

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS IN BUFFALO DISTRICT

WHERE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY ACTIVITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 10 OF THE RIVERS AND HARBOR ACT

Federal regulatory jurisdiction extends laterally to the entire water surface and bed of a navigable waterbody, which includes all the land and waters below the ordinary high water mark (OHW). All adjacent embayments, backwater areas, ponds or wetlands areas below the OHW are considered navigable for administrative purposes.

The term ordinary high water mark (OHW) means the line on the shore established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank; shelving; changes in the character of soil; destruction of terrestrial vegetation; the presence of litter and debris; or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas (33 CFR 328.3(c)(4)). The OHWM defines the lateral extent of non-tidal aquatic features in the absence of adjacent wetlands in the United States. Refer to Regulatory Guidance Letter (RGL) 05-05 and the Final National Ordinary High Water Mark Field Delineation Manual for Rivers and Streams, January 8, 2025 for more information.

Note: If there are future changes and/or additions to this list, or to the jurisdictional limits shown, a public notice will be issued.

STATE OF NEW YORK

<u>Name of Waterway</u>	<u>Portion Considered Navigable</u>
Allegheny River & Reservoir	From NY/PA border to upstream city limit of Olean. (Cattaraugus County)
Beaver River	Navigable in its entirety, about 22.9 miles (upstream limit ends at High Falls Dam) (See Black River). (Lewis & Herkimer Counties)
Black Lake	Part of Oswegatchie River. Includes entire lake including wetland complex at southern tip. (St. Lawrence County)
Black River	Tributary to Lake Ontario near Dexter, N.Y. Navigable in its entirety, mouth to its source, about 120.6 miles. (Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida & Herkimer Counties). Also, its tributaries, the Beaver River in its entirety, about 22.9 miles; the Independence River in its entirety, about 40.1 miles; and the Moose River in its entirety, about 18.4 miles.

Black River Feeder Canal	Historical feeder canal, from confluence with Mohawk to Boonville (Oneida County)
Black Rock Canal	Separate channel in Niagara River at Buffalo, N.Y. Navigable from its confluence with Lake Erie, 3.6 miles downstream to Black Rock Lock. (Erie County)
Buffalo River	Tributary to Lake Erie. Includes Buffalo River Entrance Channel and Buffalo Ship Canal. Buffalo River navigable to Penn Central Bridge 7.1 miles above mouth of River. (Erie County)
Carry Falls Reservoir	Part of Raquette River. (St. Lawrence County)
Cattaraugus Creek	Tributary to Lake Erie. Navigable from mouth to Penn Central Bridge about 3/4 miles upstream from mouth. (Chautauqua & Erie Counties)
Cayuga Creek	See Little River. Mouth to Buffalo Avenue Bridge. (Niagara County)
Cayuga Canal (Seneca River)	Portion of Erie Canal system, includes entire Cayuga Canal from Cayuga Lake to its confluence with the Erie Canal at Montezuma, N.Y. (Cayuga & Seneca Counties)
Cayuga Inlet	Portion of Erie Canal system. Navigable from its mouth to the Lehigh Railroad Bridge at Ithaca, N.Y. about 2.5 miles. (Tompkins County)
Cayuga Lake	Portion of Erie Canal system. Entire lake from Ithaca, N.Y. to its confluence with the Cayuga Canal. (Tompkins, Seneca & Cayuga Counties)
Cayuga / Seneca Canal	Portion of Erie Canal system. Navigable from Seneca Lake in Watkins Glen to Montour Falls. (Schuyler County)
Chaumont River	Tributary to Lake Ontario. Navigable from mouth to waterfall located just west of Route 12 in Depauville, N.Y., about 6 miles upstream from mouth. (Jefferson County)
Chenango Canal	Historical Feeder Canal to Erie Canal, From Village of Hamilton to Village of Solsville (Madison)

Clyde River	In its entirety (Wayne and Seneca Counties)
Cross Lake	Portion of Erie Canal system. Entire lake. (Cayuga & Onondaga Counties)
Deer River	See St. Regis River. Navigable in its entirety, 50 miles. (St. Lawrence County)
Delta Lake/Reservoir	Portion of Erie Canal system. Part of Mohawk River. (Oneida County)
Eighteen Mile Creek	Tributary to Lake Ontario. Navigable for 1 mile, to 1/2 mile upstream from highway bridge (N.Y. Route 18) at Olcott, N.Y. (Niagara County)
NYS Barge Canal	Canal navigable in its entirety from its confluence with the Niagara River and proceeding east to the Buffalo District terminus at the Herkimer / Montgomery County line. (Portions also called Tonawanda Creek, Seneca River, Erie Canal, Clyde River, Cayuga Inlet, Cayuga Canal, Cayuga/Seneca Canal, Seneca Canal, Old Erie Canal, Oneida River, Delta Reservoir, Black River Feeder Canal, Mohawk River)
Fish Creek	Creek navigable from confluence with the Erie Canal upstream to the first topographical change, just west of bridge at Fish Creek Landing
Fulton Chain of Lakes (1-4)	Part of Moose River. (Herkimer County)
Genesee River	Tributary to Lake Ontario. Navigable from mouth to Black Creek about 119.1 miles upstream from the mouth, at Belfast, N.Y. (Monroe, Livingston, Wyoming & Allegany Counties)
Grass River	Tributary to St. Lawrence River. The following portions of the Grass River are navigable: Grass River from its mouth to the confluence of the Middle Branch and South Branch of the Grass River mile 72.9 (about 10.1 miles upstream of Russell, N.Y.), the North Branch to mile 28.5 at Church Pond, the Middle

	Branch in its entirety, the South Branch to its source mile 44.7. (St. Lawrence County)
Great Sodus Bay Harbor	Located on Lake Ontario. Includes approach, entrance and inner channels and bay. Navigable from bay entrance to U.S. Highway No. 104 bridge. (Wayne County)
Independence River	See Black River. Navigable in its entirety, 40.1 miles. (Lewis & Herkimer Counties)
Kayuta Lake	Part of Black River (Oneida County)
Lake Erie	PA State Line to head of Niagara River. (Chautauqua and Erie Counties) Including but not limited to the following Federal Project areas: Barcelona Harbor, Buffalo Outer Harbor, Dunkirk Harbor, Grand View Bay Harbor
Lake Ontario	Niagara River to head of St. Lawrence River. (Niagara, Orleans, Monroe, Wayne, Cayuga, Oswego, and Jefferson Counties) Including but not limited to the following Federal Project areas: Braddock Bay, Irondequoit Bay, Little Sodus Bay Harbor, North Sandy Pond, Olcott Harbor, Port Bay, Port Ontario Harbor, Rochester Harbor, Sackets Harbor, Tuscarora Bay/Wilson Harbor
Little River	A branch of Niagara River adjacent to Cayuga Island in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Includes Cayuga Creek from mouth to Buffalo Avenue Bridge. (Niagara County)
Mohawk River	Entire River including Delta Lake/Reservoir. (Oneida and Herkimer Counties)
Moose River	See Black River. Navigable in its entirety, 18.4 miles. (Lewis, Oneida and Herkimer Counties) (up to confluence of Middle and South Branches)
Niagara River	Navigable throughout, above and below Niagara Falls including East and West Branches. (Erie and Niagara County) Including but not limited to the following Federal Project areas: Tonawanda Inner Harbor
Oak Orchard Creek/Harbor	Tributary to Lake Ontario. Navigable from mouth to

	confluence of Oak Orchard and Marsh Creek, about 1-3/4 miles. (Orleans County)
Oneida Lake	Portion of Erie Canal system, includes entire Lake. (Oswego, Oneida, Onondaga & Madison Counties)
Oneida River	Portion of Erie Canal system includes entire River (Oswego & Onondaga Counties)
Onondaga Lake	Portion of Erie Canal system. Entire lake from Syracuse to its confluence with the Erie Canal. (Onondaga County)
Oswegatchie River	Tributary to St. Lawrence River. Navigable from mouth to confluence of Cranberry Lake, 111.2 miles. (Lewis, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties)
Oswego Canal/River & Harbor	Portion of Erie Canal system and tributary to Lake Ontario. Navigable 23.9 miles from its mouth to its confluence with the Erie Canal at Three Rivers, N.Y. Also known as the Oswego Canal. (Oswego and Onondaga Counties)
Raquette River	Tributary to St. Lawrence River. Navigable in its entirety, mouth to its source, about 125.0 miles. Includes Carry Falls Reservoir and Tupper Lake. (St. Lawrence County)
Salmon River	Tributary to Lake Ontario. Navigable for about one mile to Port Ontario, N.Y. (Oswego County)
Scajaquada Creek	Tributary to Niagara River at Buffalo, N.Y. Navigable between mouth and 130 feet downstream of Niagara Street. (Erie County)
Seneca Canal (Seneca River)	Portion of Erie Canal system. Navigable from Seneca Lake to Cayuga Lake. (Seneca County)
Seneca River	Portion of Erie Canal system includes entire River (Seneca, Cayuga, Oswego, Onondaga Counties)
Seneca Lake	Portion of Erie Canal system. Entire lake from Montour Falls to its confluence with Seneca Canal (Seneca River) at Geneva, N.Y. (Seneca, Yates and Schuyler Counties)

St. Lawrence River	Includes the St. Lawrence Seaway. Head of river to Canadian boundary. Including but not limited to the following Federal Project areas (Cape Vincent Harbor, Morristown Harbor, Ogdensburg Harbor) (Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties)
St. Regis River	Tributary to St. Lawrence River. Navigable in its entirety, mouth to its source, about 82.0 miles, to Lower St. Regis Lake in Franklin County. Also, its tributaries, the Deer River, navigable in its entirety, about 50.0 miles; and the East Branch St. Regis River, navigable in its entirety, about 21.9 miles to Meacham Lake. (St. Lawrence County)
Tupper Lake	Part of Raquette River (St. Lawrence County)