

# Batsto and Mullica River Water Trails

## PADDLE SMART & SAFELY

**CANOE AND KAYAK ACCESS ONLY**  
Batsto and Mullica Rivers are winding, shallow waterways with many underwater obstacles causing hazardous conditions. **Inflatable tubes, paddleboards, swimming and motorboats are not permitted on these trails.**

**BE PREPARED**  
Consider bringing water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, a hat and a cell phone in a waterproof bag. Dress for the weather. Tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return.

**WEAR A LIFE VEST**  
It is the one piece of equipment that will save your life. NJ State Law requires children 12 and under to always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). Everyone must wear a PFD from November 1 to May 1 when on a canoe or kayak under 26 feet in length. Put on your properly fitted PFD before getting into your boat.

**To report an emergency or suspicious activity, call 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911.**

**KNOW THE WATER CONDITIONS**  
Water levels can change making it unsafe to paddle. Check the levels to know when to go and when to wait for another day. For real time river levels, visit USGS[National Water Dashboard - <https://dashboard.waterdata.usgs.gov> and select your location.

**BE SMART**  
Alcohol is not permitted on state forest property; violators will be prosecuted. If you paddle while impaired, you may not notice a hazard or remember how to handle an emergency. **Stay sober.**

**PADDLE WITH FRIENDS**  
You can help each other build paddling skills and offer assistance when someone needs it. Know if your friends can swim and if anyone has first aid skills.

**KNOW WHERE YOU ARE**  
Know your put-in and takeout locations. Each mile of these water trails is marked with color-coded signs. When calling 911 to report an emergency, knowing the color and number of the markers in your location will help emergency responders find you.

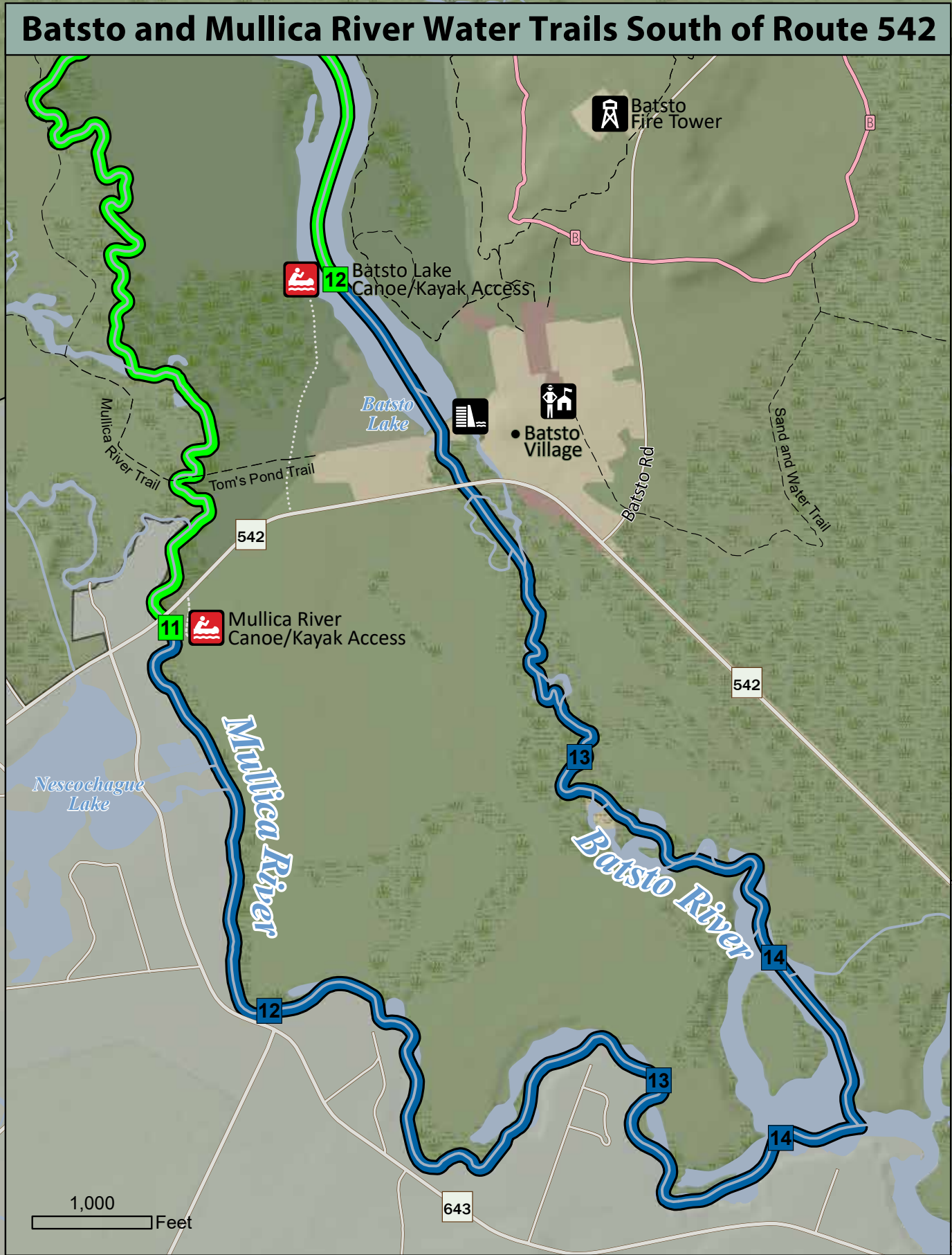


### NOT PERMITTED

Tubing, swimming, alcoholic beverages, drones, paddleboards, motorboats, smoking and vaping\* are NOT permitted on the water trails.



\*Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.



- Forest

Open Field or Grass
- Water

Wetland
- M #

Gravel Forest Routes
- Batona Trail

Trails
- Boat Launch

Campground
- Canoe/Kayak Access

Dam
- Fire Tower

Forest Office
- Last River Access Point  
USE CAUTION  
AND PLAN AHEAD!

Parking Lot
- Place Name