Casselman River Watershed

Boating and Recreation Guide

The Casselman River Watershed Boating and Recreation Guide is unique in that it highlights important features of the watershed, local points of interest, and recreational opportunities throughout the entire Casselman River Watershed, which covers Garrett County, Allegany County in Maryland, and Somerset County in Pennsylvania.

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River Classes

Class I: Floating, gentle current, no hazards.
Class II: Gentle current, few hazards.
Class III: Moderate current, requires boat control.
Class IV: Strong current, requires boat control.
Class V: Rapid current, requires boat control.
Class VI: Whitewater, requires advanced skills.

For your safety and enjoyment:

Always wear a life jacket
Your life jacket must be in proper working order and be kept in a watertight bag.
No fishing and boating regulations apply.
Be prepared for rescue events.
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Boating in the Casselman River Watershed

Both the Casselman River and Local Creek offer boating and angling opportunities. The degree of difficulty in boating on Casselman River is limited to Class I and II, and on Local Creek you can expect Class II and Class III rapids.

Fishing, Camping, Hunting, ATV's

Pennsylvania Boating Regulations

Pennsylvania laws do not impose any type of registration requirement for vessels that are less than 16 feet in length. All boats, including canoes, must be equipped with a sound-producing device. The law requires that each boat have at least one properly functioning sound-producing device, such as a horn, whistle, or siren.

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