



Wild & Scenic Designation

Over 78 miles of the Westfield River's headwater tributaries and three major branches are designated as a National Wild & Scenic River. A "Wild & Scenic" river must have outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, historical or cultural features.

The federal designation encourages residents and visitors to be stewards of the River by promoting and protecting it. Communities in the watershed are given additional resources for its preservation.

From top left to bottom right: Annual Wildwater Races in Huntington; Mottled leaves of the American trout-lily resemble the markings on trout; Fall colors in Chester; Fresh snow on the Middle Branch; Spotted salamander in the upland floodplain; Red fox on the forest's edge; Stone staircase along trail constructed to base of Glendale Falls in Middlefield.

Thanks to the designation, the River remains free-flowing and is protected from potentially harmful projects, such as dams. The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee was formed locally to manage the River and maintain the health of the entire watershed for nearby and downstream communities.



www.wildscenicwestfieldriver.org

TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT US AT:

- **JOIN US FOR WORKDAYS**, including river cleanup days
- **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** for schools and young people
- **ATTEND MEETINGS** to keep up-to-date, or talk to your town's representative about issues such as river-side erosion, ways to improve wildlife habitat, or other concerns
- **TRAIL MAINTENANCE** including river cleanups or trail workdays
- **BECOME A STREAM TEAM VOLUNTEER** and survey your section of the river each year
- **LEARN ABOUT THE RIVER** through our river-side education programs
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- **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** for schools and young people
- **ENJOY FISHING**, walking, picnicking, biking, photographing or dipping your toes in the water
- **SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS** for schools and other organizations



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Committee is to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities and outstanding natural resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities.

WILD & SCENIC WESTFIELD RIVER

DISCOVER OUR
NATIONAL TREASURE



COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Becket • Chester • Chesterfield
Cummington • Huntington • Middlefield • Savoy
Washington • Windsor • Worthington

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Westfield River Watershed Association
The Trustees of Reservations
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
National Park Service



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The River runs through both public and private land. In public areas, visitors are welcome to swim, canoe, kayak, fish and explore the watershed. Both visitors and landowners are asked to help preserve and protect our local gem.

Streams through historic villages, fertile farm fields, western Massachusetts, and ocean waves make this a river has to be "outstanding". To make this 1% of all the rivers in the country. To protect this rare river — an honor bestowed on less than 1% of all the rivers in the country. The Scenic River — an honor bestowed on less than 1% of all the rivers in the country. To make this 1% of all the rivers in the country. To

The Westfield River is a rare find. Pristine and outdoor enthusiasts, the River is home to abundant wildlife and is a haven for nature lovers.

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HERE ARE 10 REASONS TO VISIT THE WESTFIELD RIVER HAS NEED ANOTHER

1. ONE OF THE BEST cold water fisheries in the Commonwealth
2. ONE OF THE FINEST whitewater canoeing areas in the Northeast U.S. and kayaking areas in the North Eastern U.S.
3. THE GRAND AND HISTORIC Keystone Arch Bridges, circa 1870's
4. HISTORIC FEATURES waterfalls in the Commonwealth, one of the highest waterfalls in the country.
5. HISTORIC BRIDGES villages and remains of colonial-era bridges
6. UNIQUE GEOLOGICAL FEATURES such as the Wilder's Falls and the Chester-Field George
7. SCENIC PICNIC LOCATIONS and places to wade into the river along the East Branch Trail.
8. ONE OF THE LARGEST radish wildmeadows areas remaining in Massachusetts
9. CRITICAL HABITAT for fish, wetlands, turtles, dragonflies, black bears, otters and other creatures, including many rare species
10. CLEAN, HIGH QUALITY WATER for wildlife and a source of public drinking water

