

The Susquehanna River



THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER IS A MAJOR river of the Appalachian region of the United States. It is one of the oldest rivers in the world, dating back to the Mesozoic Era.

Roughly 4 million people live along its 444 mile path.

The Susquehanna's journey begins in Otsego Lake in Cooperstown, New York. It winds through the Appalachian region of Pennsylvania before emptying into the Chesapeake Bay. On the way, it passes cities like Cooperstown, Altoona, Lancaster, and Harrisburg. Other rivers like the Juniata and the Lackawanna link to it.

The Susquehanna is the longest river in the United States that isn't used for shipping and transporting goods. Though it has been used in the past to transport coal, the area's main export, it is mostly used today for fun activities like boating, swimming, fishing and camping. The Susquehanna deposits about 22 billion gallons of water into the Chesapeake on a daily basis and is the largest contributor of freshwater into the Bay.

FACT FILE

Name: _____ Length: _____

Source: _____ Mouth: _____

Cities Along It: _____

Tributaries: _____

Importance to Communities Near It: _____