WATER TRAIL
PADDLERS’ GUIDE
THE FLINT RIVER

The Flint River and its tributaries form a watershed spanning approximately 1,332 square miles of southeastern Michigan. This is a part of our state’s largest watershed – the Saginaw Bay Watershed. The main river and its basin, at 142 miles long, covers most of Genesee and Lapeer counties while touching five other counties. Major tributaries of the Flint River include the South and North Branches, and the Kearsley, Thread, Swartz and Misteguay Creeks. The Flint River flows through Lapeer, Flint and heads North to the Shiawassee National Refuge where it joins the Shiawassee River. The Shiawassee, Tittabawassee and Cass Rivers converge, becoming the Saginaw River, and they complete their journey in the Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron.

SAFE PADDLING TIPS

River conditions are always changing, and high water can be dangerous. Check conditions and local weather reports before launching. Users have primary responsibility for their own safety.

- State law requires a Coast Guard approved life jacket be present for each paddler and that children 6 years of age or less wear a life jacket at all times while on the water. It is strongly recommended that all paddlers wear a properly fitted life jacket while on the water.
- Be prepared. Always pack a first aid kit, whistle and a signaling device.
- Paddling is safest with a partner. You should always tell someone on land your trip plan including location, how many in your group and when you expect to be off water.
- Be aware and respectful of the boundary lines for public and private properties. Users are responsible for following all posted rules.
- Help preserve the river and its resources for future generations by carrying out all trash and items that you take in. Leave all wildlife and vegetation as you found it.
- Wash your boat and equipment before entering another body of water to prevent the spread of invasive species.
### KEY

#### Trail Character
- Natural
- Small Town
- City

#### Skill Level
- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced

#### Features
- Roads
- Land Trails
- Flint River Water Trail

#### Type of Access
Note: All included access points have parking.
- Paddle Launch
- Boat Ramp
- Natural Shoreline
- Carry-in

#### Access Sites
- ADA-Accessible
- Fees
- Restrooms
- Potable Water
- Hospital / Urgent Care
- Dining
- Picnic
- Hazard / Dam

#### Scale
- 0
- 0.25
- 0.5
- 1
- Miles

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For information on float times, paddle rentals and guided tours, contact the Flint River Watershed Coalition at 810.767.6490 or flintriver.org
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- SHAWASEE NATIONAL REFUGE

LAPEER
FLINT
FLUSHING
MONTROSE
SAGINAW
Saginaw St – Mile 5

Rotary Park – Mile 2.5
- Launch access from Lake Dr

Cramton Park – Mile 1.6
- Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.
Millville Rd Landing – Mile 8.7

Norway Landing – Mile 16.2

Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.
WALLEYE PIKE BOAT LAUNCH TO RICHFIELD COUNTY PARK

Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.

Walleye Pike Boat Launch – Mile 29.1

Holloway Dam Public Access – Mile 30

M15/State Rd Landing – Mile 31.7

Richfield County Park – Mile 33
Launch north of rock bridge

Holloway Dam (Portage required)
Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.
**Bluebell Boat Launch – Mile 41.2**

- **Mott Dam** (Portage required)
- **Stepping Stone Falls – Mile 42.8**
  - Portage upstream of buoys, launch access downstream of dam

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**Bray Rd Landing – Mile 43.2**

- **Kearsley Dam**
- **Utah Dam** (Portage advised)

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**BLUEGILL BOAT LAUNCH TO BRAY RD LANDING**

- **1 Mile**
- **M 54**
- **FLINT**
- **M 475**
- **Saginaw St**
- **E Pierson Rd**
- **N Dort Hwy**
- **E Pierson Rd**
- **E Coldwater Rd**
- **E Stanley Rd**
- **Crosby Rd**
- **Center Rd**
- **Carpenter Rd**
- **Carpenter Rd Branch Rd**
- **Western Rd**
- **Mott Lake**
- **Kearsley Reservoir**
- **Stepping Stone Falls – Mile 42.8**
  - Portage upstream of buoys, launch access downstream of dam
- **Bray Rd Landing – Mile 43.2**
  - **Kearsley Dam**
  - **Utah Dam** (Portage advised)

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**Mott Dam** (Portage required)

**Stepping Stone Falls – Mile 42.8**

- Portage upstream of buoys, launch access downstream of dam

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**Bray Rd Landing – Mile 43.2**

- **Kearsley Dam**
- **Utah Dam** (Portage advised)
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park – Mile 47.3
Paddling NOT recommended between Vietnam Veterans Park and Mott Park due to dams, steep cement walls and lack of access and egress points.

Hamilton Dam
River restoration in progress. Portage required.

Mott Park Paddlers’ Landing – Mile 51.1

Mitson Blvd/Riverview Canoe Landing – Mile 52.1
Possible logjam at Mill Rd bridge.
1 Mile

River Rd Launch – Mile 58

Flushing Riverview Park – Mile 60

Flushing Township Nature Park – Mile 66

RIVER RD TO FLUSHING TOWNSHIP NATURE PARK
Montrose Barber Memorial Park – Mile 70.7

MONTROSE BARBER MEMORIAL PARK

N Seymour Rd
N Sheridan Rd
W Dodge Rd
Wilson Rd
N McKinley Rd
Vienna Rd
W Farrand St
Lake Rd
W Frances Rd

1 Mile
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