



# Waynesboro Water Trail

Ridgeview Park to Basic Park

As the South River meanders through Waynesboro, it flows north past city neighborhoods, streets, parks, and downtown. Paddle this route and you will see; it links them all. This is the very definition of a water trail. This is the Waynesboro Water Trail, a portion of the greater South River Blueway.

As you float the river's gentle current you will experience Waynesboro as never before. There are times on this short journey when you lose yourself in the feeling of wilderness, if not for the sound of a passing train pulling you back to the city beyond the river's edge. History and industry peek out from the shoreline, hinting at the foundation on which the city was built. There is a beauty in the city and from here... from the river, it becomes clear.

Explore the Waynesboro Water Trail.

## Guidelines

- Know the river level- low levels could mean a lot of portaging (carrying your boat)
- Know the forecast - avoid the river during storms & bad weather
- Know your route- where is your take-out point & how will you recognize it from the water
- Look out for hazards- the river is always changing
- Protect yourself- sunscreen & hydration
- Carry a map & cell phone
- Leave what you find
- Pack in & pack out
- Respect wildlife
- Respect landowners

## Shuttling



- options for getting back to your car!

1. Use 1 vehicle- Paddle upstream and float back to the put-in.
2. Use 2 vehicles- Drop a second vehicle at the take-out so it is waiting for you when you're done paddling.
3. Use 1 car and a bike- Secure a bike at the take-out and bike back to the put-in for the vehicle when you're done.
4. Use a friend to pick you up when you're finished paddling.

\* No matter which method you choose be sure to secure your property and don't forget your keys!

### Take your pole!

Fishing opportunities abound for small mouth bass, rock bass, rainbow trout, brown trout, and redbreast sunfish.

# Be Safe, Be Kind.

# Change Your Perspective. Paddle Waynesboro.

Need help finding an outfitter or other fun things to round out your paddling trip:

[visitwaynesboro.net](http://visitwaynesboro.net)

If fishing is part of your plan, check the regulations:

[dgif.virginia.gov](http://dgif.virginia.gov)

There is a fish consumption advisory for mercury. No fish, other than trout, should be eaten. Check the advisories:

[southriverscienceteam.org](http://southriverscienceteam.org)



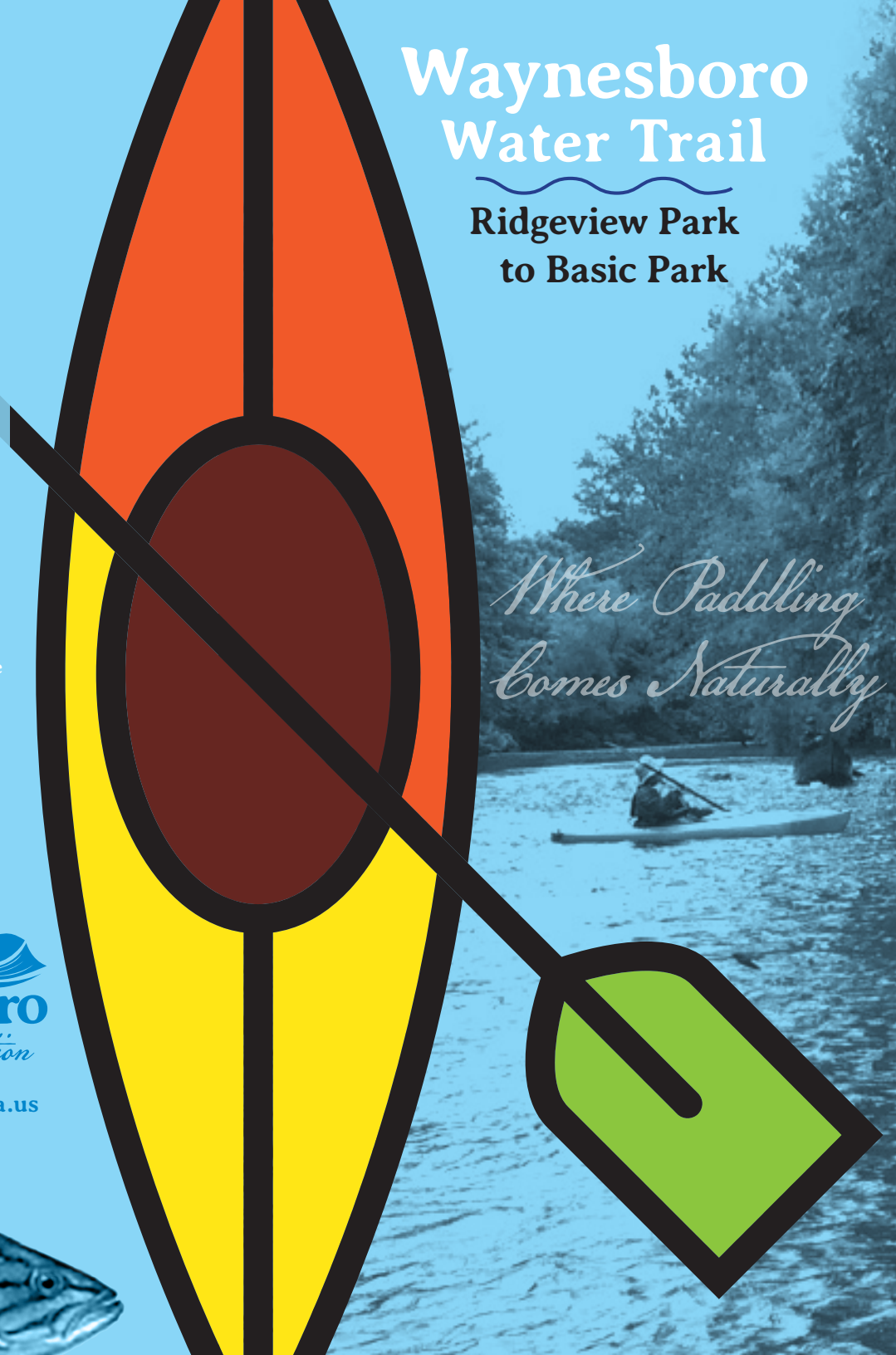
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to Basic Park

*Where Paddling  
Comes Naturally*





**Ridgeview Park**  
700 S. Magnolia Ave

River Left;  
38°03.913'N,  
078°54.373'W

S. Magnolia Avenue

The South River flows north so begin your trip (put-in) at Ridgeview Park. End your trip (take-out) at any river access downstream. Allow 2-3 hours to paddle Waynesboro Water Trail, Ridgeview Park to Basic Park. Continue down the South River Blueway if you would like a longer trip.

River Left; Class II+  
River Right; Class I+

**Waynesboro Water Trail**  
Ridgeview Park to Basic Park

**Constitution Park**  
105 West Main St

**DANGER**  
Dam Class II  
**PORTAGE**  
River Right;  
38°03.555'N, 078°53.534'W

**Greenway Trail**

**North Park**  
800 Bridge Ave

**Basic Park**  
1405 Genicom Drive

River Right;  
38°02.577'N,  
078°55.531'W

- Boat Access
- River Miles
- Dam
- Delayed Harvest Trout Fishing
- South River
- Greenway Trail
- Rapids
- Portage
- Handicap Accessible Fishing Pier
- Public Parks
- Downtown Waynesboro

\* The chart below indicates distance from Basic Park to other river access points further downstream.

	Crimora Park	Grand Caverns Park	Grottoes Town Park	Port Republic/S. Fork Shenandoah River
Basic Park	7.5 miles	17.5 miles	19.5 miles	21.5 miles

South River recommended water level is 2.75' to 4' on the USGS Waynesboro Gauge.  
<http://waterdata.usgs.gov>

