

United States Marine Highway Program

Marine Highway M-24



Route Name: Cumberland River

Sponsor: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Tennessee Department of Transportation

Route Designated: 2025

Landside Route Served: Interstate 24

Route Description: The Cumberland River circulates from its headwaters in southeast Kentucky into central Tennessee before flowing north through western Kentucky to its confluence with the Ohio River (M-70) near Smithland, KY. Navigable commercial activity in Kentucky occurs in the State's western section between the Cumberland's confluence with the Ohio River and the Tennessee State line. This route enhances the commercial visibility of this significant waterway, with further expected investments expected to increase capacity, strengthen intermodal infrastructure, and reduce congestion and related costs from the surrounding highway and rail systems.

Route Length: 688 Statute Miles

