THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER WATER TRAILS

LAKE TIPS & WARNINGS
Lake Musconetcong has many places where kelp and canoes can be launched, but parking can be limited. Some businesses around the lake rent kayaks, including Lakes End Marine in Landing and Lakeview Marina in Lake Hopatcong, which also have launching sites. Lake conditions present different challenges and make their own procedures—watch the waves of motorized trail, wind, and the potential exposure to rapidly changing weather conditions.

Be prepared for significantly more boat traffic and water turbulence on warm weekend afternoons.

Always wear proper safety gear. Do not leave your boat unattended, even if you are on shore.

Choose a trail that is right for you. Always use a life jacket, even if you are on a kayak or a canoe.

Be mindful of the weather. In dangerous conditions, consider seeking refuge at a dock or otherwise protect yourself.

Report private property and do not trespass on private land unless you are staying here.

A group of boats, kites, and kites and kites do not always work, especially on weekends.

Lake tips and water safety are critical to a safe and enjoyable experience on Lake Musconetcong.

Avoided Moving Water/Whitewater

Water trails are generally safe on Musconetcong River.

LAKE MUSCONETCONG SCALE OF DIFFICULTY
Lake Musconetcong is a great place for a leisurely paddle or a thrilling adventure. The river is suitable for various skill levels, offering both calm water and thrilling rapids. The best time to explore the river is during the spring, fall, and early summer. The river flow can vary significantly, affecting its navigability. It is recommended to check the river level and flow before embarking on a trip. The river is also home to a diverse array of wildlife, including fish, birds, and mammals. The river is a popular spot for anglers, providing excellent opportunities for fishing. It is essential to respect the local fishing regulations and practice responsible recreation. Overall, Lake Musconetcong offers a unique and rewarding experience for outdoor enthusiasts.
LAKE WATER TRAILS

1. LAKE HOPATCONG STATE PARK
Beginner friendly no wake paddling & launch
Launch Site Take Out:
Lake Hopatcong State Park, 260 Lakeview Boulevard, Lake Hopatcong, NJ offers public parking, restrooms, picnic grounds, sidewalks.
Fees:
Summer $6 parking fee for NJ residents and $10 for non-residents, off season $12/ball fee for NJ residents and $20 for non-residents.
Highlights:
• A great route to the no wake zone in Landing Channel
• A Mountaintop wildife viewing including Bald Eagles near the lake.

2. UGIA COUNTY MARINA
Near restaurants and attractions
Launch Site Take Out:
Lake Hopatcong Park, 441 Howard Boulevard, at Jefferson, NJ offers several restaurants available in sequence.
Fees:
Free parking.
Highlights:
• A 10 minute walk to a hidden treasure
• North to visit observe birds, wildflowers, and grasses

3. ASHLYE COVE
Beginner friendly no wake paddling
Launch Site Take Out:
Center of Elizabethtown and Raywood on NJ 400, 5190 Veterans Memorial Highway, Jackson, NJ 08527-1107 W, limited street parking (see No Parking sign).
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• Travel into Jefferson Canal toward Lake Shannon
• Trail across the no wake zone to explore the natural preserve area along the west shore and around the lake

4. MOUNTAIN INLET SANCTUARY
Popular sites near Raccoon and Hayley Islands
Launch Site Take Out:
Roland and May Eva Mountain Inlet Sanctuary, Lake Avenue, Hoppock, NJ, 0760154 N, 74.843144 W, offers 10-15 parking spots, hiking trails, Fees:
Free parking.
Highlights:
• Travel straight to Raccoon and Hayley Islands
• Turn left to go north into Henderson Cove
• Turn right to explore around the small island and into Byram Cove

5. LAKE HOPATCONG BOAT RAMP
Fishing at a small lake
Launch Site Take Out:
Allianz and Dell Street (behind Growing Stage Theater), beautiful view, NJ 08527-0091 W, limited parking, portable toilets available.
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• Small fishing lake, observe fish activities
• Can be seen from a moving vehicle

RIVER WATER TRAILS

6. RIVERSIDE PARK TO SAXTON FALLS
Follow the Morris Canal through a wonderful park (6.7 miles)
Launch Site:
Riverside Park (Ryham Township) Bounded by the Musconetcong River.
Fees:
Free access to the river.
Highlights:
• Through a wonderful park

7. SAXTON FALLS TO HACKETTSTOWN
An easy paddle through a small town (3.2 miles)
Launch Site:
Waterfall, 529 Waterfall Rd., Stanhope, NJ, just below Saxton Falls Dam, boat can be slid or carried down a steep town with no difficulty, ample parking, no walking.
Fees:
No walking.
Highlights:
• Easy paddle through a small town

8. KINGS HIGHWAY TO HAMILTON
Beginner friendly white water (12 miles)
Launch Site:
Immediately below the Kings Highway Bridge on the RI, 73.88441 W, parking for 4 or 5 vehicles.
Fees:
Free parking.
Highlights:
• A white water run

9. HAMILTON BOROUGH PARK TO BLOOMSBURY
Best for beginners (8 miles)
Launch Site:
Hamilton Borough Park and Ploughwood. 74.71105 W, 74.86947 W, parking, public toilet.
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• White water run

10. BLOOMSBURY TO HIGHLANDS
Advanced whitewater in the Musconetcong Gorge (6.5 miles)
Launch Site:
Bloomfield, no wake above the RC 173.88784 W, parking, public toilet.
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• White water run

11. HIGHLANDS TO DELAWARE RIVER
Rated 3 on the NA kayaking map (10 miles)
Launch Site:
Delaware River
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• White water run

12. DELAWARE RIVER TO MILLBROOK
Rated 3 on the NA kayaking map (2 miles)
Launch Site:
Delaware River
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• White water run

13. MILLBROOK TO HOPATCONG
Rated 3 on the NA kayaking map (2 miles)
Launch Site:
Delaware River
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• White water run

14. HOPATCONG TO MUSCONETCONG
Rated 3 on the NA kayaking map (2 miles)
Launch Site:
Delaware River
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• White water run

15. MUSCONETCONG TO HOPATCONG
Rated 3 on the NA kayaking map (2 miles)
Launch Site:
Delaware River
Fees:
No Fees.
Highlights:
• White water run

LEGEND
- Boat Access
- Restrooms
- Bridge
- Hiking
- Dam
- Strainers
- Camping
- Playground
- Roads
- Musconetcong River
- Lake Hopatcong

DANGER