



United States Marine Highway Program



Marine Highway M-23

Route Name: Big Sandy River

Sponsor: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, West Virginia Department of Transportation

Route Designated: 2025

Landside Route Served: U.S. Route 23 and Interstate 70

Route Description:

The Big Sandy River flows north from its source in Louisa, KY, until it joins the Ohio River (USMH M-70) at Catlettsburg, KY. The Big Sandy River has historically served as an important commercial asset for the Huntington-Ashland metropolitan area, eastern Kentucky, and southwestern West Virginia and this route further recognizes and invests in the marine capacity. The northernmost riverfront area, located near the confluence of the Ohio River in Catlettsburg, KY, and Kenova, WV, is a highly concentrated industrial hub featuring numerous industrial facilities.

Route Length: 27 Statute Miles

