

BUCKHANNON & TYGART VALLEY RIVER WATER TRAIL

SECTION 3 – GARY BAILEY RAMP TO BOULDER

Buckhannon River

Section Length: 9.5 miles

Conditions: Flatwater & Class I

Hazards: short sections of Class I, remoted with limited access

In This Stretch:

- After the Gary Bailey Boat Ramp, the river meanders for 7 miles to the Hall Rd bridge.
- This section is remote and is one of the longest distances between access sites along the Water Trail. The river flows through numerous meanders and passes through an especially scenic forest gorge. Sand Run, a tributary, enters on river right, and then the river passes through the Wentz Ford community.
- After passing through this small residential area, the river gradient increases slightly as the slow pools are replaced with Class I riffles and rock gardens before passing under Hall Rd.
- After Hall Road, the river resumes its leisurely character for 2.5 miles to Audra Park Road Bridge at Boulder. Just upstream of Boulder, a small Class I riffle and rock garden segment appear.

Access Site & Mileage

Gary Bailey Ramp RM 17.5 - Concrete Boat Ramp

Just south of the Rt. 20 and US 33/48 interchange, follow Morton Ave east and continue along Post Mill/Hall Rd for approximately 4.5 miles.

Hall RM 25 - Future Access Site

Currently there is no public access near Hall. This is a focal area for improvement as the Water Trail is improved.

Boulder RM 26.5 - Carry Down

From Rt 119 near Volga, follow Audra Park Road for 2.5 miles. Carry down access and small parking area are on river right.

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Water Trail Overview



Map Legend

Access Site Type

- Carry Down
- Planned
- Ramp

Features

- Class I/II
- Flatwater
- Tributaries
- Railroad
- Parks
- Water Trail Mileage
- Dam

