**What is the FOMR River Access Program?**

The RAP is an organized network of private landowners (hosts) who are willing to allow authorized FOMR users (guests) onto their private land along Middle River for the purposes of parking, putting in and taking out of paddlecraft. Enrolled participants receive instructions on how to contact the participating landowners, the vehicle placards necessary to park and river information that allows the user to create a variety of trips of varying lengths along Middle River, which otherwise has no public access sites.

**How do I sign up to get access?**

Email Kate at fomr.guenther@gmail.com and let her know when would generally be a good time for her to call you to discuss the program for 5-10 minutes. And she’ll call you!

**Does the program cost anything?**

Nope.

**Do I have to sign up every year?**

No, just enroll once.

**Can I loan out my vehicle cards to my friends?**

No. Instead, please refer friends to Kate so they can get their own permit(s). This is a safety issue. Your permits have ***your*** contact info associated with them. Landowners need to be able to know who is using their land at any time and be able to contact someone if a problem arises—like if someone does not come back for their vehicle. If a permit were loaned out, confusion about who may be in trouble on the River could occur.

**I live on Middle River…how do I get more information about making my river access available to paddlers in the program?**

Contact Wayne Nolde at shenandoahnoldes@gmail.com to get all your questions answered!

**How many private access sites are there in the program?**

There currently are 8 landowner properties in the program between Mile 0 and Mile 44 of Middle River— roughly from the mouth of Middle River up to the Frank’s Mill area. Since these landowners are being so generous with their access, it is imperative that all FOMR guest users follow each landowner’s preferences completely and communicate clearly and respectfully with landowners at all times. As you can imagine, if a landowner has a bad experience with an FOMR guest, they could deny future access for all of us.

And additionally, remember that all riverfront property you pass while paddling Middle River is all private property as well. Be on your good behavior and Practice Leave No Trace Principles!