Cleveland-Area Water Trail Development
Cuyahoga River
Lake Erie
Board of Park Commissioners
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What is a Water Trail?

- A stretch of river, lake, or other waterway that has been identified and mapped as a trail
- Contains signage and facilities that enable access and address safety
- Designation by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Challenges

• Water quality
• Dams
• Access points
• Safety
• River conditions
• Freighters and motorized boats
Proposed LAKE ERIE WATER TRAIL
Cuyahoga County
approx. 28 miles

Proposed CUYAHOGA RIVER WATER TRAIL
Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage, Geauga Counties
approx. 85 miles
Cuyahoga River Water Trail

Quick Facts
- 85 miles long
- 813 sq. miles
- 6 county watershed

Designation
- Cooperating partners
- Public meetings
- Mapping
- Confirm access points

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Managing Partners and Cleveland Metroparks Focus Area

*Managing partners support the goals of the water trail by maintaining access points, signage and supporting paddler education.*

- City of Akron
- City of Cuyahoga Falls
- City of Kent
- Mantua Village
- Village of Silver Lake
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Geauga Park District
- Portage Park District
- Summit MetroParks
The Cuyahoga River Ship Channel

Red Lines = Danger Zones, do not stop when freighter is in the area.
Orange Lines = Passing Zones, least unsafe place to stop while freighter passes.

Burning River Section
Unique in both it’s challenges and benefits!
KEY

K Existing Paddle Access -
   Cleveland Metroparks
K Proposed Paddle Access -
   Lakefront Communities
Lake Erie Water Trail – Cuyahoga County

• Kick-off meeting in June
  • Lakefront communities
  • Other waterfront stakeholders
  • Cleveland Metroparks staff
• Consider effort to designate a trail along Lake Erie in Cuyahoga County
• Explore potential access points
• Discuss education
• Develop working groups for trail management and safety
• Arrange public outreach and discuss next steps
Thank You

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