

CANOE & KAYAK MAP OF THE WILLIMANTIC RIVER HEADWATERS

(Stafford Springs, Ellington, Willington, Tolland)

Map numbers refer to the notes on river features and launch sites below. See “Boat Launches” for launch site directions and information. Because river conditions and access points may change over time, use of the information in this guide is at the sole risk of the user.

Launch 1 (L1) Stafford Commuter Lot at 0 miles (m)

1 Narrow channel, good only in high water.

2 WARNING Two-foot drop over dam (.9m). Scout before putting in. Can portage.

Launch 2 Plains Rd in Tolland (1.6m)

3 Large boulder and “Rock Garden”

4 Large boulder midstream

5 Large boulder and “Rock Garden”

6 WARNING At Interstate 84, go through R culvert (L culvert is dead-end)

7 WARNING Sharp bend. Do not go straight. Turn hard R, then use caution in fast, narrow channel.

Launch 3 Nye Holman State Forest in Tolland (5.9m)

Launch 4 South River Road in Tolland (6.0m)

Launch 5 Heron Cove Park in Tolland (6.5m)

Map notes: Canoe and kayak features provided by the Willimantic River Yacht Club in March 2006. Map created by Denise Burchsted from base data provided by CT DEP through UConn's Map and Geographic Information Center (MAGIC) website at <http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/>. Data accessed on March 2005. Additional information provided by the Willimantic River Alliance. Creation of maps funded by a Partnership grant from the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor.

