

General Clinton 70-Miler Access Points

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This documents contains information about access and re-supply points along the Susquehana River for the General Clinton 70-mile canoe race. It should be used in conjunction with the official race map (available from the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce) to help you and your pit crew plan refueling stops along the race course. As more information is gathered, this document may be updated from time to time. Please send comments, corrections, edits, and additions to the e-mail address above.

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Organization

In this document you'll find information on a number of access points we scouted along the General Clinton 70 Miler course in the spring of 2006, along with representative photos of water access. This information has been supplemented since Version 1 of the document with data I took during the 2006 race with my Garmin Forerunner 301 GPS, which appears as "Cumulative Course Miles." New in Version 2, at the end of the document you'll find a table listing elapsed miles along the course for most of the common access points.

Map Mile 0 Cooperstown

Race Map No. 1

GPS: 42° 42.130' N (motel coordinates)
74° 55.329' W

NOTES: Public boat launch off Lake Street, immediately to the left (west) of the Lake Front Motel. Good viewing spots from Lake Front Park, Clinton Dam park and Council Rock at river inlet on river Right (corner of Lake Street and River Street) and from Main Street bridge over river. Race starts just offshore of park, then paddle out 0.4 miles to a turn-marker, turn right nearly 180 degrees, and return to shoreline at outlet.



Lake Otsego from Lake Front Motel



Public Boat Launch from Lake Street



Start of the river, from Main St. bridge

Map Mile 1.5 Cooperstown Dam

Race Map No. 1

Cumulative Course Miles: 1.5

NOTES: Take-out is on river Left; shallowest access on far left. Put-in trails immediately adjacent to dam involve very steep, eroded trails. “Official” put-in trail nicely graded with good footing at river level. Good viewing access from River Street bridge and environs.



Dam from hospital parking lot



Take-out, looking upstream

Mile 1.5 Cooperstown Dam (continued)



Portage put-in, looking downstream



View upstream from dam

Map Mile 6 Route 11C Bridge

Race Map No. 1

GPS: 42° 39.691' N
 74° 57.053' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 6.4

NOTES: There is a small parking site next to the bridge on river right, with space for a few cars. All other parking is along the road. Consider parking on Route 33 and walking to the bridge. River access on river Right.



View upstream from bridge



River access along river Right under bridge.

Map Mile 17 Route 166 Bridge

Race Map No. 2

GPS: 42° 35.435' N
 74° 56.014' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 14.8

NOTES: Good access along river Left for re-supply; best just upstream of bridge. Access on river right OK. Parking along road.



View downstream



View upstream

Map Mile 28

Portlandville, Route 35A bridge

Race Map No. 3

GPS: 42° 31.738' N
74° 58.108' W

NOTES: Very poor public access to river; better access is found just upstream on river Right at the trailer park. Land adjoining three corners of the bridge posted Private. Rip-rap permits awkward access on river Right at downstream side of bridge, adjacent to the Blue Bonnet antiques store (in red building). Limited parking. However, a great place to watch the race.



View looking west



SW corner of bridge

Map Mile 29.8 Knott's Motel / Goodyear Lake

Race Map No. 3

GPS: 42° 30.471' N
 74° 59.199' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 24.15

NOTES: Public boat launch behind Knott's Motel at end of Knott's Motel Road. Gravel beach access to water. Very, very limited parking; access road, while two-way, is only one car wide, so consider parking on Rte. 28 and walking down to water. Great views up and down lake. You can see the Goodyear Lake Dam portage take-out from here, as well as the dam.



Lake Goodyear from Public Boat Access behind Knott's Motel, looking south

Map Mile 30

Goodyear Lake Dam portage

Race Map No. 3

GPS: 42° 30.250' N (to middle of carry trail)
74° 59.036' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 24.4

NOTES: Portage is river L, with take-out near peninsula tip to left (east) of dam. Take-out roomy enough for three canoes. Trail steep above take-out (right fork seems less steep), and steep descending along dam, but in good shape. Condition of put-in will depend on state of release from dam. The portage trail can be accessed from Rte. 35. Turn west on Stillman Cove Road at the Goodyear Lake Fishing Access sign, and drive to parking lot at end of road. Look for trail heading west that runs beneath power lines. Follow trail downhill to “sag” – you’ll be right next to the lake here – and continue straight and slightly uphill to ‘T’ trail intersection. Turn right. At first fork in trail, bear left. At second fork in trail, bear right and follow to portage take-out. GPS coordinates are for middle of portage trail, adjacent to dam.



View east from Rte. 28; note barrels.



View east from Rte. 28 at bridge



View up Goodyear Lake from take-out.

Map Mile 30

Goodyear Lake Dam

(continued)



Portage trail near dam, looking south



Put-in below dam at low water.

Map Mile 31

Colliersville – Route 7 Boat Launch

Race Map No. 3

GPS: 42° 29.475' N
74° 58.740' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 25.9

NOTES: Public fishing site with good access on river Right behind bridge pier. Access on river Left problematic owing to river current, but popular owing to proximity to parking lot. Access on river Right less popular, with a shallow rivulet of current at moderate water levels between bridge pier and shore about the width of one canoe. Small parking lot.



View upstream

Map Mile 35 Emmons

Race Map No. 3

GPS: 42° 27.463' N
 75° 00.454' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 29.3

NOTES: Public fishing site with good access on river Right. Small parking lot. Largest river access area downstream of fishing site sign on river Right, just upstream of bridge; you'll find this by following trail through the brush.



Signage



Water access upstream of bridge

Map Mile 35 Emmons (continued)



Trail from parking lot toward bridge



Larger access area near bridge on river Right.

Map Mile 36.5 Oneonta Dam

Race Map No. 4

GPS: 42° 26.954' N
 75° 02.691' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 31.2

NOTES: Portage take-out is on river Right, across the river from a concrete culvert drain and a rope swing. (There is a portage on river left, but this is prohibited during the race.) The take-out has a steep drop-off and is very slippery; access at the put-in is very good with a fair bit of current. Access to portage trail for pit crew is a bit complicated. You can park in the vicinity of the Neptune Diner, Hess station, Super 8 Motel, bridal shop, etc. on river left, across the street from the Southside Mall. Then cross the river over the bridge, and hang a right (e.g., go upstream). Follow trail along grassy area into the woods; note buried power line markers. Follow trail through woods; take right at fork by the junk pile. Cross stream (boots or Texas helpful here!), and follow trail along riverbank and through the trees to the dam and the portage trail. FYI there is a dirt access road and small dirt parking area accessible from the on-ramp to Route 88 eastbound that is closer to the portage; the dirt road is on the right *immediately* after the ramp guardrail ends. This puts you *much* closer to the dam portage.



Looking north across river downstream of dam



Put-in on river Right next to dam, looking upstream

Map Mile 36.5 Oneonta Dam (continued)



Portage trail adjacent to take-out



Take-out



Be sure to tip the waitstaff!

Map Mile 40.7 Ledge Drop

Race Map No. 4

GPS: 42° 26.608' N
 75° 05.759' W

NOTES: There is a river-wide ledge before Map Mile 41, just above the next access point. The ledge extends from river Right 90% of the way to river Left. There is a series of ledges upstream, which are similarly positioned. If you line up correctly the ledge chute poses no problems. The ledge also can be run near mid-stream at high water.



View from Rte 88



View from Rte. 88

Map Mile 41 Oneonta Fishing Access Site

Race Map No. 4

GPS: 42° 26.501' N
 75° 05.998' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 34.7

NOTES: Access is on river Right at large rip rap pile. Large parking lot at site, with tiny 1-lane access road.



View upriver



View downstream to access point

Map Mile 49

Otego – broken out bridge site

Race Map No. 5

GPS: 42° 23.462' N
75° 10.032' W\

Cumulative Course Miles: 41.7

NOTES: Access is on river Right beneath stone abutment.



Looking north across river toward stone bridge abutment

Map Mile 51 Otego Fishing Access Site

Race Map No. 5

GPS: 42° 22.621' N
75° 12.062' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 43.8

NOTES: Large, excellent re-supply location. Large parking lot with gated access. Water access is on river Left.



Looking upstream



Steps to the river



Looking north across the river

Map Mile 54 Wells Bridge

Race Map No. 5

GPS: 42° 21.984' N
 75° 18.303' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 46.6

NOTES: Access is on river Right. Very small parking lot. River is shallow; standing in-water re-supply possible.



View downstream from parking lot toward boat access.

Map Mile 59 Unadilla Dam

Race Map No. 6

GPS: 42° 19.680' N
 75° 18.303' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 51.7

NOTES: There is a small riverside park – Wattles Ferry Park – upstream of the broken-out dam, on the right channel of the river in Unadilla. Good views of river and dam site. Dam can be run at “average” water levels right-to-left. Don’t forget your brace!



Unadilla riverside park



View upstream from park

Map Mile 60 Unadilla Fishing Access Site

Race Map No. 6

GPS: 42° 19.239' N
 75° 19.392' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 52.8

NOTES: Large, excellent re-supply location on river Left. Large parking lot.



View upstream with boat access trail



View downstream toward bars

Map Mile 66

Sidney Fishing Access Site

Race Map No. 7

GPS: 42° 18.910' N
75° 24.853' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 58.7

NOTES: Good access on river Right. Large parking lot. Entrance is off Rte. 7 just west of Rte. 8 intersection.



View upstream toward bridge



View downstream

Mile 70 General Clinton Park – Finish Line

Race Map No. 7

GPS: 42° 17.971' N
 74° 27.680' W

Cumulative Course Miles: 62.1

NOTES: Hey, you're going to get there eventually!



View upstream from finish line.

Access Point Mileage Summary

Location	Course Miles
Start: Village Park	0
Cooperstown Dam portage	1.5
Phoenix Mills closed bridge	6.0
Route 11C bridge	6.4
Clintonville Road closed bridge	11.6
Route 166 bridge	14.8
Map Mile 23 on-water resupply	19.2
Portlandville trailer park	21.6
Knott's Motel	24.15
Goodyear Lake Dam portage start	24.4
Colliersville/Route 7 access	25.9
Emmons access	29.3
Oneonta Dam	31.2
Map Mile 41 access	34.7
Map Mile 49 "bridge out"	41.7
Otego access	43.8
Wells Bridge	46.6
Unadilla Dam	51.7
Map Mile 60 access	52.8
Sidney access	58.7
Finish: General Clinton Park	62.1