

Utica Access is a non-motorized boat launch site on French Creek at Utica Borough. It is the last public launch site along the French Creek Water Trail before French Creek joins the Allegheny River at Franklin 10 river miles downstream.

The property features a concrete launch apron, accessible by a short grassy path next to the Utica Bridge. An improved parking area can hold up to 10 vehicles.

Location: Utica Borough, Venango County

Size: 1.49 acres

Date acquired: March 22, 1990

Recreational activities: Non-motorized boat launch, fishing

Directions: From Franklin, travel west on US-322 for approximately 7.4 miles. Turn left on Utica Rd. and continue for approximately 2.4 miles. The entrance to the property is located on the right between the railroad tracks and the bridge crossing French Creek.



Learn more about the French Creek Water Trail and other water trails at:

fishandboat.com/watertrails

Float Distances/Times

Meadville to Wilson Shute
5 river miles, 1 to 2 hours

Wilson Shute to Shaw's Landing
4 river miles, 1 to 2 hours

Shaw's Landing to Cochranon
4 river miles, 1 to 2 hours

Cochranon to Utica
8 river miles, 2.5-4 hours

Utica to Franklin
10 river miles, 3.5 - 5 hours

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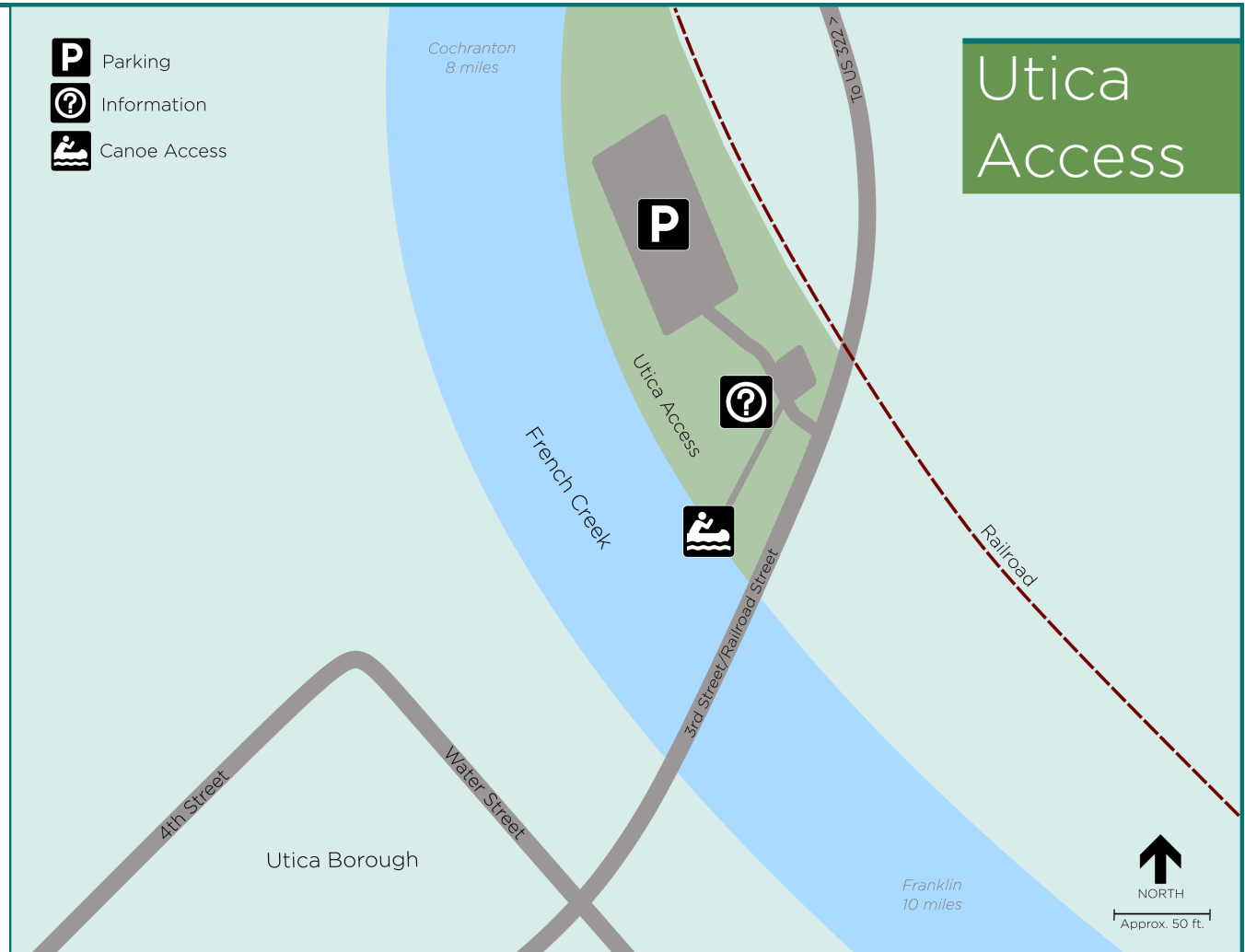
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French Creek is documented as having the highest level of aquatic biodiversity of any stream of its size in Pennsylvania and all states to the northeast of Pennsylvania. French Creek and its tributaries provide habitat for four species of federally endangered freshwater mussels, other mussel species, as well as numerous fish species of greatest conservation need in Pennsylvania.



When visiting Utica Access, please remember:

- Only non-motorized boats are permitted.
- To avoid spreading aquatic invasives, thoroughly clean and dry boats and other gear before entering the creek.
- Licensed motorized vehicles are permitted only on the improved gravel parking area and driveway.
- Camping and campfires are prohibited.
- If you carry it in, carry it out.
- Dogs must be on a leash or otherwise kept under control at all times.
- Collecting (animals, plants, rocks, etc.) without WPC permission is prohibited.



2017 Improvements

In 2017, Utica Access was rehabilitated as part of the Eagle Scout Service Project of Andrew Holden, of Troop 111, Seneca, Pa. Improvements include a stabilized and resurfaced driveway, unloading and parking area, new signage, and native tree planting.

These improvements were made possible by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Canoe Access Development Fund, Hards Fabrication and Welding, Utica Borough, Beauty Boutique Hair Salon and Ernst Conservation Seeds.



Andrew Holden