


















MAP LEGEND

	West Branch Mile Marker		Hospital
	Little Schuylkill Mile Marker		Compass Orientation
	Main Schuylkill Mile Marker		Improved Trail
	Water Features		Unimproved Trail
	Water Trail		Point of Interest
	River Direction		Cities
	Dam		Boroughs
	Exit the River Portage by vehicle		State Game Lands
	Danger-Dam (seen on river)		Forests, Parks
	Portage		County Borders
	Caution		Township Borders
	Extreme Caution		State Routes
	Bridge		U.S. Routes
	Landing		Interstate Routes
	PA. Fish & Boat Commission Boat Access		Railroads
	U.S. Geological Survey		
RR	River Right		
RL	River Left		

SAFETY AND TRIP CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Review all information in this guide and for the section you will be traveling
- Leave a **Float Plan** with someone not traveling with you in the event of an emergency
- Plan your shuttle and pick up
- Check the river level at www.state.nj.us/drbc/schtest.htm
- Double check all required gear and equipment
- Bring maps and this guide
- If camping, contact each municipality for regulations
- Check the predicted weather conditions

ON THE WATER

- Always wear a secured Coast Guard approved Type 3 Personal Flotation Device (PFD)
- Scout the river
- Keep weight centered and as low as possible at all times
- Keep all gear neatly stowed when not in use, avoid loose straps or loosely tied gear that could entangle
- Never tether yourself, another person—especially a child—or an animal to the boat
- Do not exceed the capacity of your boat
- Never paddle alone
- Be careful of sharp objects in the river
- Never attempt to paddle over or near a dam
- If your boat flips over, remain calm. Hold onto your paddles and the boat if possible, **keeping the boat downstream of you**
- Know and be aware of river signs and significant rapids
- Avoid strainers (trees in the river). Never go through a strainer—give it as much room as possible
- Pack for inclement weather. Be alert to sudden weather changes
- Cold water can kill. Dress appropriately. Wear a hat, dress in layers of wool, pile or polypropylene. Avoid cotton
- When it's hot, wear light clothing, sunglasses and a hat. Apply sun block and drink plenty of fluids. Dehydration can contribute to impaired judgment