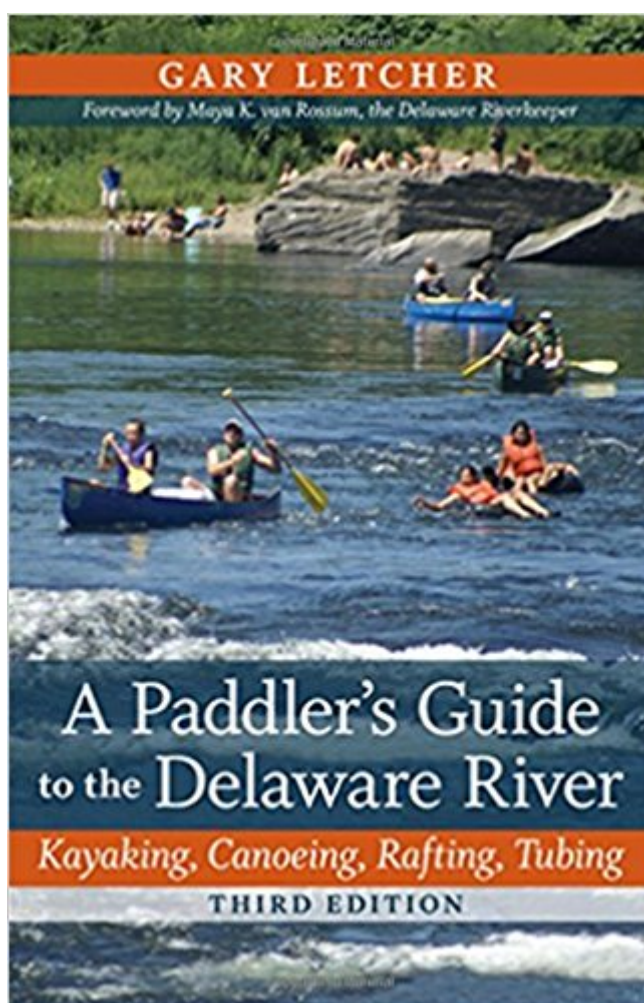


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Synopsis

When Henry Hudson explored the Delaware River in 1609, he dubbed it “one of the finest, best, and pleasantest rivers in the world.” Today, those same qualities make the Delaware one of the most popular rivers for recreational use in the United States. Although in places a near-wilderness, the Delaware is easily accessible to millions of residents. On any summer day there may be thousands of people rushing down its exciting rapids or lazing through its serene eddies. A Paddler’s Guide to the Delaware River is an indispensable resource for anyone who wants to experience the Delaware River in a kayak, canoe, raft, or tube—or, for that matter, an automobile or an armchair. Reading the book is like travelling down the river with an experienced guide. It charts the non-tidal Delaware 200 miles from Hancock, New York, to Trenton, New Jersey, describing access points, rapids, natural features, villages, historical sites, campgrounds, outfitters, and restaurants. The Delaware comes alive as the author introduces some of the people, places, events, and controversies that have marked the river from earliest times to the present day. Completely revised, the third edition offers: An overview of the river including watershed, history, place names, paddlecraft, safety, and fishing. The River Guide: ten sections that can each be paddled in one day (about 20 miles), with a mile-by-mile account of rapids, access, natural features, historic sites, and other features. All new maps, with names for virtually every rapid, eddy, and other river feature, plus detailed diagrams for routes through even the most severe rapids. Features in the River Guide highlight the people, events, natural history, and communities that define the river experience, such as Tom Quick, the infamous “avenger of the Delaware”; the mysterious migration of eels, the battle over Tocks Island Dam; and many others. Appendices of Important Contacts, Outfitters and Campgrounds, River Trip Checklists, and more. Whether you are a novice out for an afternoon float, a seasoned adventurer on an overnight expedition, or a resident fascinated by the lore of the Delaware Valley, this book is an invaluable guide.

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Customer Reviews

GARY LETCHER has been paddling the Delaware for over forty years. He led many a trip down the river as director of youth programs for the New Jersey State Park Service, and has served on the Board of Advisors for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. Although he now lives in Maryland with his family, he can often be found in his blue canoe on the beautiful Delaware River.

This book is amazing. As beginning kayakers it allowed us to plan day trips and confidently build our skill level. Literally every mile of the river is documented with information about rapids and the best routes to take for either a challenge or a relaxing day. The book is also filled with interesting tidbits on the sites you will see as you float the Delaware. While some of the information on local businesses is out of date, I found the access point information to be up to date and useful in 2014. If you plan on paddling the Delaware even just for a day, get this book!!

This book is awesome, planned numerous trips with it, everywhere you can put in or pull out are easy to find and very detailed descriptions of areas and points of interest. If you want to even do a single day trip down the Delaware get this book! All the rapids and classes are clearly marked and very accurate. Can't say enough about this book.

If you are looking for a paddling guide for the Delaware, look no farther, as you have found the best one. We originally bought the 1997 version of this book, and immediately loved it. It provides key information to navigating the Delaware and planning short or long trips. This current update is important, as things have changed in the past 10 years with all the major floods on the Delaware. I plan on using our older version as a marked-up "field" book, and using this one for the planning. Overall, I could recommend any edition of this book, as they are all superb!

I had kayaked the upper portions of the Delaware, and had ridden my bicycle along the road from Hancock to Port Jervis, and had caught some of the Delaware Water Gap driving from Syracuse to NYC. Our goal was to kayak two days, get the most rapids for the time, and stay in a hotel. We stayed at the Scottish Inn in PA. We had bicycles to ride back to the put in to get the car. We did 18 miles upstream from Port Jervis and 12 miles downstream. The book was our guide. It was accurate, helpful, easy to read and made all the difference between a hit or miss adventure and a success. There are not a lot of bridges or take outs along portions of the Delaware, so having this book was great. I highly recommend.

great book, i live on the Delaware and make notes of things that have changed or lay downs and things that would be good for fishing. I also mark good fishing wholes and spots so i know to return to them. The history in the book is great as well and I learned some new things. Lets you know where you can camp legally, I don't pay much attention to that, and all the public put ins and boat launches. it s a nice read and very informational if you like to yak or canoe or boat.

Well written and very enthusiastic.

If your planning a trip down the Delaware river this is a must have book. Have first edition also, much hasn't changed. New edition goes into more detail at tricky spots, with maps and warnings throughout.

Gary's awesome: he replied to an email with really good advice for a short trip. Solid advice too. I bought the book and it really helped me lead our group. Looking forward to the next season.

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