at Wadsworth Church or Lincoln Ave Ball Complex.
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 31 Path - River Left	Lat 41 38 14 Lon 80 09 44	From US Rts 6/19 in Meadville turn West onto Mead Ave then left onto French St (just before Mead Ave Bridge - look for historic log cabin), then right into the park. Access is straight ahead.
Wilson Chutes 26 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 22 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.
Cochranon Borough 18 Paved Ramp - River Left	Lat 41 31 09 Lon 80 03 14	From the traffic light in Cochranon, follow PA Rt. 173 S 0.5 miles. Just past the railroad tracks, turn right into Cochranon Borough Park. Access is on the left. Parking and picnic tables are available.
Utica 10 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 A124 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 A123 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.

Caution Information

French Creek is fairly narrow and is susceptible to downed trees (strainers) that are a potentially serious threat and can change year to year. Several riffles are identified on the map that can be navigated with minimal paddling experience. Two borderline Class I rapids are identified at miles 19 and 3. Avoid the upstream side of bridge abutments.