

NORWALK RIVER WATERSHED QUIZ

(For answers to the quiz, visit www.norwalkriver.org.)

How well do you know the Norwalk River and its watershed?

1. How long is the Norwalk River from its start to its end?
a. 11 miles b. 23 miles c. 52 miles
2. Where does the Norwalk River start?
a. Great Pond b. Great Swamp c. Great Adventure
3. Where does the river end?
a. Titicus Reservoir b. Norwalk c. Long Island Sound
4. The Norwalk River Watershed includes how many towns?
a. three b. five c. seven
5. In how many states?
a. one b. two c. three
6. Name the towns in the Norwalk River Watershed. _____

7. What class of water quality is the Norwalk River?
a. Class A (drinking water) b. Class B (swimmable & fishable)
8. How many towns have their River Study site on the Norwalk River?
a. one b. two c. three
9. How many flood-control dams have been installed on the Norwalk and its tributaries?
a. two b. three c. five
10. Which of these waterways are tributaries to the Norwalk River?
a. Comstock Brook b. Five Mile River c. Saugatuck River d. Silvermine River
11. How many wastewater treatment plants send treated effluent to the Norwalk River?
a. one b. two c. three d. four
12. What creature has had the longest scientific study on the Norwalk?
a. butterflies b. birds c. frogs
13. Which recreational activities are the most popular along the Norwalk River?
a. boating b. fishing c. biking d. hiking
14. How many of the following can degrade the water quality or quantity of our rivers: algal growth, dams, stream-bank channelization, lack of riparian vegetation, loss of wetlands, erosion and sedimentation, stormwater runoff, fertilizers and pesticides, roads and parking lots, wastewater treatment plants, septic systems, invasive species, litter?
a. three b. six c. nine d. all
15. Why are clean rivers important to people, plants, and animals?
a. They distribute fresh water for wells and drinking supplies; b. provide varied habitats for parts of the food chain; c. provide opportunities for recreation; d. allow communities to grow and thrive; e. send clean water to estuary breeding grounds and oceans.
16. Define or explain the following words: algal, channelization, degrade, effluent, erosion, estuary, food chain, habitats, reservoir, riparian, sedimentation, septic system, stormwater, tributary, wastewater treatment, watershed, wetlands.