

Photoset 1: Rivers of life



Yangtze River

Continent: Asia

Country: China

This photograph shows two men using the Yangtze River in China as a way of travelling. The Yangtze is the longest river in Asia and the third longest in the world. The Yangtze drains one-fifth of China's land and its river basin is home to one-third of China's population. Photo: Morguefile/kconnors.



Village pump

Continent: Africa

Country: Malawi

These children are fetching water from the village pump near Blantyre in Malawi. No one has far to walk for the water in this village and it is a common task for children to fetch the water. In Malawi, only 37% of the rural population has access to safe water within one mile of their home. Photo: Ruth Totterdell.



Canoeing

Continent: Europe

Country: UK

These youngsters are enjoying learning to paddle on the River Teifi at the Cilgerran Wildlife Centre near Cardigan, Wales. The River Teifi rises in the Cambrian Mountains and flows into the sea at Cardigan Bay. Different stretches of this river are popular with kayakers and canoeists: this section is better suited to beginners while upstream the river has more rapids and is frequented by more experienced paddlers. Photo: Paula Owens.



River Yare

Continent: Europe

Country: UK

This photograph shows water control on a drainage ditch on the upper Yare in Norfolk, England. The sluice gate controls water levels and flow rates in the river. Photo: Morguefile/OldGreySeaWolf.



Crops

Continent: North America

Country: USA

This photograph shows lettuces growing on Pine Island in Warwick, New York State. Pine Island is at the heart of the 'Black Dirt Region', so named for the dark, extremely fertile soil left over from the remains of a great shallow lake, which formed as the last glaciers were melting away 12,000 years ago. Photo: Morguefile/kconnors.



Hydroelectric dam

Continent: North America

Country: Canada

This photograph was taken at the Whitehorse Rapids on the Yukon River in Canada. The hydroelectric dam is run by Yukon Energy. It has a fishway built into it so that the spawning salmon can get past. Photo: Morguefile/wedhatted.



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Boundary

Continent: Europe

Country: Switzerland/Liechtenstein

The River Rhine forms the border between Switzerland and Liechtenstein – as shown by this sign on the bridge. The Rhine is one of the longest and most important rivers in Europe. It runs for over 766 miles from its source in the Swiss Alps through six countries (Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, France and the Netherlands) before flowing into the North Sea at Rotterdam. Photo: Norbert Banhidi.



Lake Matheson, New Zealand

Continent: Oceania

Country: New Zealand

This photograph shows Lake Matheson in New Zealand reflecting the country's two highest peaks: Aoraki (Mount Cook) and Mount Tasman. Photo: Richard Strafford.



Canada geese

Continent: Europe

Country: UK

Canada geese and some lily pads on the River Thames in Henley-on-Thames. Starting as a small trickle in the Cotswolds, the River Thames travels over 210 miles through the heart of some of England's most picturesque towns, right into the centre of London and eventually, out into the North Sea. Photo: Paula Owens.



London

Continent: Europe

Country: UK

This image shows the City of London from Tower Bridge in England. This is London's central business district and the financial heart of the country. London grew upon the banks of the River Thames thanks to the good transport links it provided. Photo: Alan Kinder.



Tour boat

Continent: North America

Country: USA

This photograph depicts a tour boat on the Chicago River. The river is 156 miles long and is an important link between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi Valley waterways. Chicago attracted 33 million tourists to the city in 2008. Photo: Morguefile/dharder.



Transporter

Continent: Europe

Country: UK

Cargo ships leave the inland port of Goole (East Yorkshire, England) and head out on the River Ouse. The Ouse connects to the River Humber and then out into the North Sea. Photo: Morguefile/columbia114.

























