

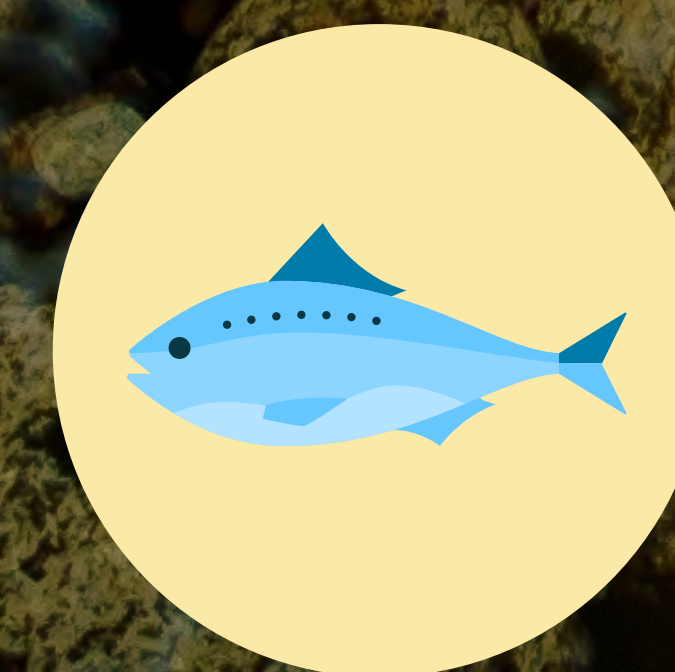
NATURE'S HIGHWAY

Back and forth, upstream and downstream, a constant flow of species uses the river like a highway.

Fish migrate between headwaters and ocean to spawn eggs and grow to adulthood. Birds fly its length, and animals wander its banks, following the fish through the seasons. And humans travel up and down, too!

There are many stories to tell about the journeys on nature's highway.

What story do you want to tell?



Journey of a Lifetime
The American shad starts life in the river's headwaters, then swims to the ocean to live as an adult. Years later, the shad swim back up nature's highway to spawn the next generation.



Just Passing Through
The Delaware is an important stopping point for millions of monarch butterflies on their 3,000 mile migration to their breeding grounds in Mexico.



Trash Travels Far
A plastic bottle that washes or gets thrown in the river will travel nature's highway as far as the current will carry it. That's one way so much of our plastic ends up in the ocean.

*Just like the animals that travel the river, pollution flows down this highway, too. Mines, factories, and agricultural runoff upstream may not be things most people see, but everyone and everything downstream lives with the results of their actions. **Everything is connected by nature's highway.***

