

# Canoeing, Kayaking, Rafting, Fishing, Fowling: Rights, River Conservation, and More

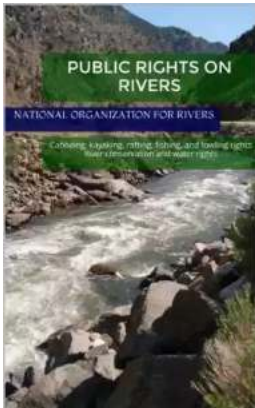


When it comes to enjoying outdoor activities, few things compare to the thrill of canoeing, kayaking, rafting, fishing, and fowling in rivers. These activities offer unique experiences that allow people to connect with nature, explore picturesque landscapes, and indulge in the joy of adventure.

## **The Adventurous Pursuit of Canoeing, Kayaking, Rafting, Fishing, and Fowling**

The art of paddling through the rivers in a canoe or kayak is a timeless activity that has been passed down through generations. It offers a sense of freedom and

tranquility as you navigate the waterways, witnessing nature's wonders up close. From gentle streams to fast-flowing rapids, each river presents its own set of challenges and rewards. Whether you prefer the serenity of calm waters or the adrenaline rush of whitewater rafting, rivers have it all.



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Fishing and fowling are also popular river activities. They provide an opportunity to test your skills and patience while reaping the rewards of a good catch. Whether you are a novice angler or an experienced fisherman, rivers are rich in aquatic life, offering a variety of species to target. Similarly, fowling enthusiasts can satisfy their passion for hunting in the river's abundant wetland areas, aiming to take home a prized waterfowl.

### The Importance of River Conservation

With the ever-growing popularity of these activities, it is crucial to address the importance of river conservation. As more people venture into rivers for

recreation, it becomes essential to protect the fragile ecosystems they harbor. River conservation involves various measures, such as water quality management, habitat preservation, and creating sustainable fishing and fowling practices.

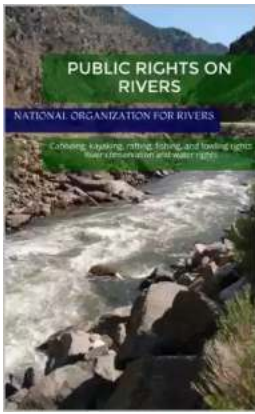
By preserving rivers, we ensure future generations can continue to enjoy the thrill and beauty they offer. The conservation efforts help maintain the delicate balance of aquatic life, keeping the rivers teeming with diverse flora and fauna. Additionally, conservation also contributes to cleaner water sources, benefiting both humans and numerous species that rely on the river ecosystem.

## **River Rights and Access**

Ensuring everyone's rights and access to rivers is a critical aspect of river conservation. Understanding the legal aspects and regulations surrounding river activities helps to protect the rights of both the public and the ecological systems. Public access points, navigational rights, and fishing and hunting regulations are all vital components of river rights and access.

Advocacy groups play a crucial role in protecting and fighting for these rights. They work tirelessly to secure legislation that safeguards rivers and ensures fair and equal access for all. The collective efforts of these groups help create a sustainable future for river enthusiasts and the surrounding ecosystems.

Canoeing, kayaking, rafting, fishing, and fowling offer outdoor enthusiasts a unique way to experience and appreciate the beauty of nature. As river activities continue to gain popularity, it becomes increasingly important to prioritize river conservation efforts. By understanding river rights and access, and supporting conservation initiatives, we can ensure the preservation of rivers and the ecosystems they sustain for generations to come.



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Public Rights on Rivers explains how you (the public) have clear and undeniable rights to canoe, kayak, raft, fish, fowl, and walk along the banks of rivers, in every state in the US. The book takes your understanding of river recreation, and your legal rights on rivers, to a whole new level. It explains complex legal concepts in straightforward ways. When you are ready for the whole story, the footnotes cite the numerous U.S. Supreme Court decisions that confirm your rights on rivers nationwide. You will find that even the footnotes contain bold mini-headlines, so you can easily see what each footnote demonstrates. The footnotes themselves are written so that you can readily follow them. Know the law and your rights to recreate on rivers by reading "Public Rights on Rivers."

What will you find in the book? Below is a breakdown of each chapter.

-Chapter One: Tells you how rivers were used over the centuries, with numerous rare illustrations of river uses in bygone eras. You will enjoy knowing how your ancestors used rivers, and how their uses built the foundation for your legal rights

to use rivers today.

-Chapter Two: Explores the spiritual and legal origins of public rights on rivers.

You will discover why rivers are literally beyond private ownership, and why they are perpetually held in trust for the public. You will understand the origins of the legal requirement to keep enough water in rivers for fish, wildlife, and navigation, and conserve the land and vegetation along the banks of rivers.

-Chapter Three: Answers every government agency's most basic question: Which rivers are navigable? Many forces in modern society want you to believe that only a few large rivers are legally navigable, and many of the rest are private, depending on current politics in the state and local government. This chapter documents how the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly confirmed that small, shallow, rocky rivers, with logjams, rapids, waterfalls, and other obstructions, are legally navigable under federal law, and must remain open to the public, even where the beds and banks of a river are private land under state and local property law.

-Chapter Four: Covers twelve additional reasons why rivers must remain open to the public, beyond being navigable under federal law. It also explains the legal foundations for your rights to walk along the banks of rivers, and get to and from rivers at frequent public access points. It explains and confirms your rights to fish, fowl, swim, and otherwise use rivers.

-Chapter Five: Carefully explains the limits of state government authority on the rivers in a particular state, in our dual system of state and federal government. You will hear lawyers and government agency personnel claiming that states can deny public rights on rivers. This chapter is the answer. It turns out that state governments do have authority to manage public uses of the water, fish, and other resources in rivers, but they do not have the authority to deny overall public rights to navigate, fish, fowl, and walk along the banks of the rivers in their state that are physically navigable. You will want to understand why and how this is so.



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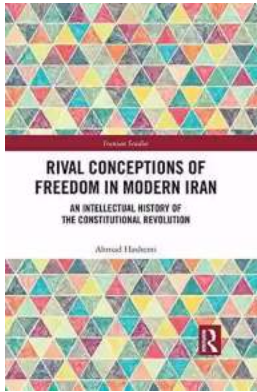
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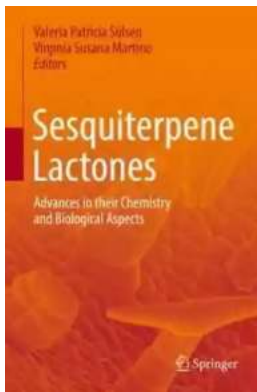
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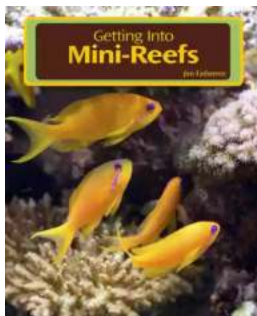
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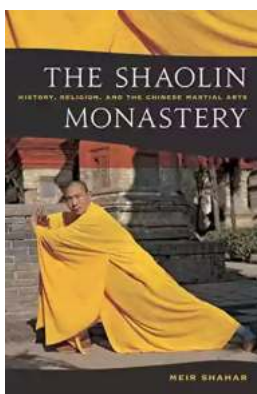
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