

Create a Water Trail Map with the National Water Trails Mapping Web Viewer

❖ *Introduction*

You can use a specially developed web mapping viewer to create a water trail map in your web browser. The National Water Trail Mapping web viewer contains all the tools you need to create a formatted map complete with a scale bar and north arrow.

❖ *Software requirements*

Users must have the current version of Microsoft Silverlight installed on their computers. This is a free download at: <http://www.microsoft.com/silverlight/>.

Open the Web Mapping Viewer

- Click on the following link to open the web mapping viewer
<http://imgis.nps.gov/Geocortex/Viewer/DSC/?Viewer=NWT>
- Click on the Show the Toolbar icon in the upper right corner
- The Help button contains detailed instructions on how to use the site

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- Use the Zoom In, Zoom Out, and Pan tools to locate your water trail
- Once you are in the general location of your water trail use the navigation controls to zoom and pan so that you can view the entire length of the trail on your screen.
- Click on the **Tasks** tab
- Use the drawing tools to trace the length of your water trail. You can change the color, add points, and add text using these tools.
- Your resulting map should look something like this:

➤ When you are happy with your map click the **Print Map** button.

➤ Leave the defaults for the first four boxes. In the **Title** box type the name of your water trail. Click **Create File**.

➤ Wait a few minutes while the software prepares the file and then click **Open File**. Click File...Save As to save your map.

❖ **Additional help resources**

- The help documentation for the web mapping viewer can be found here: http://imgis.nps.gov/Geocortex/Online_Help/