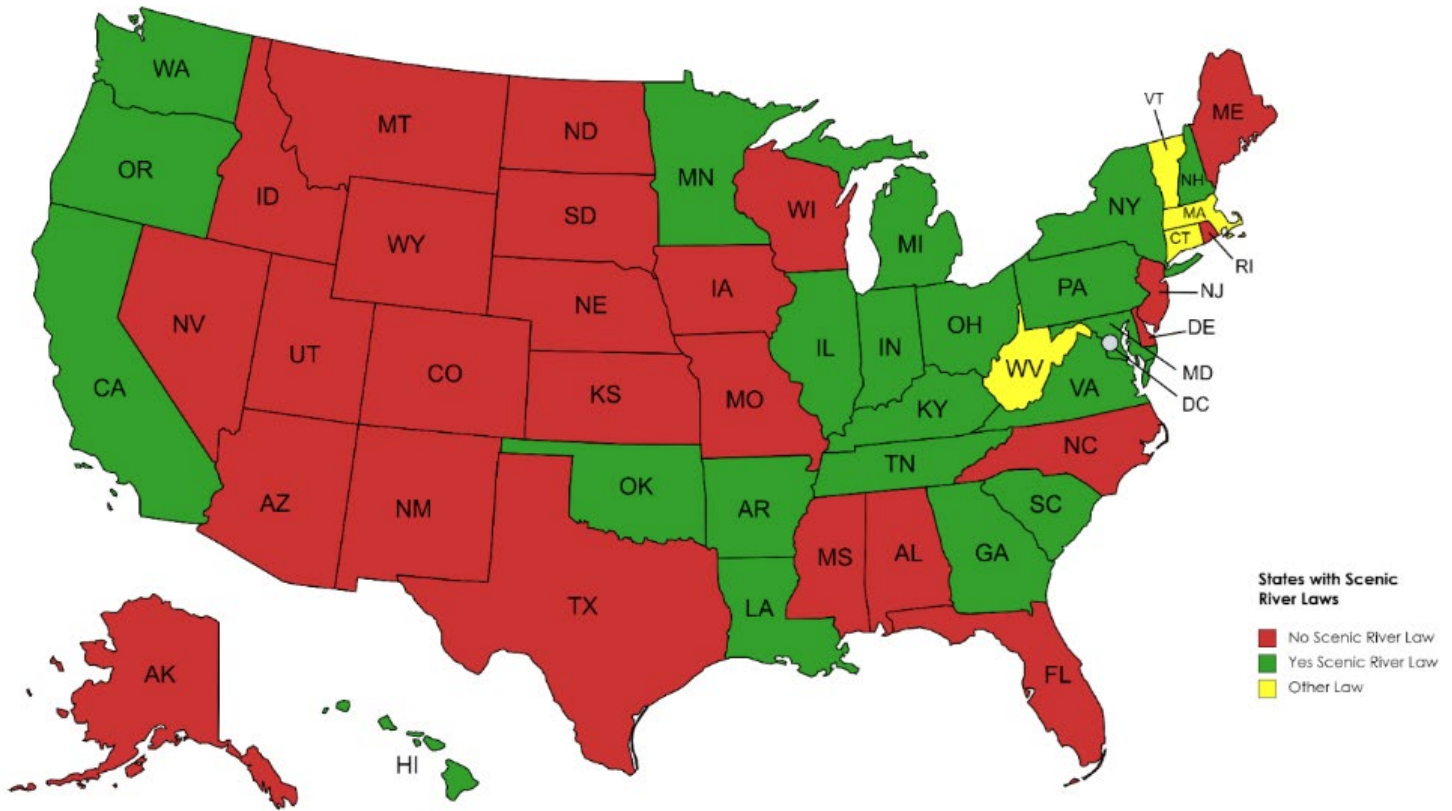


STATE SCENIC RIVER LAWS



States with Scenic River Laws

- No Scenic River Law
- Yes Scenic River Law
- Other Law

FACTS AT A GLANCE

BORDER STATES

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Pennsylvania, Maryland
Virginia, Ohio & Kentucky
all have state scenic river laws.

RIVER DESIGNATION

Many state laws designate rivers based on their outstanding remarkable value or values: e.g., wild, scenic, or recreational. West Virginia does not.

CONSERVATION CORRIDORS

Many states provide conservation corridors to protect their outstanding wild and scenic rivers from man-made damage.

Since the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was enacted into law in 1968, twenty-one states have enacted their own wild and scenic river laws and four have some type of river protection laws.

West Virginia Code §22-13, Natural Streams Preservation Act, only protects five state rivers and streams from man-made impoundments, to protect their free-flowing nature. There are fifty-six West Virginia streams and rivers, or segments thereof, that are listed in the U.S Department of Interior’s Nationwide River Inventory (NRI) based on their Outstanding Remarkable Values (ORVs). West Virginia’s neighboring states have state scenic river laws that designate rivers and streams based on their outstanding remarkable values; West Virginia does not. States with state wild and scenic laws generally provide additional protections to rivers and streams in addition to impoundment restrictions.