

Greenbrier River Watershed

West Virginia

Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Summers, and Monroe Counties

The Greenbrier River runs 173 miles through Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers Counties.

The Greenbrier watershed—the land area that drains water to the Greenbrier River—is home to over 38,000 residents and drains an area of over 1,640 square miles. The East and West Forks converge to form the mainstem of the Greenbrier River at Durbin. The channel flows southwest through Cass, Marlinton, Roncoveite, and Alderson before joining the northerly flowing New River in Hinton. The waters of the Greenbrier River make the long journey to the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers; eventually flowing to the great Gulf of Mexico. The highest point in the watershed is in the north—4,573 feet on Elleber Knob in Pocahontas County.

The minimum elevation is 1,365 feet at the confluence of the Greenbrier River with the New River. Like the New, the Greenbrier River is very old and has a significant ecological, cultural and recreational value.

