

KAYAKING/WHITE WATER RAFTING IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

LOCATION	NEAREST TOWNS	GENERAL INFORMATION
<p>Slippery Rock Creek Gorge in McConnell's Mill State Park</p> <p>Contact: Moraine/McConnell's Mill State Park Office 225 Pleasant Valley Rd., Portersville, PA 16051 724-368-8811</p>	<p>Portersville and New Castle, PA</p> <p>40 miles north of Pittsburgh, via Interstate 79, use exit 99 turning left on to U.S. 422. The park is open year-round from 8 a.m. to sunset.</p>	<p align="center">DANGER WHITE WATER/ SLIPPERY ROCKS</p> <p>Whitewater boating is permitted in rubber rafts, whitewater canoes and kayaks. Rafts must be at least eight feet long and have at least two air chambers in the gunnels with a minimum outside diameter tube of 14 inches. All boaters must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices at all times. Helmets are strongly recommended.</p> <p>Boaters generally start from Rose Point (U.S. Route 422 bridge), outside the park boundary, to Eckert's Bridge, covered 2.5 miles with a portage around the dam at the Old Mill. It is illegal to "run" the dam. There is also a boat put-in area behind the park office. An additional 3.5 miles of whitewater from Eckert's Bridge to Harris bridge can extend the run for boaters to 6 miles. Rafts, canoes and kayaks are NOT available for rent in the park.</p> <p>The Slippery Rock Creek Gorge contains smooth rocks that are often damp and slippery with varying degrees of white water conditions, including deep pools, rapids and swift currents. Adults should be aware of these features and exercise caution to protect themselves and children from accidents. Numerous accidents have resulted in injury and death.</p> <p>Only those properly equipped, trained and experienced should consider whitewater boating. All boaters enter the water at their own risk.</p>
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