

Monitoring Sites Guide

Sites are labeled LVM followed by a number. Most sites may be accessed from a bridge. Park safely off the road and do not hinder traffic. Use caution and watch for fast moving traffic. Most sites are on roads with minimal traffic.

LVM 1 Leading Creek Water Trail Marina, Middleport

GPS Coordinates: N 38 59.416 W 82 03.904

Mainstem Leading Creek near mouth at Ohio River. Site may be accessed from Page Street in Middleport. From State Route 7 turn onto Leading Creek Road (Co Hwy 3) and turn left onto Powell Street (Co Hwy 21). Follow Powell Street into Middleport and turn right onto Ash Street. Make the first right turn onto Page Street and follow until it dead ends at the Water Trail Marina.



LVM 2 Leading Creek above mouth of Thomas Fork

GPS Coordinates: N 38 59.577 W 82 04.581

Mainstem Leading Creek above the mouth of Thomas Fork. Site is located beneath State Route 7 bridge where it crosses Leading Creek. From State Route 7 turn onto Leading Creek Road (Co Hwy 3) and turn right onto Hobson Drive (Co Hwy 21). Soon after, turn right onto Shady Cove (Township Hwy 193). Park just off the road under the bridge.



Red circle shows mouth of Thomas Fork →

LVM 3 Thomas Fork off of Rocksprings Road

GPS Coordinates: N 39 04.130 W 82 01.095

Thomas Fork located just east of Route 33 in the far eastern part of the watershed. Site may be accessed from Rocksprings Road near the Meigs County fairgrounds. From State Route 7 / U.S. Route 33 (heading east), turn onto Pomeroy Pike (Co Hwy 25), and turn left onto Crew Road. This will lead beneath the highway, after which make a left onto Rocksprings Road. Follow Rocksprings Road for about 2.5 miles and turn onto a small bridge, first road on the left. This small bridge crosses Thomas Fork immediately off Rocksprings Road. Park off the bridge.



LVM 4 Thomas Fork upstream Rocksprings Road

GPS Coordinates: N 39 04.605 W 82 00.571

This site is near site LVM 3, only a few minutes further up Rocksprings Road past Lovers Lane (Township Hwy 81). Site may be accessed from bridge crossing Thomas Fork.



LVM 5 Parkinson Road bridge over Leading Creek before Langsville

This site is located off of State Route 124 on Parkinson Road. From State Route 7, turn onto State Route 124 and head toward Rutland. In Rutland, State Route 124 makes a sharp left turn. Continue to follow 124 for about 2 miles. Parkinson Road is on the left. You will cross railroad tracks through open fields, the road is gravel, and you will soon approach a bridge crossing Leading Creek mainstem. Park along side the road near the bridge and sample near the bridge.

LVM 6 Leading Creek near Malloons Run Mouth

GPS Coordinates: N 39 03.750 W 82 12.201

Mainstem Leading Creek before near the mouth of Malloons Run in the western area of the watershed. Site may be accessed from Malloons Run Road northwest of Langsville. Follow State Route 124 W to Langsville. Once past Langsville turn right onto Dexter Road (Co Hwy 10). Follow Dexter Road / Co Hwy 10 for a few miles and turn left on Malloons Run Road, which is a gravel road. Site is located just after turning onto Malloons Run Road. There is a pull-off area on the left side of the road which leads to the site shown in the photos below.



LVM 7 Malloons Run near mouth before Leading Creek

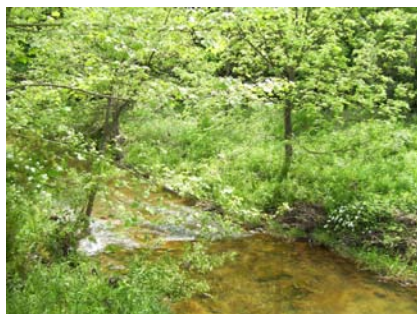
Malloons Run at bridge further down Malloons Run Road. Continue on Malloons Run Road for less than a mile until bridge crossing. Site may be accessed from bridge.



LVM 8 Parker Run on AEP Conservation Easement property

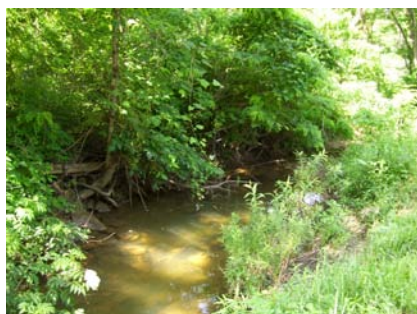
GPS Coordinates: N 39 03.899 W 82 13.615

Parker Run at Parker Run Road. Site is located in close proximity to site LVM 7. Site may be accessed by following State Route 124 W to Langsville and turning right onto Dexter Road (Co Hwy 10). Follow Dexter Road / Co Hwy 10 past Malloons Run Road to Parker Run Road (Montgomery Road / Co Hwy 9) on the left. This road is gravel and leads into the AEP Conservation Easement property, which is public property. Follow Parker Run Road until bridge crossing Parker Run. Site may be accessed from bridge.



LVM 9 Debbie Bullington's Property (to be monitored by Debbie).

This site is located at Sidehill Road several yards before the Nicholson Hill Road intersection (coming from County Road 10 intersection). The site is located on a tributary of Mud Fork.



LVM 10 Leading Creek

GPS Coordinates: N 39 06.378 W 82 13.158

Leading Creek at Dyesville Road (Co Hwy 27). From State Route 143 take Carpenter Hill Road / Co Hwy 10 heading south. Follow Carpenter Hill Road until Carpenter Dyesville Road / Co Hwy 11 on the right. Veer toward the right to follow Carpenter Dyesville Road. Continue to follow this road, passing the Carpenter Inn. After a short distance past the Inn, the road branches; continue to follow Carpenter Dyesville Road toward the left. You will shortly pass Rawlings Cemetery on your left. Continue until the next road on your left, Dyesville Road / Co Hwy 27. Turn left onto Dyesville Road / Co Hwy 27. Follow this for a short distance. You will cross railroad tracks and soon after a bridge. This bridge crosses Leading Creek and is the location of LVM 10. Site can be accessed from either side of the bridge.



LVM 11 Dyesville Run

GPS Coordinates: N 39 07.275 W 82 13.436

Dyesville Run at Harmon Road (Township Hwy 405). Site may be accessed from Harmon Road bridge crossing. From State Route 143, turn onto Mount Union Road (Township Hwy 14) and follow this all the way to Harmon Road. Once you are on Mount Union Road, it crosses Carpenter Hill Road. Continue on Mount Union. The road will branch, Mount Union will lead to the left, and Greer Hollow Road will branch off on the right. Continue left on Mount Union Road. Shortly after this it will end at Harmon Road. Turn right onto Harmon Road. The site is located soon after this turn at the bridge shown in the photo below.



LVM 12 Five Mile Run near mouth before Leading Creek

GPS Coordinates: N 39 10.612 W 82 12.072

Five mile Run near mouth at Woodyard Road. Site may be accessed from Woodyard Road bridge crossing. From State Route 143 turn onto State Farm Road and turn right onto Woodyard Road. Site is located on Woodyard Road soon after turning from State Farm Road. This site is downstream from a Dairy Farm where a Leading Creek Improvement project took place. The property is owned by Marco and Jean Jeffers.



LVM 13 Five Mile Run upstream from Site LVM 12



Five Mile Run on Woodyard Road closer to Dairy Farm.

LVM 14 Five Mile Run further upstream from Dairy Farm

GPS Coordinates: N 39 10.816 W 82 11.468

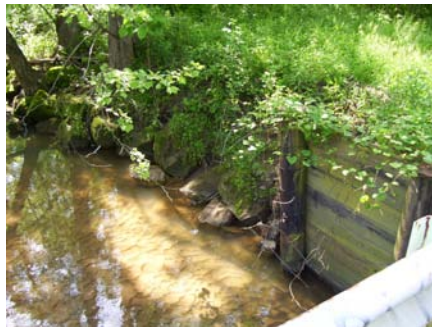
Site is located further up Woodyard Road. From State Route 143 turn onto State Farm Road and make a right onto Woodyard Road. Follow for a couple of miles until Hills Road (Township Hwy 5). Turn right onto Hills Road; site is located at bridge crossing soon after turn.



LVM 15 Upper Mud Fork

GPS Coordinates: N 39 09.295 W 82 09.965

Upper Mud Fork in the northeastern area of the watershed. Site may be accessed from State Route 692 bridge crossing. From State Route 143 heading north toward Albany, turn right onto State Route 692. The site is located at the first bridge crossing after this turn onto 692.

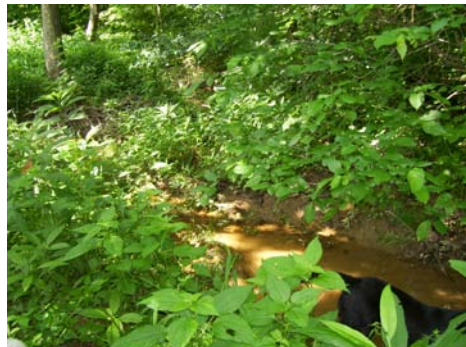
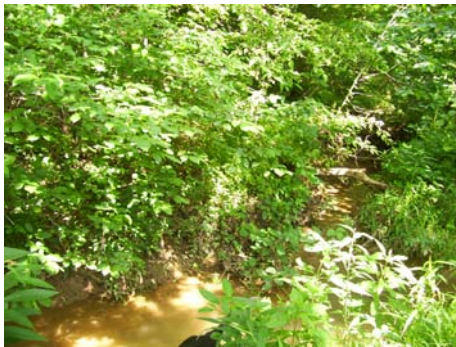


LVM 16 Rina Caldwell's Property (to be monitored by Rina and neighboring volunteers)

This site is located on a tributary of Grass Run following Nicholson Hill Road. The tributary discharges into Grass Run just west of the Nicholson Hill Road and McCumber Hill Road intersection. The site is accessed at the small bridge / driveway leading to Rina's property.

LVM 17 Caty Crabb's Property (to be monitored by Caty and neighboring volunteers)

This site is located south of LVM 17 on a tributary of Grass Run off of Beech Grove Road. It is one of two sites on the property; this site is located above the house and can be accessed by following a gravel driveway past the house and turning left immediately when the drive enters an open field landscape. The stream is located several yards through a small field and a section of trees from the gravel drive.



LVM 18 Caty Crabb's Property (to be monitored by Caty and neighboring volunteers)

This site is located directly off of Beech Grove Road downstream from site LVM 17. The stream is the same tributary of Grass Run. This site may be accessed directly from the bridge at the end of the driveway.

LVM 19 Casto's Tributary

Casto's Tributary has a high priority for restoration. It is affected by acid mine drainage from unregulated coal mining. This site is located at the State Route 143 and Old Landfill Road (or Humphreys Drive) intersection. From State Route 7, turn onto State Route 143 and follow this for a couple of miles. Site is located on the right between large pine trees.



LVM 20 The Unnamed Tributary & Thomas Fork: Thomas Fork ABOVE Unnamed Trib. mouth

This site is located a couple of miles further north of LVM 16 off State Route 143 and also features highly degraded water quality conditions. From LVM 16, turn left back onto State Route 143 and follow it to Bailey Run Road on the left. Turn left onto this road. Site is located several yards after the turn at a bridge crossing Thomas Fork. The bridge crosses Thomas Fork, and directly left of the bridge (coming from 143) is a smaller stream flowing into Thomas Fork. This smaller stream is the Unnamed Tributary (in photo below, the Unnamed Tributary is the stream with the orange acid mine drainage water flowing into the bigger stream, Thomas Fork). The monitoring site is on Thomas Fork about 10 feet above the bridge (upstream) before the Unnamed Tributary flows into Thomas Fork. NOTE: water can be deep here.



Site is located upstream from this intersection→

^ Water can be deep here

LVM 21 The Unnamed Tributary & Thomas Fork: Thomas Fork BELOW Unnamed Trib. mouth

Follow the same directions listed under site LVM 20. Monitor Thomas Fork about 10 feet below (downstream) the mouth of the Unnamed Tributary.



LVM 22 Headwaters of Leading Creek at OU Airport

GPS Coordinates: N 39 13.000 W 82 13.02

This site is located in the headwaters of Leading Creek next to the OU Airport right off of 32. It is on Athens County Road 71, or Meigs County Road 1. Coming from 32, park on the first gravel road on the left. The site is located on the right side of the paved road (71) across from the gravel road. Walk several feet through tall grass toward the fence surrounding the airport. The sampling point can be accessed from a 6 foot steel culvert with a concrete wall.

Photos coming soon.

LVM 23 Headwaters of Leading Creek

GPS Coordinates: N 39 10.66 W 82 12.82

This site is located near the headwaters on Leading Creek. The site can be easily accessed from either State Farm Road or Highway 32. From 32 turn left onto County Road 71. You will pass site LVM 22. The road will turn into County Road 1 as you cross into Meigs County. Continue to follow this road for a short distance until Jones Road on the left. Turn onto Jones Road (gravel Road). The sampling site is located from a bridge crossing Leading Creek, less than 5 minutes from the turn onto Jones Road. There will be a big red barn on your right. Park right along the road after the bridge and use a bucket to collect sampling water from the bridge. Take the water from the left side of the bridge (coming from 32). Make sure you stay on or just off the road, and watch for traffic.

Photos coming soon.

LVM 24 Little Leading Creek outside of Rutland

This site is located on Little Leading Creek outside of Rutland off of Depot Street. The property is owned by Rex Haggy, who has given permission for volunteers to access the site from his property. Follow State Route 124 as if headed to the Meigs SWCD Conservation Area, toward Rutland. Once you enter into Rutland (speed limit drops to 35), turn left onto Depot Street. Follow this for less than 1 mile. The address is 90 Depot Street. The driveway is long; park just off the driveway before the wooden bridge crossing Little Leading Creek. Walk to the site by crossing the bridge and turning right into a field. Walk through this field down into the creek.



LVM 25 Carol McDonough's Property Grass Run

This site is located on Grass Run on McCumber Road. The access point is located at a large Sycamore Tree by a culvert where McCumber Road crosses Grass Run. The surrounding property is owned by volunteer Carol McDonough. From State Route 124 heading W, drive through Rutland and continue straight onto New Lima Road (Do NOT turn left and continue on 124 in Rutland). Follow New Lima Road for about 3 or 4 miles. You will pass the Conservation Area on your right. Shortly after, New Lima makes a sharp right turn. Do not turn, but continue straight onto Loop Road. Shortly after continuing straight, make a left turn onto McCumber Road. A landmark at this intersection is a ... Travel on McCumber for a few miles. You will pass Beech Grove Road, Nicholuson Hill Road, and Junior Ward Road. The site is located on the left just after passing Junior Ward Road.

