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# **Youghiogheny River & Trail**

***Visitor's Guide***

***Summer 2024***

**Whitsett**

**Smithton**

**West Newton**

**Sutersville**

**Buena Vista**

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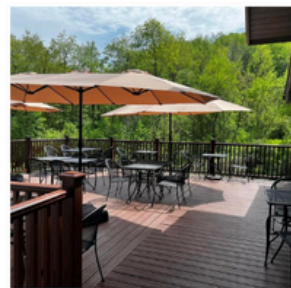


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## RIVER SAFETY



Make sure you have proper fitting life jackets for everyone on your trip. It is especially smart to have younger children wearing PFDs at all times when in the water.



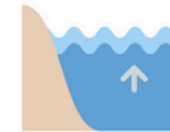
Drink plenty of water before getting on the water, even starting the night before if you plan to be out all day. Make sure to bring extra bottles of water and drink plenty throughout the day.



Make sure to check the weather before heading out. If a storm is likely, consider planning a shorter trip. If you see lightning while on the river, exit the water immediately.



Use plenty of sunblock, even on cloudy days. Sunglasses also protect your eyes from the sun hitting off the water.



Check the water levels before going out. Heavy rains earlier in the week could still have the river too high and unsafe for boating and swimming.



When going on the river, try not to go alone. At the very least, let someone know when you're going, where you're going and when you plan on returning.



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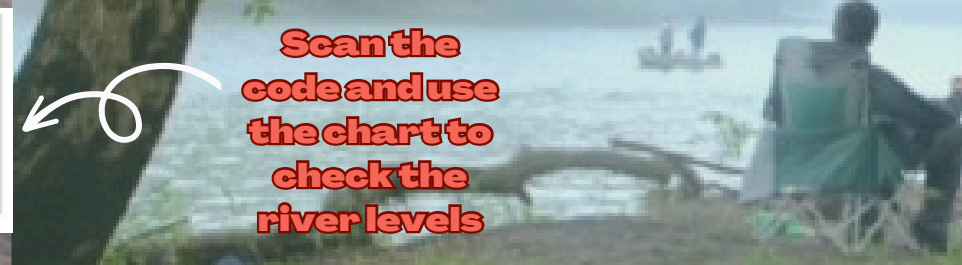
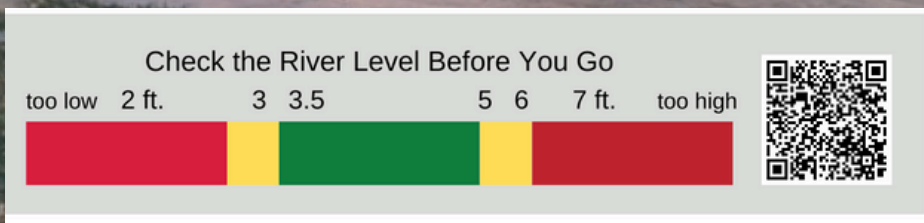


In the past five years, more and more bars and restaurants along the river have started hosting live music and the people have showed up to listen and dance. The mixture of live music and outdoor seating is what people want in the summer. And if you can get there on your bike or your boat, then that's even better. **Bloom Brew (100 Riverside Drive)**. Bloom Brew boasts live entertainment Friday, Sat & Sunday. with over a dozen craft in-house beers on tap, and a different food truck each day. **The Trailside (108 W. Main St., West Newton)**. Overlooking the West Newton trailhead, The Trailside is the perfect stop for lunch after a bike ride or a great place for dinner while catching a great acoustic act. **Dale's Place (125 First St., Smithton)**. A minute down the road from one of the busiest trailheads in the area, Dale's Place is an oasis tucked quietly into downtown Smithton. Enjoy some cold drinks and great food on their back deck while listening to some live blues or country. Looking to catch a weeknight jam session? Check out Sheree's Open Jam on Thursday nights. **Sheree's Tavern (2 Second St., Sutersville)**. Check out all of these restaurants on Facebook for updates on events and specials .



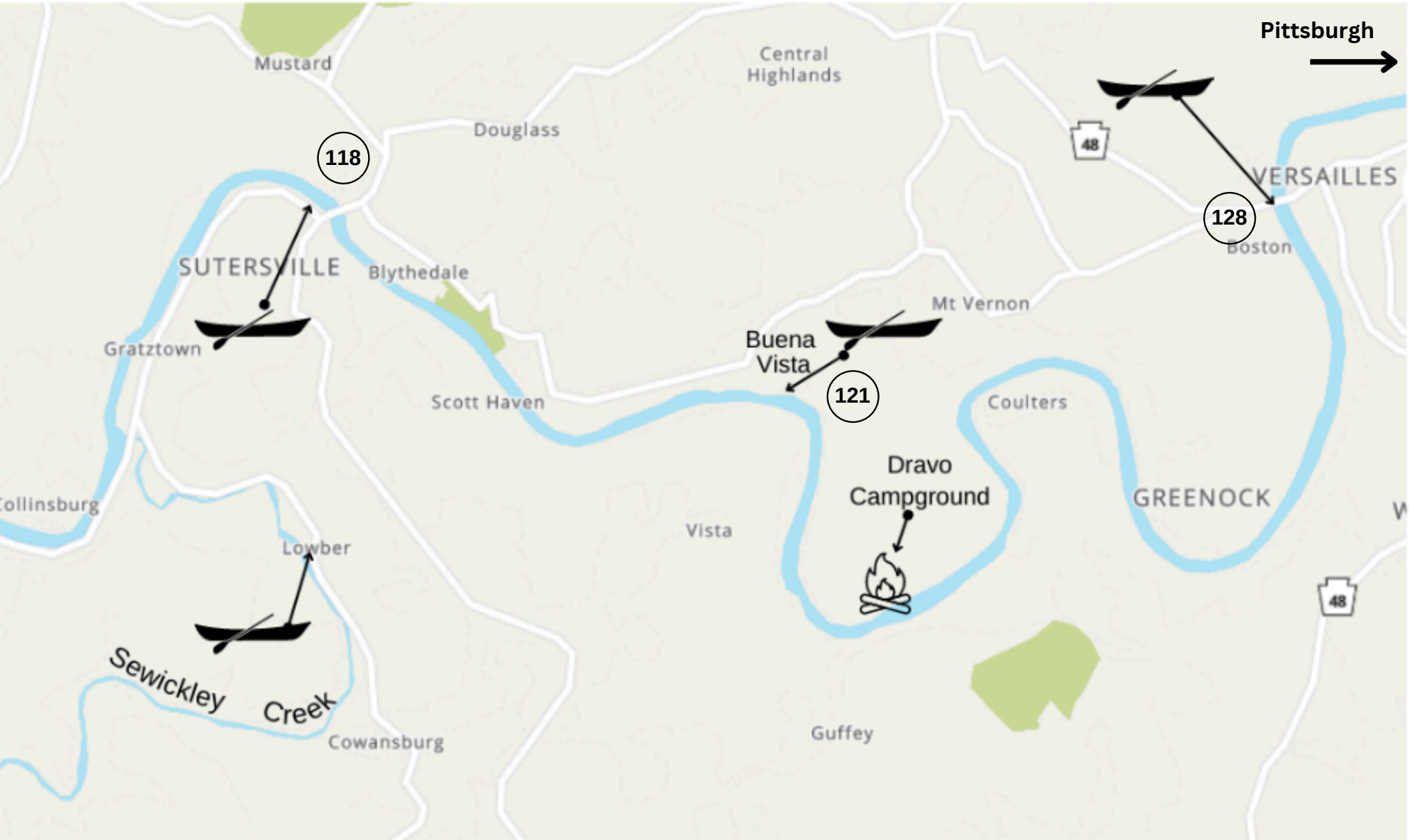


	McKeesport	Boston	Dravo	Buena Vista	Sutersville	West Newton	Cedar Creek	Smithton	Whitsett
McKeesport	0	4	10	11.5	14.5	18	21.5	23.5	28
Boston	4	0	6	7.5	10.5	14	17.5	19.5	24
Dravo	10	6	0	1.5	4.5	8	11.5	13.5	18
Buena Vista	11.5	7.5	1.5	0	3	6.5	10	12	16.5
Sutersville	14.5	10.5	4.5	3	0	3.5	7	9	13.5
West Newton	18	14	8	6.5	3.5	0	3.5	5.5	10
Cedar Creek	21.5	17.5	11.5	10	7	3.5	0	2	6.5
Smithton	23.5	19.5	13.5	12	9	5.5	2	0	4.5
Whitsett	28	24	18	16.5	13.5	10	6.5	4.5	0



**Scan the code and use the chart to check the river levels**





**Nicholas Cresswell**  
1750-1804

*Born in England, Nicholas Cresswell came to America to make his fortune in farming. He kept a journal of his adventures, including his time on the Youghiogheny.*

**Wednesday, April 12th, 1775.** Went with Captn. Douglas to Captn. John Stephenson's. This Gentleman is a great Indian Warrior, but appears to be a good-natured man.

**Thursday, April 13th, 1775.** Captn. Stephenson advises me to build our canoe here, provisions are cheaper than at Fort Pitt. Rice professes to be a Carpenter and understands the building of them, is acquainted here and will undertake to have one finished in a fortnight.

**Friday, April 14th, 1775.** This morning, Rice and another man begun to cut down a tree to make a Canoe.

**Sunday, April 16, 1775** After dinner got a man to conduct us to the place where General Braddock was defeated by the French and Indians the 9th. July 1755. It is on the Banks of the Mon-in-ga-ha-ly River. Found great numbers of bones, both men and horses. The trees are injured, I suppose by the Artillery. It appears to me the front of our Army never extended more than 300 yards and the greatest slaughter seems to have been made within 400 yards of the River, where it is level and full of underwood. Farther from the River it is hilly and some rocks where the enemy would still have the advantage of the ground. We could not find one whole skull, all of them broke to pieces in the upper part, some of them had holes broken in them about an inch diameter, suppose it to be done with a Pipe Tomahawk. I am told the wounded were all massacred by the Indians.

**Yaughagany River, Virginia-Friday, April 28th, 1775.** Left part of my clothes with Mr. Crawford till my return. Parted with Captn. Douglas by whom I returned the Horse. Launched our Canoes. One of them we called the Charming Sally, the other Charming Polly. They are 30 foot long and about 20 inches wide, made of Walnut trees, dug out something like a manger. Proceeded down the Yaughagany River.



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**(Cressewell cont.)** Obligated to get Pilots to carry the Canoes down the Falls, very bad navigation. Full of dangerous rapids. Camped at Washington's Bottom, expect the rest of the company to join us in the morning. I may now bid adieu to sleeping in beds or houses for some months.

**Saturday, April 29, 1775** Proceeded down the River to the mouth of Saweekly Creek. The navigation very bad. Obligated to push the Canoes over the shoals for two miles together. A great number of rapids, is a very dangerous navigation. Mr. Nourse insists on me taking one half of his tent; this is very agreeable.

**Sunday, April 32th, 1775.** The Land from the foot of the Laurel Mountain to Fort Pitt is rich beyond conception. Walnut and Cherry Trees grow to an amazing size. I have seen several three foot diameter and 40 foot before they come to a limb. Great plenty of Wild Plum Trees and a Species of the Pimento, these are small Bushes. The soil in general is Black and of a Fat Loamy nature. Coal and Limestone in the same quarry. I have seen stratum of Coal 14 feet thick equal in quality to the English Coal. Land is at a very low rate, 1000 acres might be purchased for £100 Pennsylvania Currency. Very thinly inhabited. The few there is, are in general great rascals.

**Yaughagany River, Virginia- Monday, May 1st, 1775.** After breakfast left Saweekly and stood down the River. Crossed several Fish pots. These fish pots are made by throwing up the small stones and gravel something like a mill weir, beginning at the side of the River and proceeding in a diagonal line, till they meet in the middle of the stream, where they fix a thing like the body of a cart, contracted where the water flows in just to admit the fish, but, so contrived as to prevent their return or escape. Got over the shoals by hauling our canoes. Fell into the Monin-ga-ha-ley about noon. Eat our dinner at Magee's Fort.

*Text taken from the Journal of Nicholas Cresswell (1774-1777)*



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