

Westport River Watershed Alliance

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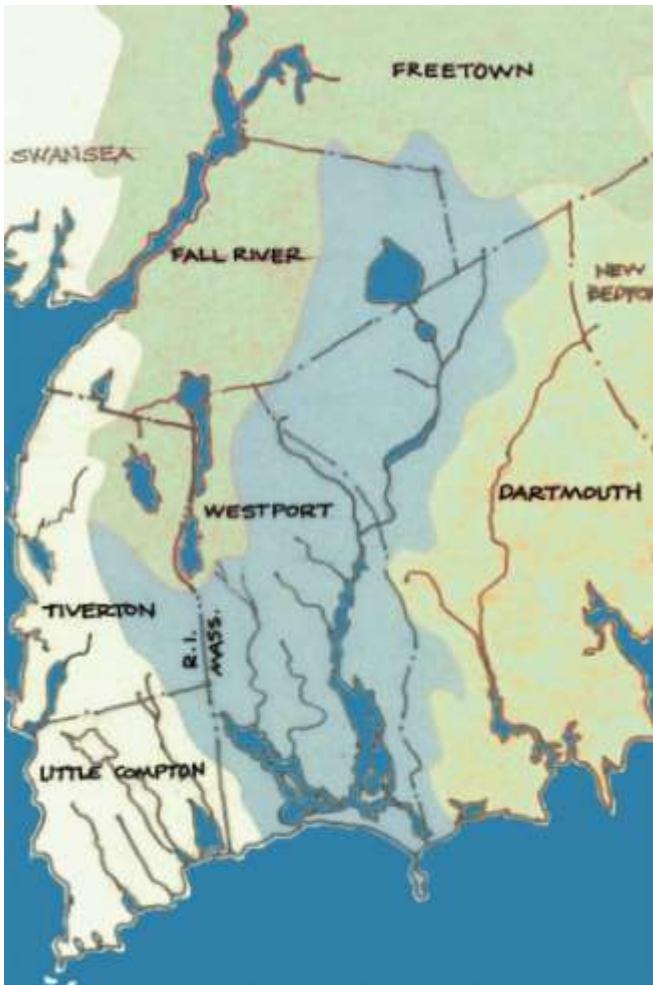
JUNE 2021



**Celebrate National Rivers Month
with WRWA
Get Outdoors and Get Active!**



The Westport River Watershed



The Westport River Watershed is the 100 square mile land area surrounding the River, and includes areas of Westport, Dartmouth, Fall River, Freetown, Little Compton and Tiverton.

The WRWA has been working since 1976 to help preserve and protect this ecologically diverse and sensitive watershed. We encourage our members and friends to appreciate our local beauty and environmental resources, so that we can work together to protect and preserve the Westport River Watershed now and for future generations.

Experience WOW!



The Wonders of the Watershed



- Support WRWA's Science & Education Programs
- Challenge yourself in the outdoors
- Experience the diversity of our watershed



Throughout the month of June

- Enroll in any of our guided activities (prices vary)
- Join as a new member in June and receive a WRWA dry bag
- Enter in our contests to win prizes (donations start at \$50)
- Purchase our dry bag and booklet for \$25
- Support another person as your gift to them
- Get out and get active in the watershed: free self-guided experiences (bike, walk, paddle)

**June is
National Rivers Month**



Guided Activities

Space is limited
Please register

June 5 (rain date June 6)

1. Bird watching with Paul Champlin

Gooseberry Island

Fee: \$10 per person 7 a.m.

2. Bike the West Branch with

Deborah Weaver (9 miles) 10 a.m.

Fee: \$10 per person (meet in Adamsville)

Bird Watching



Brushes & Bubbles



3. **Brushes & Bubbles**—Guided Plein Air painting with Barbara Healy at Westport Rivers Vineyard
Fee: \$50 Materials & refreshments included
4 - 6 p.m.

June 12 (rain date June 13)

Hike to the headwaters of the Westport River and see the Boiling Spring. With guide Everett Castro.

Meet at 9 a.m. on Indian Road, Fall River

Fee: \$10

Hike to the Headwaters



Dune Hike



June 19 (rain date June 20)

Dune Hike at Cherry & Webb

Conservation Area

8 a.m. at Town Beach parking lot
(parking permit required)

Fee: \$10

To sign up for activities, call 508-636-3016
or email outreach@wrwa.com

June 26 (rain date June 27)

Paddle the Upper East Branch

with Osprey Sea & Surf

9 - 10 a.m. start time

Fee: \$50 WRWA Members,

\$65 for non-members.

Register: outreach@wrwa.com



All Month:

Catch & Release Family Fishing Competition

Month of June (photo documentation)



*Biggest Striped Bass Caught in the Westport River! \$50 entry fee.
Children under 16 - \$25*

For \$100, join as a new member and receive a WRWA dry bag.

First Prize: \$250 gift certificate to Westport Bait and Tackle

Second Prize: \$100 gift certificate to Westport Bait and Tackle

Third Prize: WRWA Dry Bag with surprises inside

Special prize given for most unusual fish caught in the River



Rentals and tours from
Osprey Sea & Surf
20% discount for WRWA members



Oyster Fest



Westport Sea Farms

Oyster tasting at Westport Sea Farms,
at Westport Point

Fri-Sunday, 12 noon to 9 p.m.

Fee: \$10 pp donation to WRWA

Purchase in advance, WRWA will mail you the voucher!

Prizes Awarded For Activities

To be eligible for a prize, you can join as a new member or make a donation of \$50 or greater

PRIZE CATEGORIES

1. Most activities done by a Family in June

Prize: A family tour with Osprey Sea & Surf

1. Largest striped bass caught and released in June (photo)

First Prize: \$250 gift certificate to Westport Bait & Tackle

Second Prize: \$100 gift certificate to Westport Bait & Tackle



Third Prize: WRWA Dry Bag with surprises inside



3. Most activities done by an individual in June

Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate to Osprey Sea & Surf

4. Best Selfie (photo contest judged by members)

Prize: Winner receives 3 raffle tickets to win inflatable SUP Board.

Raffle will be drawn Saturday, July 10 at WRWA Summer Concert at Westport Rivers (*do not have to be present to win*).

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Self- Directed Activities

WESTPORT RIVER EAST BRANCH

Parking: There are several options depending on what activity you select and what distance you cover. The most accessible parking is at the Head of the river behind the Watershed Headquarters the River Center at 493 Old County Rd. You can also park along Drift Rd. across from the landing.

Paddle: Put in here at the Head landing and paddle whatever distance South you wish and return to the starting point. If you paddle all the way to the Fontaine bridge (RT 88) it is about 10 miles one way. To Hix Bridge is about 5 miles one way.





Bike/Walk/Run: There are several routes that pass along the edges of the river. You can also picnic at the head landing or use the accessible picnic table on the shore of the river.

Start at Head landing, turn right on Old County Rd., right onto Old Pine Hill Rd., right onto Pine Hill Rd., right onto Hix Bridge, right onto Drift Rd. and return to head landing (approx. 14 M).

Start at Head landing turn right on Old County Rd, right onto Old Pine Hill Rd., right onto Pine Hill Rd, continue across Hix Bridge Rd. onto Horseneck Rd. to the end. Turn right onto East Beach Rd., right on Rt. 88, cross the Fontaine Bridge and take right onto Drift Rd. back to Head landing (approx. 23 M).

Hidden Gems: Numerous opportunities to see Osprey in nests and in the sky. Look also for eagles flying and herons on shores. In the early morning hours you might see wild turkeys, fox, & deer.

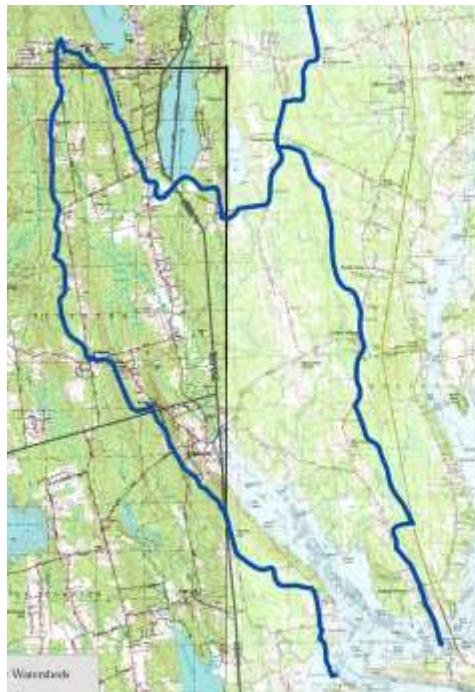


Refreshments: Country Store on Old County Rd. (coffee, pastries, some sandwiches) • Central Village - Lees Market, Partners Village Store, Village Pizza, Handy Hill Creamery, Woods Ice Cream & Ten Cousins Restaurant.

WESTPORT RIVER WEST BRANCH

Parking is on the street near the ball field and across from the Architects office on Adamsville Rd.

Paddle - put in at the Adamsville landing on the left side of River Rd., just beyond the Village. Look for the Osprey nest on the pole on the landing. Paddle as far South as you wish and return to the starting point.



Bike/Run/Walk route (9+ miles) - Head out of village and bear left at the Fork in the Road to get onto River Rd. Follow River Rd. to the end and turn right onto Atlantic Ave. Go to the end and turn right onto Howland Rd. At the stop sign turn left onto Harbor Rd., go to the end and you will be back at the Fork.





Hidden Gems: The Fork in the Road. Views of the River as you head out on River Rd. Beach Avenue and the Nubble (high point of rock at the end of Beach Ave.)

Refreshments: Simmons Café on the start of Rt. 81 North (breakfast and lunch), Grays Daily Grind on Adamsville Rd., (coffee and pastries). The Barn on Adamsville Rd (breakfast and lunch, closes at 1pm on weekends).



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From our shop, the Westport River stretches over 9 miles and offers miles of quiet water paddling, perfect for beginners and those looking for easy cruisin'.

Rent a kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard and go explore our beautiful waterways. Whether you're a beginner with no experience or are looking to improve your skills, we have something right for you.

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