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Governor Tom Corbett today began a two-day kayak tour on the Upper Delaware River through Wayne, Pike and Monroe counties to promote Pennsylvania's natural resources and learn about this critical waterway.

"Pennsylvania is blessed with unmatched natural beauty and resources," Corbett said. "As Pennsylvanians, we sometimes take our beautiful surroundings for granted, so this summer, I'm taking out the kayak and experiencing them first hand. I encourage residents across the state to do the same."

Setting off this morning from the southern tip of Wayne County, Corbett will be kayaking down the Upper Delaware River; visiting Wayne, Pike and Monroe counties throughout his two-day trip. The Governor will be spending time on water as well as on land visiting a state park, a national park and tourist destinations.

He will be joined on the water by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Rick Allan, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Michael Krancer and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director John Arway.

"We are thankful and excited to see the Governor's commitment to recreational tourism as he showcases outdoor opportunities across Pennsylvania this summer," said John Arway, executive director of the Fish and Boat Commission. "Fishing and boating are big business in Pennsylvania and these activities generate approximately \$3.4 billion in revenue to the state every year."

While on the water, Corbett is learning about the region's landscape and how recent preservation projects and economic development initiatives have conserved the area's natural beauty while enhancing the quality of life for residents.

"An investment in Pennsylvania's natural resources is a proven investment in local economic activity," said Corbett. "Investments that create jobs, help communities prosper and preserve our natural resources are always worthwhile."

When not on the water, Corbett will be visiting local tourist destinations including the Zane Grey Museum, Masker Museum, Promised Land State Park and the Shawnee Inn.

This is Corbett's second kayak tour this summer. Corbett kayaked the Allegheny and Conemaugh rivers in July; visiting Forest, Venango and Warren counties, Johnstown and Pittsburgh. The Governor's kayak trips have become a tradition, beginning last summer when the Governor promoted the importance of preserving and conserving our natural resources while traveling the Susquehanna River.

For more information on the Governor's kayak trip, visit the Governor's site at [www.governor.pa.gov](http://www.governor.pa.gov).

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