

Where you can get in the water

The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) maintains several public river access locations throughout Morgan County.

Boaters and anglers can launch their boats, canoes and kayaks from these points or fish there.

CHERRY RUN – Parking lot and paved boat ramp with Potomac River access in eastern Morgan County. Reach the stream access from Householder Road, off River Road, 15 miles northeast of Berkeley Springs.

FISHER'S BRIDGE – Small parking area and dirt access to Cacapon River in western Morgan County. Access point is 14 miles west of Berkeley Springs at the end of Hunter's Camp Road.

GREAT CACAPON – Gravel parking lot and dirt access to Cacapon River near the confluence with the Potomac River under the Route 9 bridge into Great Cacapon. Access road is located upstream of the bridge on the east side of the river. Boats must be carried down to the river.

POWERHOUSE ROAD – Gravel parking lot and dirt access to the Cacapon River off Powerhouse Road in Great Cacapon. Easiest access is off Cacapon Road just west of the Panorama Overlook, six miles west of Berkeley Springs.

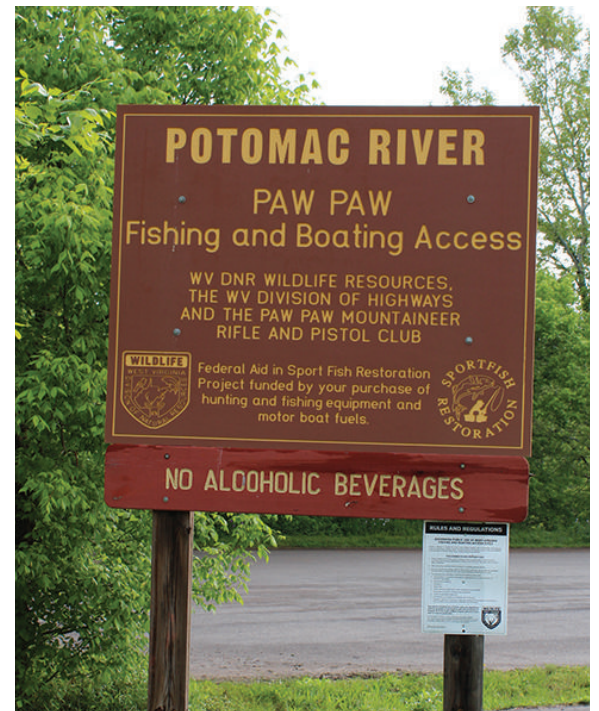
PAW PAW – Large parking lot and paved boat ramp with Potomac River access in western Morgan County. Located off Route 9 at the Potomac River bridge.

CACAPON LAKE – Parking lot and dirt access to Cacapon State Park lake in southern Morgan County. Suitable for kayaks, canoes and small boats.

Others nearby:

SLEEPY CREEK LAKE – Parking lots and boat ramps into Sleepy Creek Lake located southeast of Berkeley Springs in Berkeley County. Lake accessible from dirt roads off Shanghai/Hampshire Grade Road.

HANCOCK – Parking lot and paved boat ramp with Potomac River access along C&O Canal in Hancock, Md.



The West Virginia DNR maintains a list of river access points and river float trips on their website under fishing/public access tabs by county.

Choose "Cacapon River" for specific information on trip lengths in Morgan, Hardy and Hampshire counties. http://www.wvdnr.gov/fishing/public_access

Where to go swimming

Berkeley Springs State Park

Pool remains open every day except Tuesdays from May 28 through the end of summer.

Hours: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Phone: 304-258-2711

Cacapon State Park

Lake is open Tuesday through Sunday Saturday, May 28 through the end of summer. Closed Mondays except holidays.

Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Phone: 304-258-1022

Local swimming holes on the Cacapon River, Potomac River, Sleepy Creek and other small streams are mostly accessed from private property. Check before you go. Be aware of river levels and conditions before you swim.



Paddling on Sleepy Creek Lake.