

Tips for using the Interactive Map

On the left margin:

Tools

Zoom in: Left click on the magnifying glass with a '+' in it. This activates the 'zoom in' tool. Left click on the map and use the cursor to draw a box. Map will zoom in to that location. Turn this feature off by left clicking the hand (pan) icon.

Zoom out: Left click on the magnifying glass with a '-' in it. This activates the 'zoom out' tool. Left click on the map and use the cursor to draw a box. Map will zoom out in that location. Turn this feature off by left clicking the hand (pan) icon.

Pan: Left click on the 'hand' icon. This activates the 'pan' feature, allowing you to move the map and get to the area you wish to focus on.

Zoom last: Left click on the 'earth with the left arrow' icon. When this tool is active, left click to go back to the previous zoom setting on the map.

Zoom forward: Left click on the 'earth with the right arrow'. When this tool is active, left click to forward to the zoom setting before use of the 'zoom last' tool.

Full extent: Left click on the 'earth' icon to zoom out to the fullest extent.

Measure

Measure distance: First, select the increment you wish to measure with- feet, meters, yards or miles. Activate this feature by left clicking on the 'distance' icon. Left click on the map and move the cursor to get a distance between 2 points. To change direction, left click. To end, double click. To turn off this feature, left click the 'can' icon on the right.

Measure area: First, select the increment you wish to measure with. Activate this tool with a left click on the 'measure' icon. Left click on the map and use the cursor to create an area. Left click to change directions. To end, double click. To turn off this feature, left click the 'can' icon on the right.

On the right margin:

Base Layers

No Aerial: select this option if you would like a white background as you zoom in on the map.

2008 Color: As you zoom in on the map, the background will become white. At this point you may select '2008 Color' which will provide the (2008) aerial photo background.

Live Layers

Access Points: select this option to show access points to the river for the Water Trail. Move the cursor over an icon to get information regarding the point selected.

Natural Features: Select this option to show natural features, County Parks and County Open Spaces along the river. Move the cursor over an icon to get information regarding the feature selected.

Historic Sites: Select this option to show historic points of interest on the river. Move the cursor over an icon to get information regarding the site selected.

Mileage Markers; Select this option to show mileage on the river in 2 mile increments. For more detailed measurements, use the 'measure' tool on the left margin.

County parks: Selecting this option shows an outline in green of all the Ottawa County Parks in the county. Information regarding parks along the Grand River is available using the 'Natural Features' function. To see detail within a park on the river, turning off the 'County Parks' option will reveal the aerial photo background. For information on all other parks, refer to the parks web site.

State Parks: Selecting this option shows an outline in green of all the State Parks in Ottawa County.

Local Parks: Selecting this option shows an outline in green of all the local parks in Ottawa County.

Open Spaces: Selecting this option shows an outline in green of all the Ottawa County Open Spaces. Information regarding open spaces along the river is available using the 'Natural Features' function. To see detail within an open space on the river, turning off the 'Open Space' option will reveal the aerial background.

Unimproved Parks: Selecting this option shows recently purchased properties currently in an undeveloped state. More information regarding these sites is available on the parks web site, or by calling the parks office (616 738-4810).

Streets: Select this option to show all the streets and roads in the county.

Water Trail Reaches: Select this option to show the trail segments called reaches, each displayed as a different color line in the river, on the map.