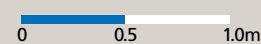


## LEGEND

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|  | Access Point         |  | River/Stream               |
|  | Private Access/Other |  | Class II Rapids            |
|  | Seasonal Access      |  | Class III Rapids           |
|  | USGS Stream Gage     |  | Greenway                   |
|  | Potential Hazard     |  | Planned Greenway Expansion |
|  | Required Portage     |  | Road                       |
|  | Parking Fee          |  | Blue Ridge Parkway         |



Icon locations are approximate. Refer to listed GPS coordinates for exact locations.

## Safety & Stewardship

The Roanoke River Blueway is a beloved natural resource in Virginia's Blue Ridge Region. The river's beauty and recreational opportunities are available for all to enjoy. Please be responsible, respectful of others and conservation-minded.

- State law requires a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (i.e., life jacket) for each person in the water craft, including canoes and kayaks (all paddlers under age 16 must wear a life vest at all times)
- Check water levels and weather conditions prior to starting your trip
- Make certain that all participants are fully capable of participating in planned Blueway activities
- Ensure that gear and equipment are suitable for river conditions and in proper working order
- Inform others (family, friends, or colleagues) of your plan including starting and ending points and expected return time
- Remain aware of your location at all times using access points, geographic coordinates, and reference points (bridges, roads, landmarks) for use during emergencies
- Enter and exit the Blueway at designated public access points
- Obey all "Private Property" and "No Trespassing" signs
- Be aware of all river hazards and required portages

Note: There are inherent dangers associated with water-related activities. Blueway users assume full responsibility for their own safety.

## Leave No Trace

Roanoke River Blueway users are encouraged to practice *Leave No Trace*, a set of outdoor ethics promoting conservation in the outdoors based upon these principles:

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Dispose of waste properly
3. Minimize campfire impacts
4. Respect wildlife
5. Be considerate of other visitors

To facilitate *Leave No Trace* principles, Blueway users should access the Blueway only at designated access points. Most Roanoke River Blueway access points have trash receptacles, and many have restroom facilities and other amenities.

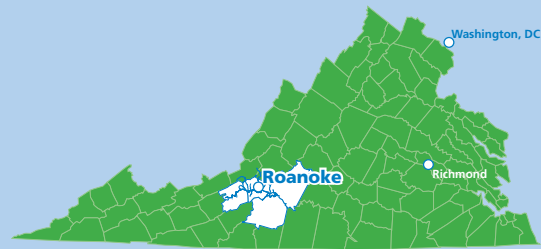
We know that Blueway users care about the environment and the Roanoke River Watershed. Help improve the river experience for everyone by picking up trash and participating in a river clean-up event. Get more information at [RoanokeRiverBlueway.org](http://RoanokeRiverBlueway.org).

## Water Levels

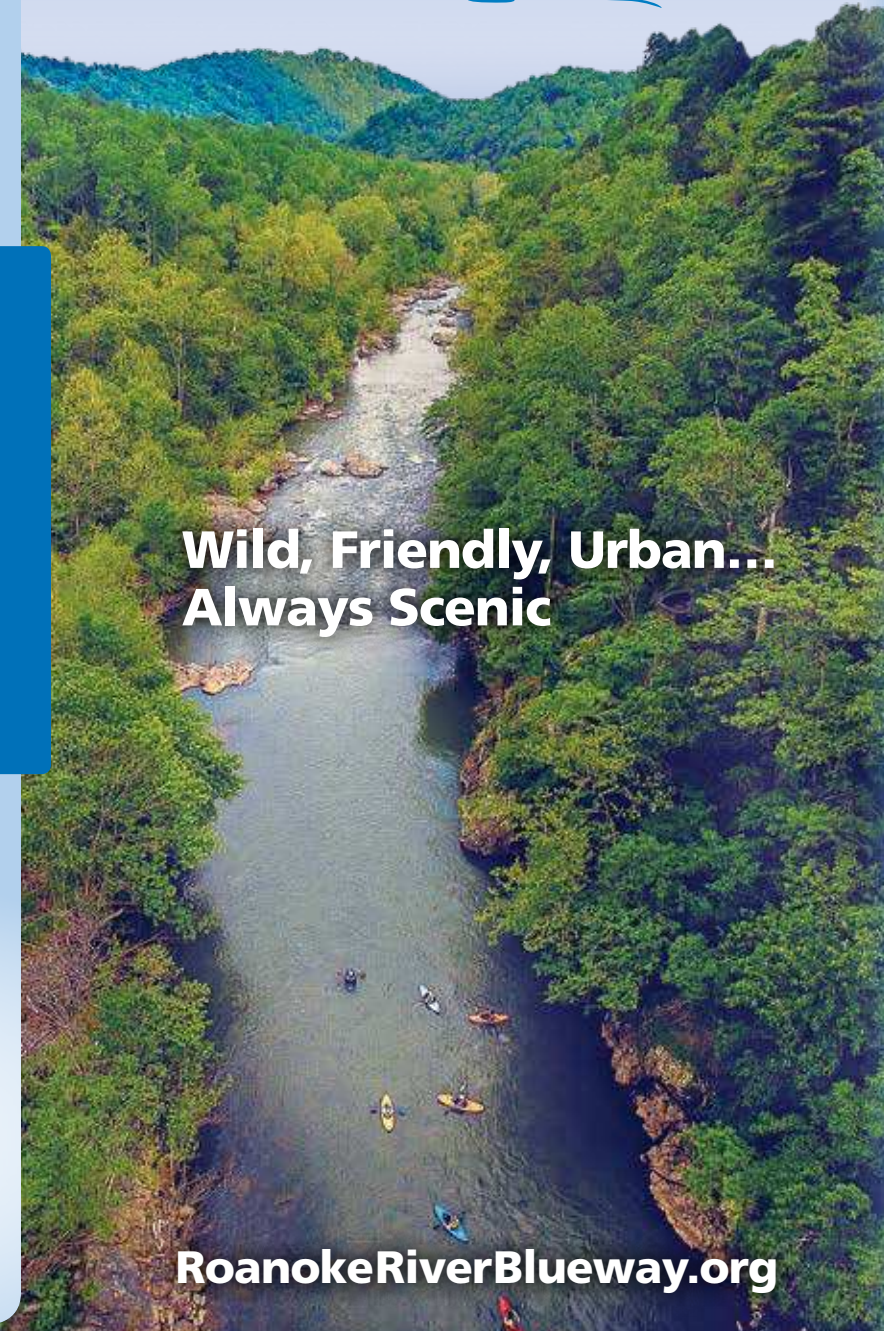
Precipitation and other weather factors can have a major and sudden impact on water levels. High water levels can present dangerous boating conditions. Low water levels are not uncommon during parts of the year and may require exiting the boat or scraping the river bottom.

Check water levels at [RoanokeRiverBlueway.org](http://RoanokeRiverBlueway.org).

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## Visit Online

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Find everything you need for a safe and fun adventure on the **Roanoke River Blueway** online:

- Interactive Map
- Gear Rental
- Fishing and Wildlife Information
- Helpful Planning Links

The *Roanoke River Blueway Committee* was established in 2013 by the *Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission* to facilitate the planning, development, and marketing of the **Roanoke River Blueway**. It is made up of representatives from local governments and related civic and conservation groups.



## A Blue and Green Ribbon of Natural Beauty

The **Roanoke River Blueway** is much more than a place to paddle, tube, fish and swim. It's a profound example of how rivers, trails, neighborhoods and people co-exist and thrive.



Find peaceful, scenic and even rugged stretches of river with abundant bird and wildlife viewing.

Hike, run or bike along the river at *Explore Park* or on the *Roanoke River Greenway*, which runs parallel to the blueway for nearly 20 miles.

Within the City of Roanoke, the blueway takes on an urban character as it winds through neighborhoods, parks and the outskirts of downtown. This means that residents and visitors have easy access to the river, and paddlers have easy access to parking, dining, supplies and refreshments.



The **Roanoke River Blueway** provides scenery and atmosphere, as well as recreational opportunities. In exchange, area residents and visitors care for and protect the river.



Learn more at [RoanokeRiverBlueway.org](http://RoanokeRiverBlueway.org)



## Ways to experience the Roanoke River Blueway

### Float



Canoes, kayaks, tubes and even stand-up paddleboards are all great ways to enjoy the river. Some stretches are ideal for beginners and families with children, while other portions include challenging white water rapids. Always check river levels before going on the river.

### Fish



There are great fishing opportunities on the **Roanoke River Blueway**. Smallmouth and largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish and trout are among the species found in the river. Portions of the river are part of *Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries'* trout stocking program.

### By Land



Enjoy the beauty and serenity of the **Roanoke River Blueway** as it flows alongside nearly 45 miles of the *Roanoke River Greenway*, a paved multi-use trail for walking, jogging or biking. More trail access to the river exists at *Explore Park* just off the *Blue Ridge Parkway* in Roanoke County.



## Outfitters & Gear Shops

### Back Country Ski & Sport

1931 Apperson Drive, Salem, VA  
540.389.8602 (*Salem*)  
3710 South Main Street Blacksburg, VA  
540.552.6400 (*Blacksburg*)

[BCski.com](http://BCski.com)

**Back Country Ski & Sports** rents kayaks for the day. Pick up your boat at either their Salem or Blacksburg location, hit the river of your choice, and return to the boat when you're done.

### Roanoke Mountain Adventures

806 Wasena Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA 24015  
540.525.8295

[RoanokeMountainAdventures.com](http://RoanokeMountainAdventures.com)

Located along the *Roanoke River Greenway* near *Wasena Park*, **RMA** is a full service outfitter offering guided trips, rentals and shuttles for kayaking, paddle boarding, tubing, mountain biking and cycling.

A full list of outfitters and shops can be found at [RoanokeRiverBlueway.org](http://RoanokeRiverBlueway.org).

