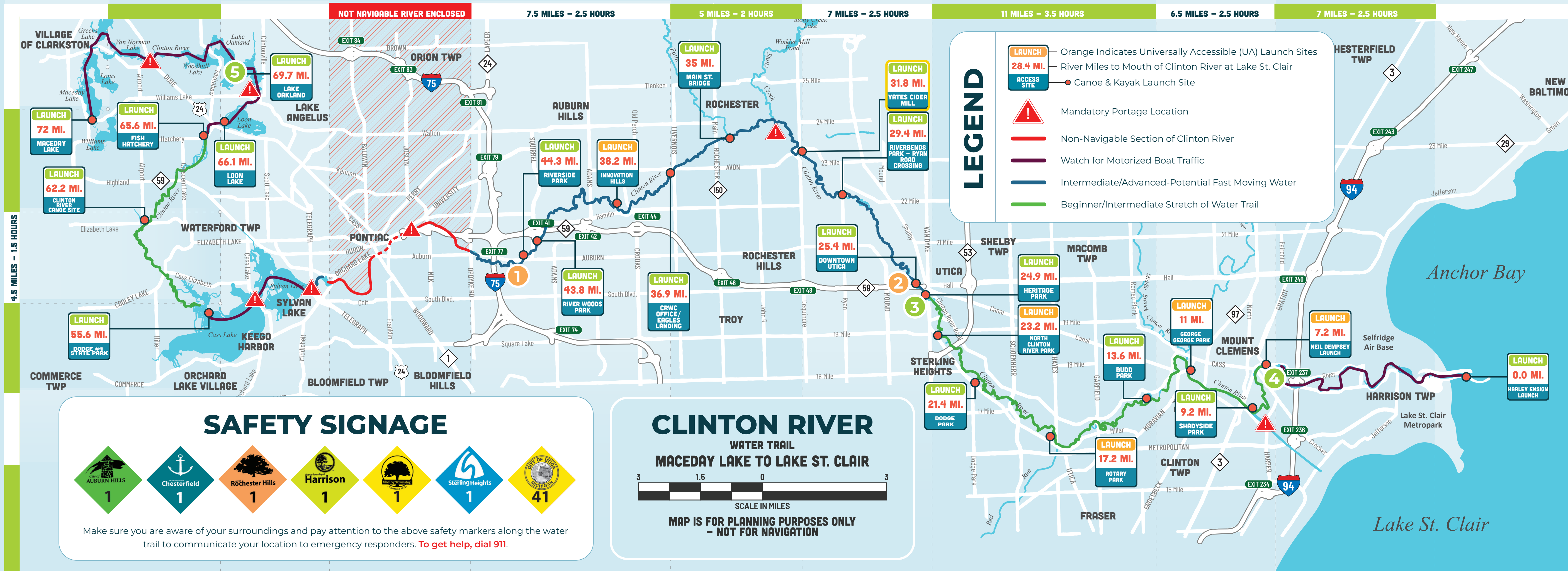


# Welcome to THE CLINTON RIVER WATER TRAIL

The Clinton River Watershed covers **760 square miles** and contains **72 communities** and over **1,000 miles** of streams. The main branch of the Clinton River runs **81.5 miles** from Springfield to Lake St. Clair and is a **State designated water trail**.



**SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE RIVER ARE DANGEROUS/CHALLENGING AND ARE NOT FOR BEGINNERS!**  
 The ① I-75 to ② Downtown Utica stretch is especially challenging. Know how to get help: dial 911

**BEGINNERS MAY CONSIDER:**  
 The lower river from ③ Heritage Park in Utica downstream to ④ Mt. Clemens is the best stretch for beginners.  
 The upper river in the ⑤ Chain of Lakes area of Oakland County is also good for beginners.

- KNOW THE CONDITIONS:**
- Look for safety markers along the riverbank. In case of an emergency, call 911 and report the number and town
  - The water can run fast and high, especially after a rain event
  - This river is known for carrying large amounts of woody debris that can create dangerous hazards
  - Woody debris blockages occur and change frequently
  - Report paddle blockages or trees across the river via the Clinton River Mobile App
  - Be aware of the water temperature
  - Be aware of weather conditions
  - Be aware of the remaining daylight
- PADDLE SAFELY:**
- You are responsible for your own safety while on the river at all times
  - Always paddle with the proper equipment
  - Never paddle alone
  - Bring a spare change of clothes in a dry bag
  - Wear river footwear
  - Know how to swim
  - Always wear a personal flotation device
  - Label all of your gear and canoe/kayak with your name

- SHARE THE RIVER!**
- Paddlers have a responsibility to be good ambassadors of the river and communities.**
- Park in designated areas
  - Change clothes discreetly
  - Do not play loud music
  - Be courteous to other river users
  - Follow the laws and rules of the area you are visiting
  - Avoid damaging riverbanks and surrounding vegetation
  - Clean your equipment before and after every paddling adventure
  - Leave no trace — remove trash

**CRWC PADDLE PAGE**  
 For updated river conditions and for translated Arabic and Spanish paddling information, visit the CRWC Paddle Page

**OPEN WATER MOBILE APP!**  
 Check for and report river blockages

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