

The Upper Delaware River





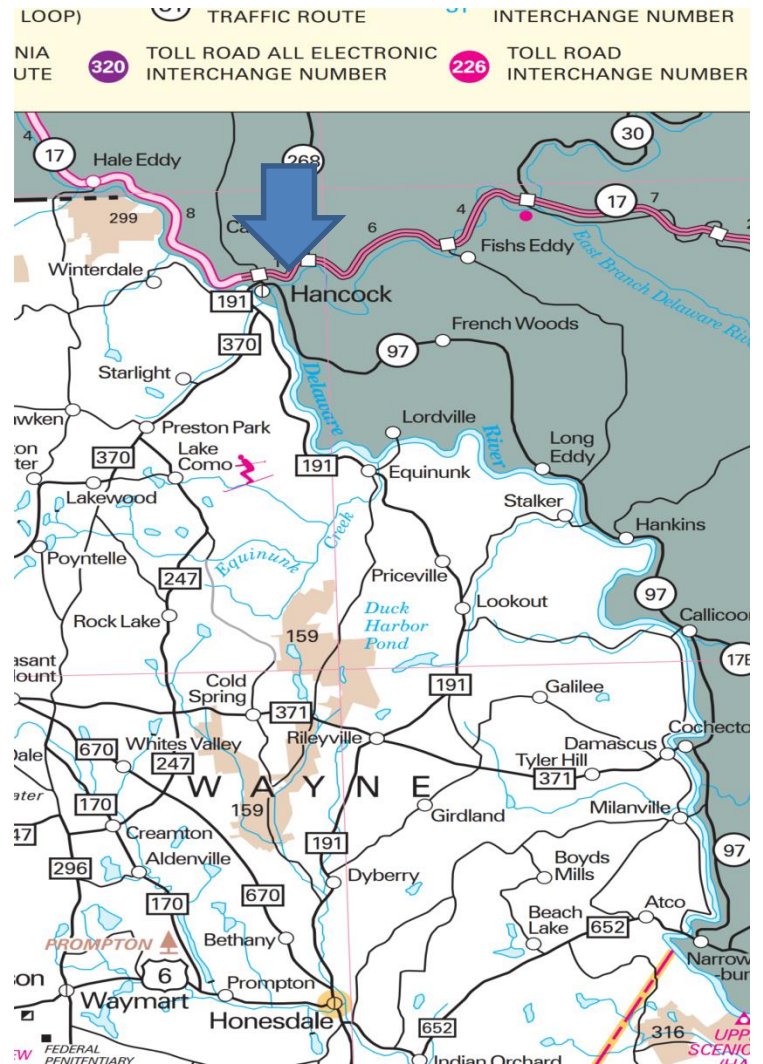
Overview

- General Information
- Hatches
- River
Descriptions/Access
- Resources
- Tips



Location

- Northeast corner of PA
- NY Border
- Approximately 2 hour drive
- 45 minutes North of Honesdale, PA
- 45 Minutes South of Binghamton, NY



General Information

- 3 Sections
 - East Branch (Pepacton Reservoir)
 - Upper East
 - Lower East (Below confluence of Beaverkill)
 - West Branch (Cannonsville Reservoir)
 - Upper West Branch (Above Hale Eddy)
 - Lower West Branch
 - Main Stem
- Approximately 75 miles of trout water



License info

- PA or NY License Valid on border water (West branch below Monument Pool and entire Mainstem)
- NY License required on East Branch and West Branch above Monument Pool (above Upper Gamelands)



Equipment

- 9-10' 4-7 weight rods
 - Choose a rod that you can cast accurately at 40-50'
 - Be prepared for wind
- 9-15' 4-6x leaders
- Clothing for cold water temps



Hatches

- March – Mid April
 - Little Black/Brown Stoneflies
 - Midges
 - BWO's*
 - Alewives **
- Mid April – Mid May
 - Little Black Caddis
 - Blue Quill
 - Quill Gordon
 - Hendrickson
 - BWO's*
 - Giant Stonefly



Hatches (Continued)

- Mid May – Mid June
 - Apple Caddis
 - Grannom Caddis
 - March Brown
 - Gray Fox
 - Tan Caddis*
 - Big Sulphurs
 - Cornuta
 - Various Caddis
 - Blue Sedge
 - Olive Caddis



Hatches

- Late May – Mid June
 - Cornuta
 - Sulphurs*
 - Golden Stones
 - Green Drake
 - Brown Drake
 - Isonychia*



Green Drake Hatch 6/9/17



Hatches

- June- August
 - Isonychia
 - Sulphurs
 - Vitreous
 - BWO's
 - Yellow Drake
 - Golden Drake
 - Light Cahill
 - Trico
 - Hebe
 - Whitefly
 - Flying Ants



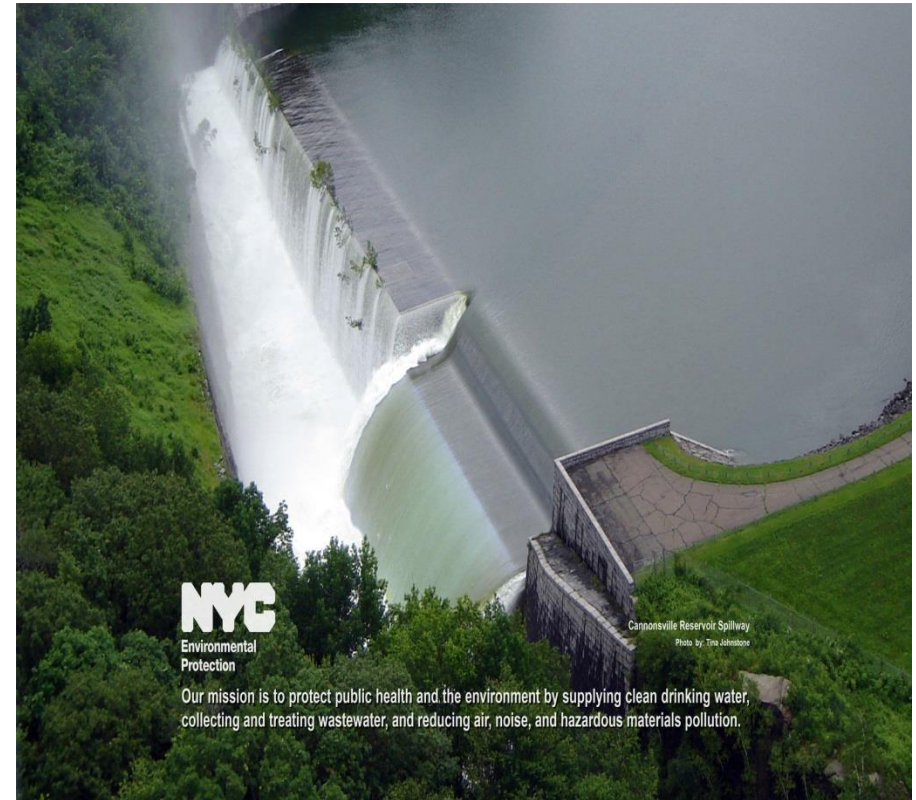
Hatches

- September – October
 - Isonychia
 - BWO's
 - Tricos
 - Hebe
 - October Caddis
- November– March
 - Midges
 - BWO's



West Branch

- Cannonsville Reservoir
 - Completed 1967
 - 16 mi long x ½ mi wide
 - Dam is 175' high x 2800' wide
 - Max depth 160' (avg 60')
 - 98 billion gallons water
 - 5 towns where Cannonsville now exists



West Branch

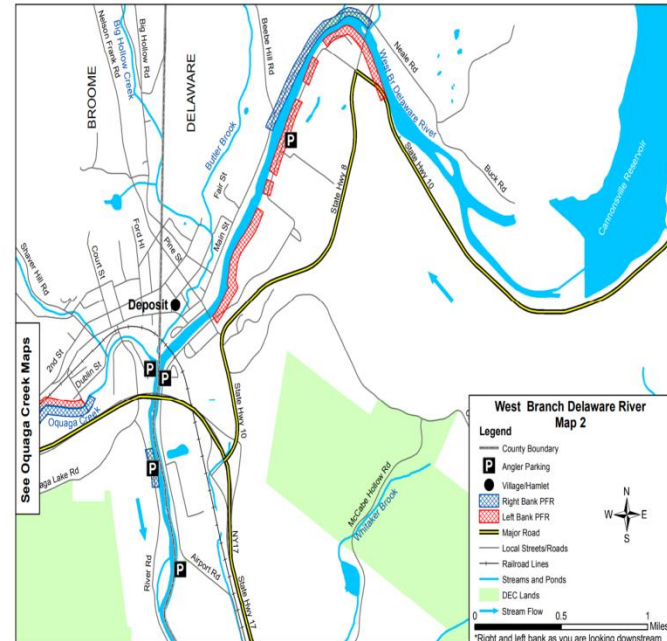
- Approximately 17 miles
- NY Rte 17 parallels for most of its length
- Regulations
 - NY April 1 – Oct 15
2 trout 12”
*Rte 17 Bridge
downstream 2 miles
No Kill Artificial Lures
Only
 - PA/NY Border Water
1st Sat after April 11 – Oct
15th : 2 trout 12”

 - Oct 16th – Opening Day: Catch and
Release Artificial Lures Only



West Branch

- Access Areas
 - Stilesville
 - Deposit Sewage Treatment Plant
 - Norbord
 - Gentlemans Club
 - Indian Country (Barking Dog)
 - Hale Eddy Bridge
 - Upper Game Lands
 - Lower Game Lands
 - Balls Eddy
 - Methodist Camp
 - 191 Bridge
 - Shehawken



West Branch

- Upper West (Above Hale Eddy)
 - Mainly Brown Trout
 - Summer Sulphur Hatch – 1 pm
 - Water is cold – even in summer – dress appropriately
 - Can get “weedy” in summer
 - Oquaga Creek can dirty river



West Branch

- Lower West (Below Hale Eddy)
 - Browns with more Rainbows than Upper West
 - Summer weeds usually filter out
 - Wading up to 800-1000 cfs @ Hale Eddy



West Branch



East Branch

- Pepacton Reservoir
 - 1954
 - 18 ½ miles long by ½ mi wide
 - 180' deep
 - 140 billion gal water
 - 4 towns where reservoir currently is



East Branch

- Season
 - Pepacton – Shinhopple Bridge April 1 – Oct 15
 - Shinhopple Bridge – Main Stem April 1 – Nov 30
 - 10/16-11/30 C & R only



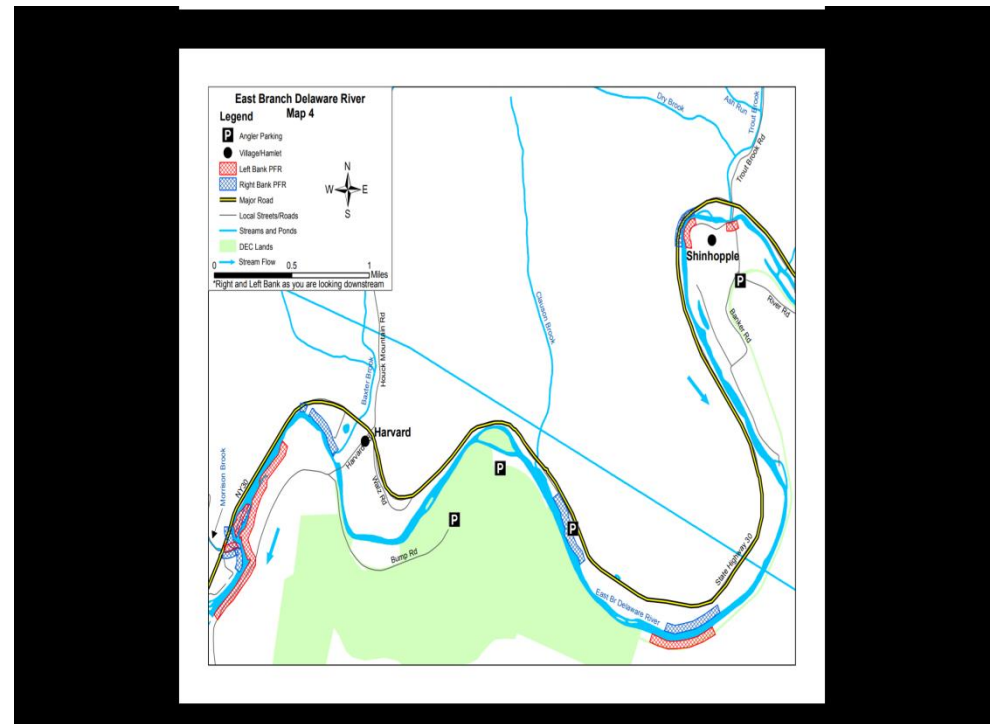
Upper East Branch

- Approximately 17 miles
- Above confluence with Beaverkill
- Rte 30 parallels river on west side
- Mainly Brown Trout
- Stocked with approx. 2000 fish/year
- Smallest river of system
- Low gradient
- Summer Sulphur hatch



Upper East Branch

- Access areas
 - Downsville
 - Corbett Bridge
 - Mattson Farm
 - Thayer Hollow
 - The Power Lines
 - Long Flat
 - Tomanex State Forest
 - East Branch Sunoco
 - The Jaws
- Be aware of private property



Upper East Branch

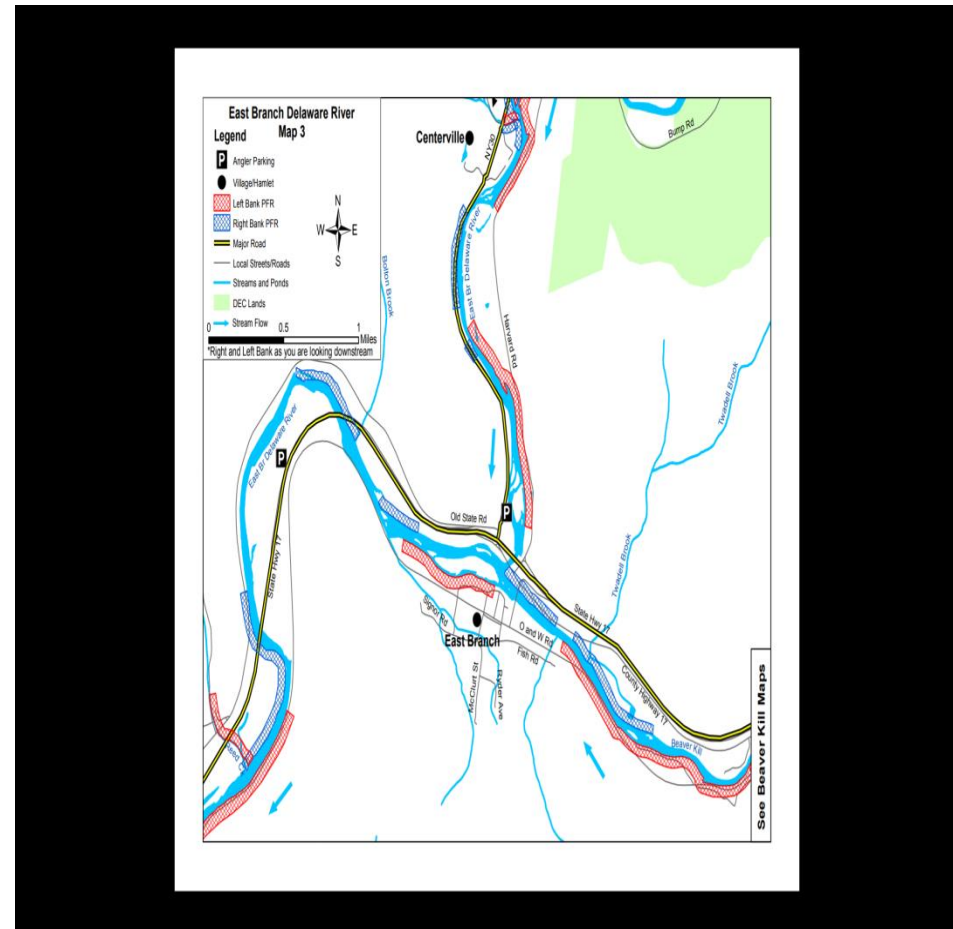


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Lower East Branch

- Below confluence with Beaverkill
- Can get warm
- Approximately 17 miles
- Least accessible
- Private property issues
- More riffles/pocket water than Upper East
- More rainbows than Upper East



Lower East Branch

- Access Areas
 - The Jaws
 - East Branch Fireman's Park
 - Rte 17 Rest Stop
 - Fish's Eddy
 - Cadosia
 - Hancock Fireman's Park



Lower East Branch



Lower East Branch



Main Stem

- Approximately 25 miles of trout water
- Hancock – Callicoon
- NY Rte 17 and PA Rte 191 parallel river
- 2000-2500 cfs @ Lordville - wading limit
- Can get warm



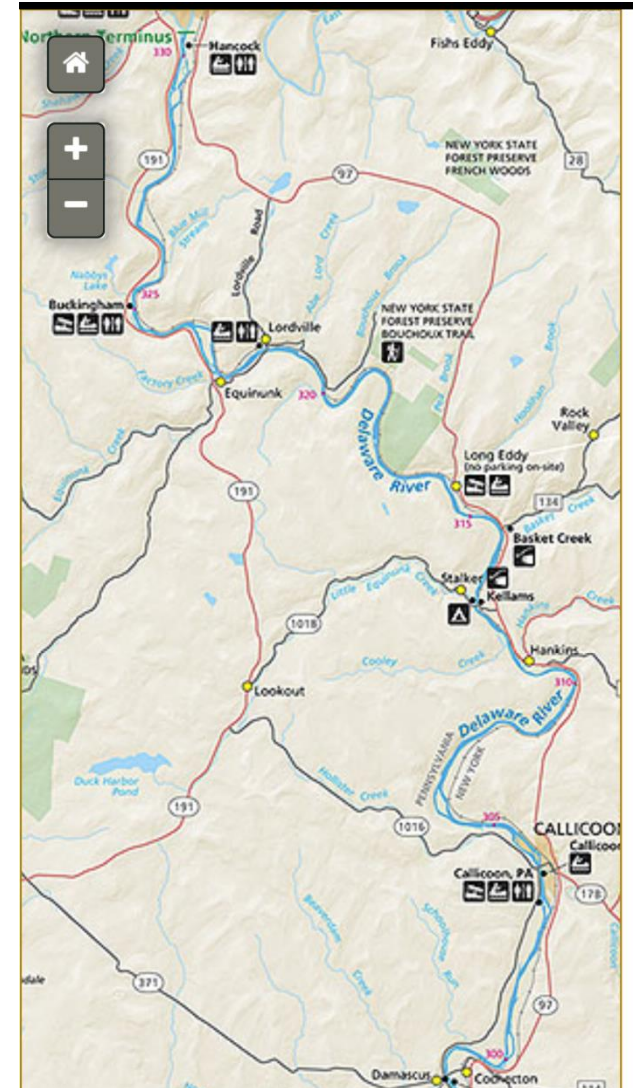
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- Season
 - Open all year
 - Oct 16 – 1st Saturday after April 11 becomes C&R only



Main Stem

- Access Areas
 - Bard Parker
 - Stockport
 - Buckingham
 - Lordville
 - Long Eddy (Parking issues)
 - Basket Brook
 - Kellams Bridge
 - Tower Rd.
 - Callicoon Creek
 - PAFBC Callicoon Access



Main Stem



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Other Interesting Sights



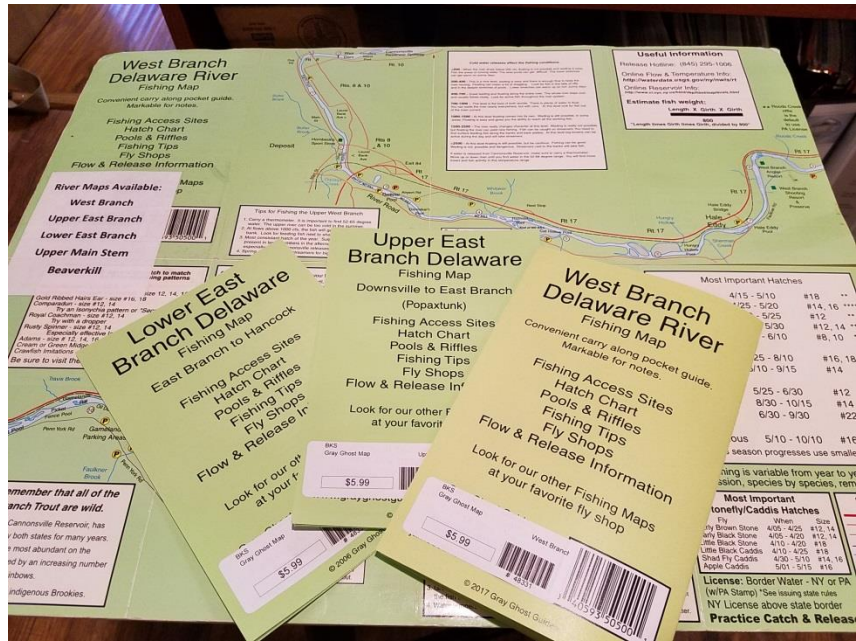
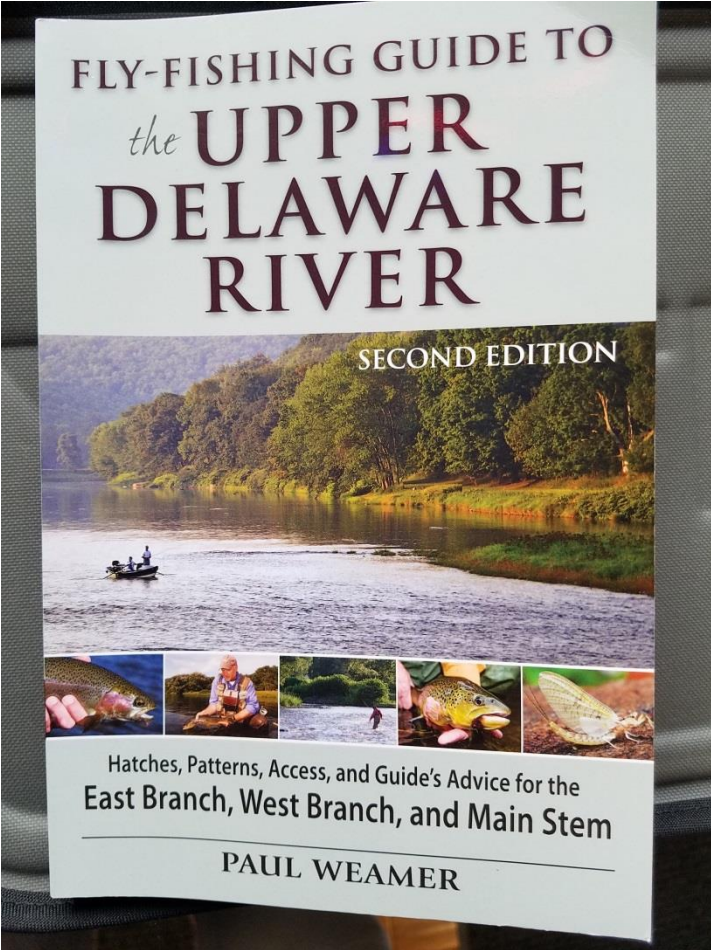
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Resources



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Whitetail Country Fly Shop

6048 Hancock Hwy

Starlight, PA 18461

(570)635-5151

whitetailfly@gmail.com

www.whitetailflyshop.com



Tips for Success

- Be aware of “secondary hatches.”
 - Blue Quills – Hendricksons
 - BWO’s – Sulphurs
- Practice Casting (Reach Cast – fly first)
- Stay until dark
- Consider Boat traffic during prime time
 - Fish above launches early
 - Fish below launches late
- Look for and don’t ignore subtle rises
- “Go to” Patterns
 - Rusty Spinner
 - BWO
 - Ants/Beetles (Summer)

