



MVD Navigable Waters

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Navigable Waters (Section 10) of the United States (Traditional)

These waters are administratively defined to mean waters that have been used in the past, are now used, or are susceptible to use as a means to transport interstate or foreign commerce up to the head of navigation.

A determination of the navigability, once made, applies laterally over the entire surface of the water body to the ordinary high water mark (O.H.W.). The O.H.W. mark for inland fresh waters is the line on the shores established by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank; shelving, changes in the character of soil; destruction of terrestrial vegetation; the presence of litter and debris; or other appropriate means that consider characteristics of the surrounding areas. Section 19 or Section 10/404 permits are required for construction activities in these waters.

Waters determined to be "navigable waters of the United States" in the Mississippi Valley Division include:

Mississippi River

Arkansas

- Arkansas River
- Bayou Bartholomew
- Bayou LaGrue
- Blackfish Bayou
- Black River
- L'Anguille River
- Little Missouri River
- Ouachita River
- Saline River
- St. Francis River
- Sulphur River
- Tyronza River
- White River

Tennessee

- Big Hatchie
- Forked Deer River
- Obion River
- Wolf River

Louisiana

- Amite River
- Atchafalaya River
- Baptist Collette Bayou

- Baratavia Bay Waterway
- Bayou Chene
- Bayou D'Arbonne
- Bayou Dorcheat
- Bayou Lafourche
- Bayou Macon
- Bayou Pierre
- Bayou Teche
- Black Bayou
- Boeuf Bayou
- Boeuf River
- Bogue Chitto River
- Caddo Lake
- Calcasieu River
- Cane River
- Catahoula Lake
- Choctaw Bayou
- Corney Bayou
- Dorchest Bayou
- Freshwater Bayou
- Little River
- Loggy Bayou
- Lake Bistineau
- Little Bayou D'Arbonne
- Mermentau River
- Old West Pearl River
- Red River

- Saline Bayou
- Tensas River
- Twelve-Mile Bayou

(NOTE: This list does not include all of the 2,800 miles of navigable waterways in South Louisiana (within the New Orleans District's area of responsibility), as there are numerous waters in this area that fit the definition of navigable.)

Mississippi

- Big Black River
- Big Sunflower River
- Coldwater River
- East Pearl River
- Holmes Bayou
- Homochitto River
- Little Tallahatchie River
- Pearl River
- Ross Barnett Reservoir
- Sunflower River
- Tallahatchie River
- Yalobusha River
- Yazoo River

Illinois

- Chain of Rocks Canal
- Big Muddy River
- Illinois River
- Kaskaskia River

Missouri

- Femme Osage Creek
- Meramec River
- Missouri River
- Salt River

Wisconsin

- Ahnapee River
- Bad River
- Black River
- Bois Brule River
- Chippewa River
- Duck Creek
- East River
- East Twin River
- Fox River
- Green Bay
- Kenosha Harbor
- Kewaunee River
- Kinnickinnic River
(Milwaukee Harbor)
- Lake Butte des Morts
- Lake Michigan
- Lake Poygan
- Lake Superior
- Lake Winnebago
- Lake Winneconne
- Little Saumico River
- Maintowoc River
- Menominee River
- Menomonee River
- Milwaukee River
- Namekagon River
- Nemadji River
- Oconto River
- Pecatonica River
- Pensaukee River
- Peshtigo River
- Port Washington

- Rock River
- Root River
- Sheboygan River
- St. Croix River
- St. Louis River
- Sturgeon Bay and Lake
(Michigan Ship Canal)
- Suamico River
- Thornapple River
- West Twin River
- White River
- Wisconsin River
- Wolf River

Minnesota

- Big Fork River
- Big Stone Lake
- Bois De Sioux River
- International Boundary
waters flow west through
Cook, Lake, St. Louis and
Koochiching counties
- Kawishiwi River
- Kettle River
- Lake Of The Woods
- Lake Superior
- Lake Traverse
- Little Fork River
- Lower Red Lake
- Mille Lacs Lake
- Minnesota River
- Mississippi River
headwaters reservoirs
- Pigeon River
- Pike River
- Rainy River
- Red Lake River
- Red River Of The North
- Rum River
- Snake River
- St. Croix River
- St. Louis River
- Upper Red Lake
- Vermilion Lake
- Vermilion River

For More Information:

St. Paul District

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

Rock Island District

<http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/BusinessWithUs/OutreachCustomerService/Regulatory.aspx>

St. Louis District

<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

Memphis District

<http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/About/Offices/Regulatory.aspx>

Vicksburg District

<http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

New Orleans District

<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>