Falls of the Ohio Geography, History, and Wildlife
A map of the Ohio River (black) and its basin. A lot of this area is where "The Ohio Valley" is.
The mural in the lobby of the Falls Interpretive Center
1819 map showing both canal routes

Photo from Kenny Kareem
1920s

Photo from Univ. of Louisville Photo Archives
TAKEN SOMETIME BETWEEN 1927 & LATE 1950S.
Going over Falls of Ohio.—[Not exaggerated.]

Drifting broadside to the current, this small boat appears bound for disaster.

(University of Louisville Photographic Archives)
W.J. Creighton going upstream through Indian chute under the Ohio Falls bridge in 1948 high water.

Houseboat/Shantyboat in ice at Penn RR Bridge – 2-14-1948

Photo from Courier-Journal
Note size of tainter gates

Photo by Kenny Karem
The 1937 Ohio River Valley flood was equivalent to the 1993 Mississippi/Missouri River Valley flood.
Note fossils everywhere!!
Pipe Organ coral (colonial)  
(Eridophyllum)
Giant Snail (Turbonopsis Shumardi)

Photo by Arthur Vance
Horn coral (single individual)
Buffalo pie ?????
Sponges (Stromatoporoids)
Note few pools for birds...

Photo from Kenny Karem
Castellation...allows for pools for birds....and humans

Photo by Kenny Karem
Red-necked Phalarope--considered rare at the Falls
American White Pelicans
Osprey above the fossil beds (on left, with fish (shad?))
Great Egrets

Photos by David Dockstader & Alan Goldstein
Bald Eagle – mature adult
Peregrine Falcon on L&I RR Bridge
Cedar Waxwing in Service Berry

Indigo Bunting in Sycamore
Black Vulture
Air Force One & Vulture  8-21-2019
Cormorants
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Sandhill Cranes
Cooper’s Hawk with dead rat
Red-Bellied Woodpecker
Sora – rare at the Falls
probably migrating; name probably Native American
Fish of the Falls

Key to the Overhead Models

Largemouth Bass
(Micropterus salmoides)

Blue Catfish
(Ictalurus furcatus)

Channel Catfish
(Ictalurus punctatus)

Walleye
(Sizostedion vitreum)

Sauger
(Sizostedion canadense)

Smallmouth Bass
(Micropterus dolomieu)

Paddlefish
(Polyodon spathula)

Shovelnose Sturgeon
(Scaphirhynchus platorynchus)

Striped Bass
(Morone saxatilis)

Grass Carp
(Ctenopharyngodon idella)

Flathead Catfish
(Pylodictis olivaris)

Largenose Gar
(Lepisosteus osseus)
Spoonbill Paddlefish (or S. Catfish)
Raccoon
Baby Beaver & adult looking at you
Beaver at work
Red-spotted Newt
Deer swimming River to Shippingport Island
Deer on Shippingport Island
Coyotes ‘attacking’ a bush
Baby Groundhog aka ‘Dirt Pig’

Squirrel with large acorn
Autumn at Autumn's Arch !!!!
Exit ..... stage left !!!!
EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF ENCOUNTERING FALLS OF THE OHIO RAPIDS