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# Odessa Water Trail - Maps & Routes

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Route	Distance	Start access	End Access	Notes
North Trail (purple)	3.0 mi	Shafer	Port Louisa	closed Sept 15-Jan 30;
South Trail				

(orange)	6.7 mi	Shafer	Burriss Ditch	always open
Goose Trail (blue)	4.2 mi	Shafer	NA	closed during main duck season (mid Oct-mid Dec); can't get through during very low water
Mississippi Trail (red)	6.5 mi	Port Louisa	Toolesboro	use caution at spillway when river is very high
North/South Trail	9.7 mi	Port Louisa	Burriss Ditch	see notes on North Trail
Goose/South Loop	7 - 9 mi	Shafer or Sand Run	Shafer or Sand Run	use shortcut off Goose or go the whole length; see notes on Goose Trail
End to End	9.8 mi	Port Louisa	Burriss Ditch	North-Goose-South; see notes for each trail
The Big Loop	16.2 mi	Port Louisa	Port Louisa	take Mississippi Trail to Toolesboro, portage to South Trail & head back to Port Louisa
Sand Run/Burriss	4.3 mi	Sand Run	Burriss Ditch	short, scenic trip; for variation at same distance, slip up to Goose Trail
<a href="#">Red Kayak Blog</a> - check the blog for descriptions of other Odessa trips				
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