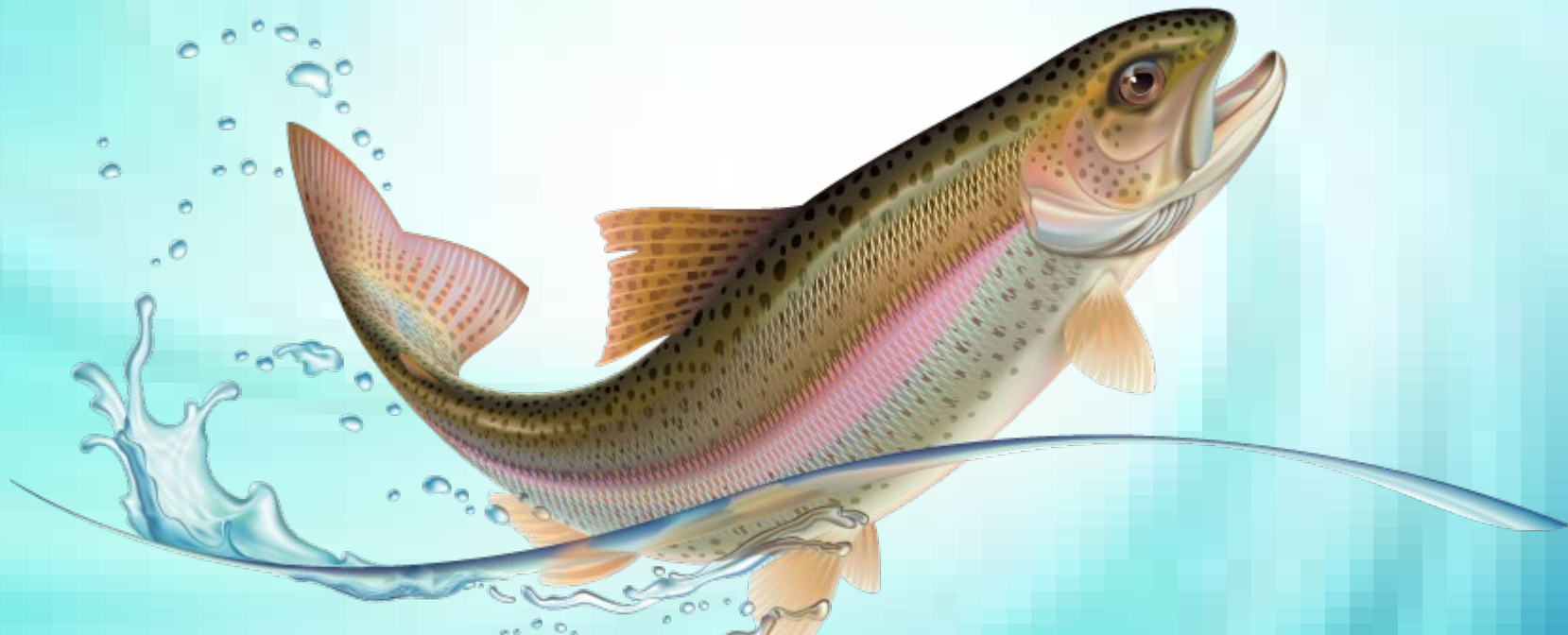
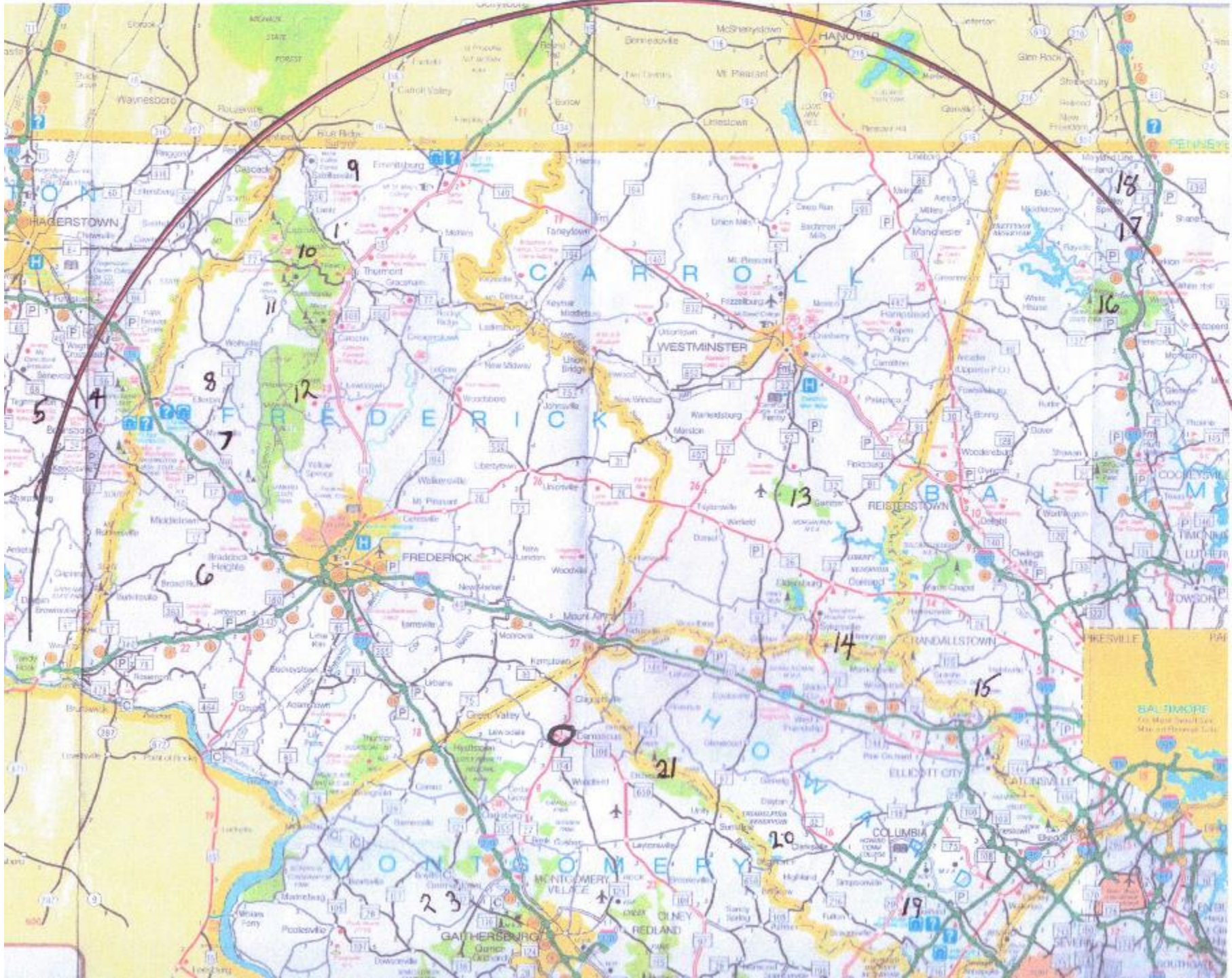


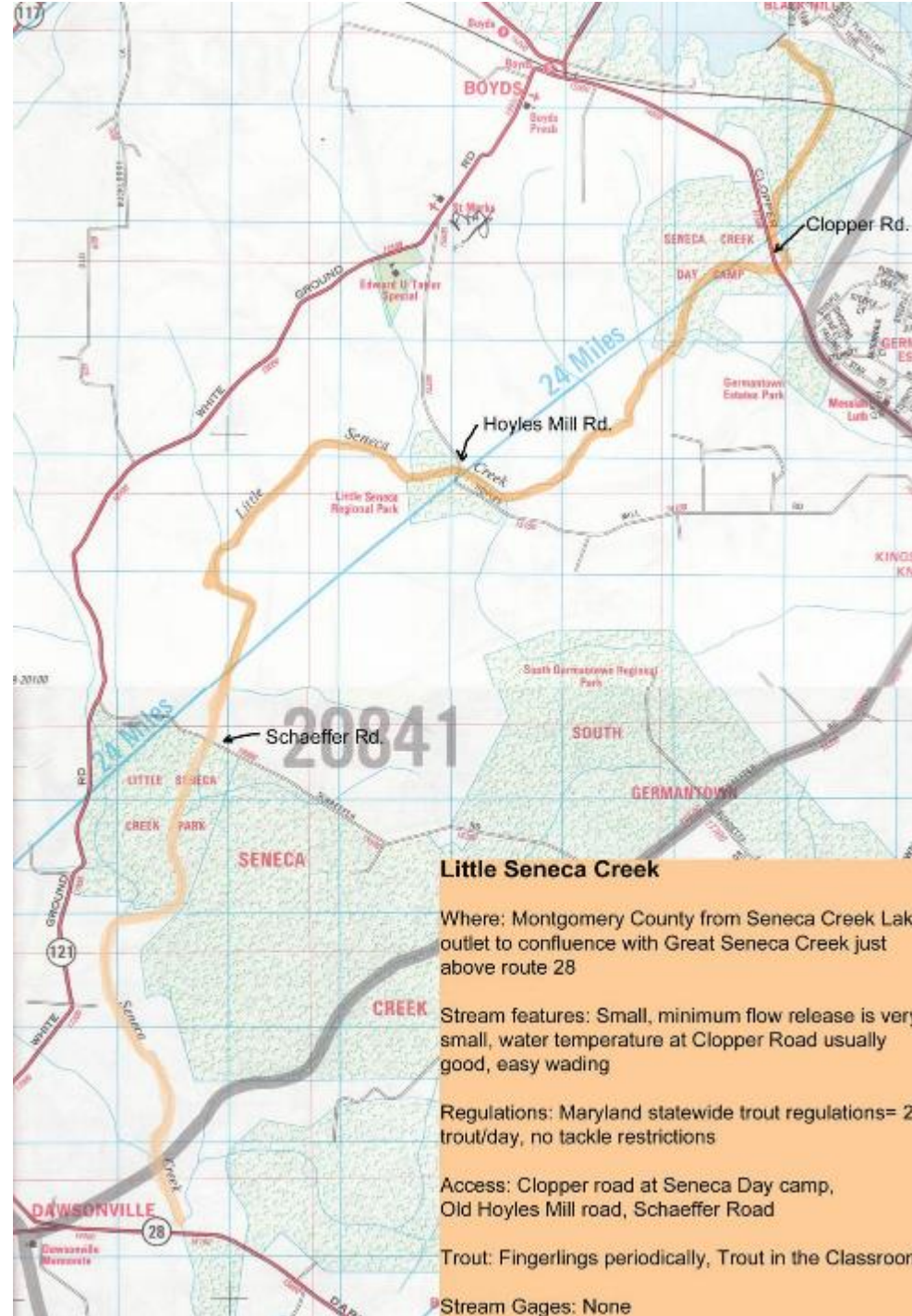
Fishing Opportunities Within a 50 Mile Radius of Damascus MD

Dale Thatcher
March 26, 2019

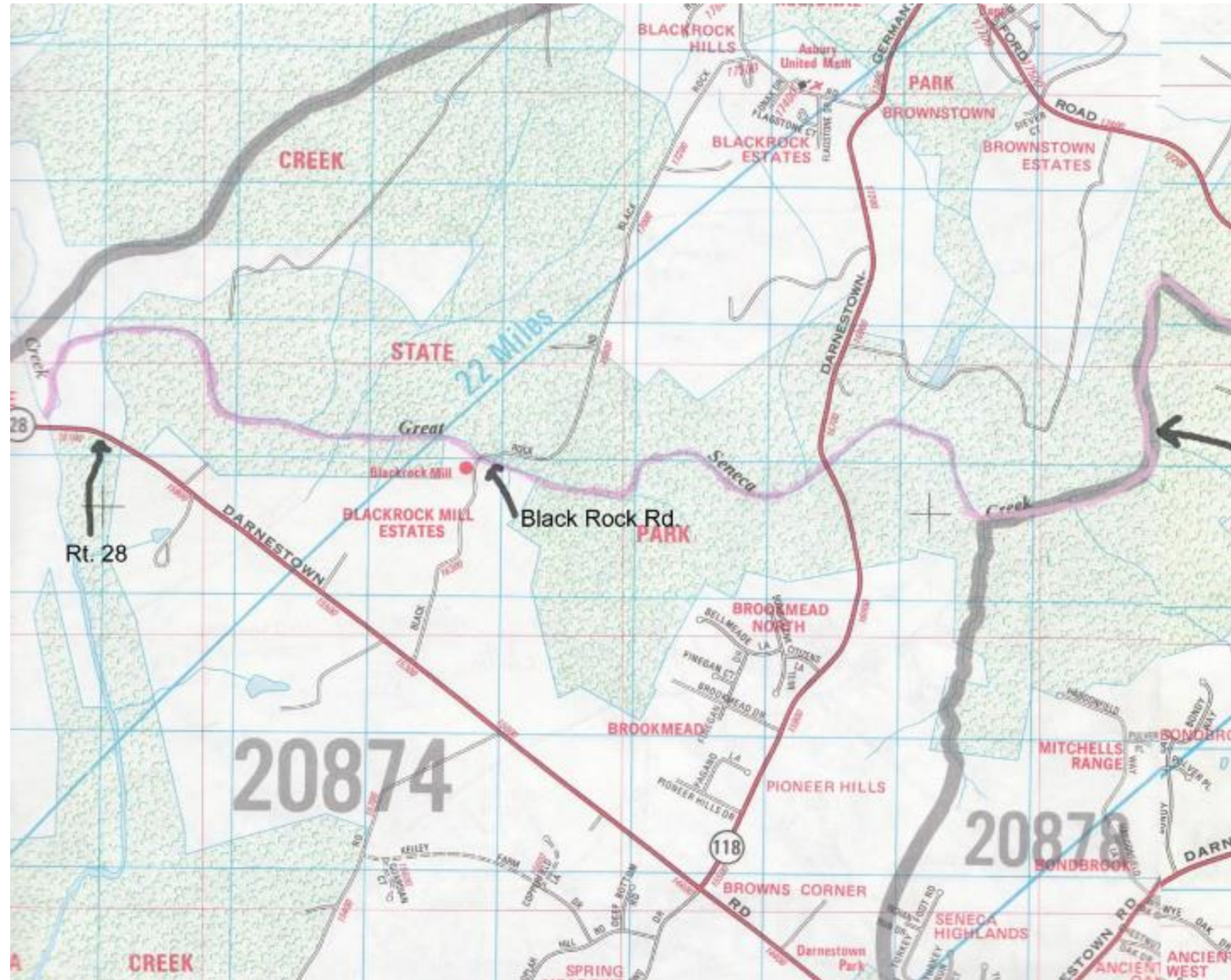




Little Seneca Creek



Great Seneca Creek



Where: Montgomery County, flows from up county down to Potomac

Stream features: freestone, High banks, wading ok where banks allow entry

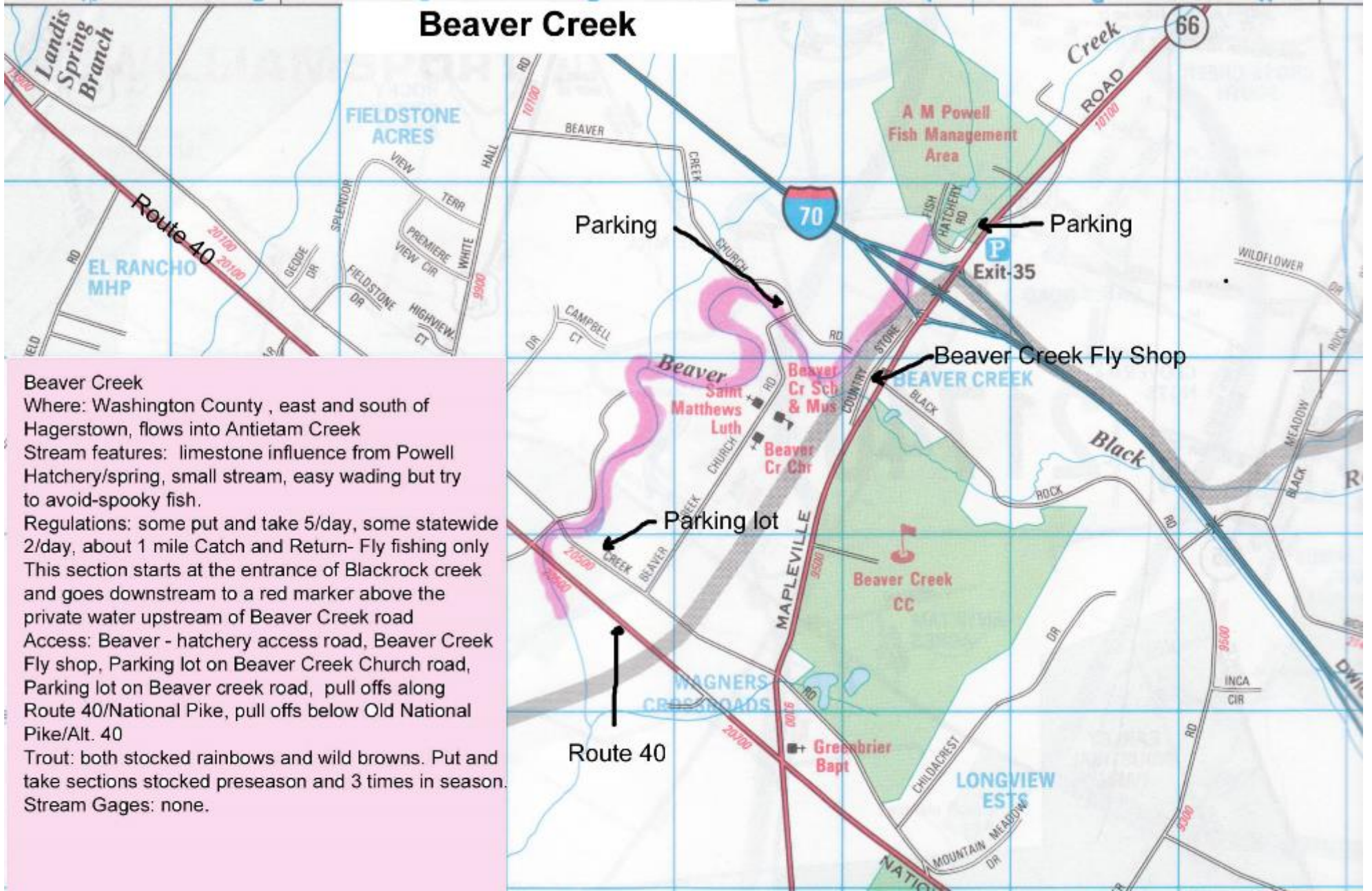
Regulations: Put and take 5/day

Access: At Riffleford road, at Route 118, at Blackrock road, at Route 28

Trout: Stocked rainbows from Maryland Route 28 upstream to Maryland Route 355, 3 times in season, 1 closure

Stream Gages: Gage at route 28

Beaver Creek



Beaver Creek

Where: Washington County, east and south of Hagerstown, flows into Antietam Creek

Stream features: limestone influence from Powell Hatchery/spring, small stream, easy wading but try to avoid-spooky fish.

Regulations: some put and take 5/day, some statewide 2/day, about 1 mile Catch and Return- Fly fishing only
This section starts at the entrance of Blackrock creek and goes downstream to a red marker above the private water upstream of Beaver Creek road

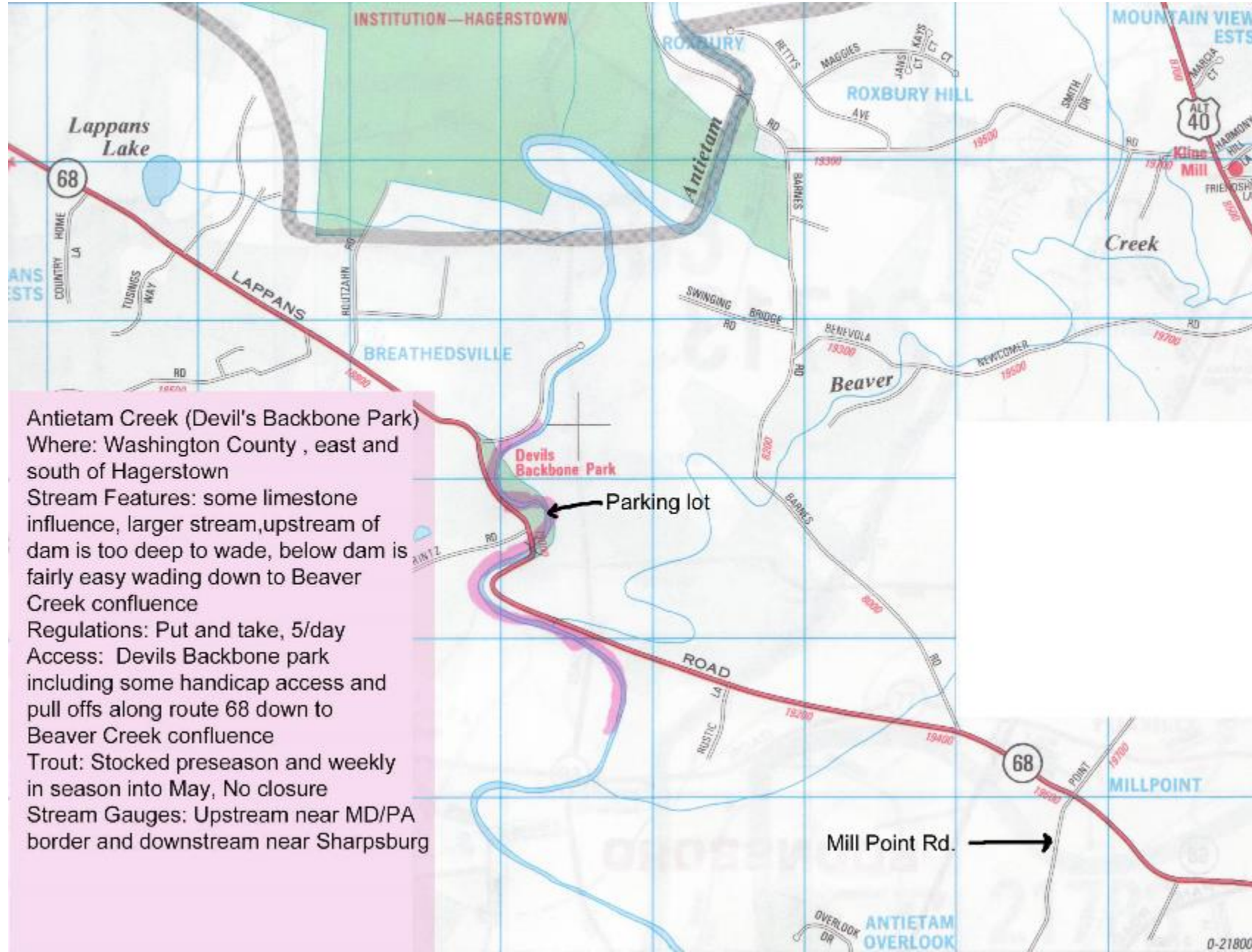
Access: Beaver - hatchery access road, Beaver Creek Fly shop, Parking lot on Beaver Creek Church road, Parking lot on Beaver creek road, pull offs along Route 40/National Pike, pull offs below Old National Pike/Alt. 40

Trout: both stocked rainbows and wild browns. Put and take sections stocked preseason and 3 times in season.
Stream Gages: none.

Beaver Creek



Antietam Creek (Devil's Backbone Park)



Antietam Creek (Devil's Backbone Park)
Where: Washington County , east and south of Hagerstown
Stream Features: some limestone influence, larger stream, upstream of dam is too deep to wade, below dam is fairly easy wading down to Beaver Creek confluence
Regulations: Put and take, 5/day
Access: Devils Backbone park including some handicap access and pull offs along route 68 down to Beaver Creek confluence
Trout: Stocked preseason and weekly in season into May, No closure
Stream Gauges: Upstream near MD/PA border and downstream near Sharpsburg

Mill Point Rd. →

Catoctin Creek in Catoctin Creek Park

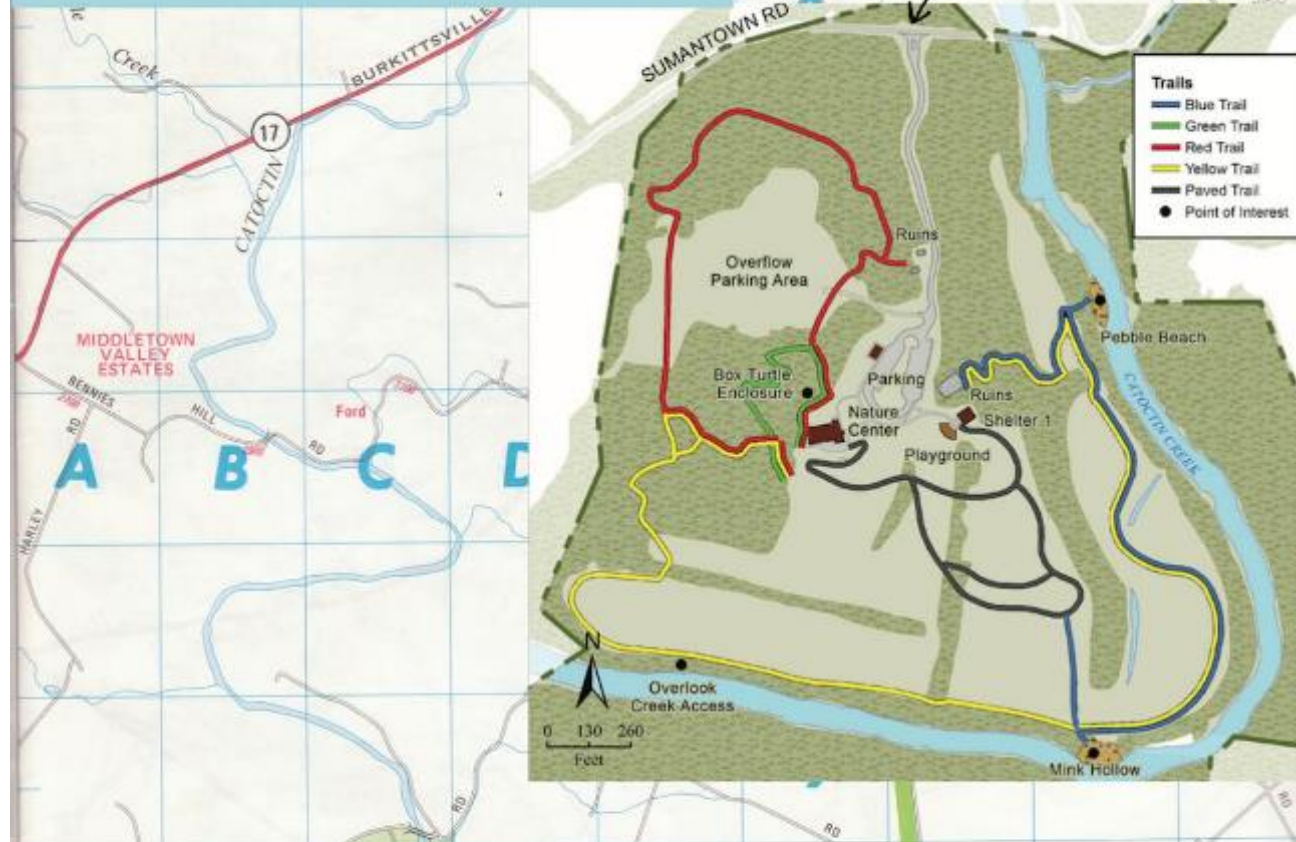
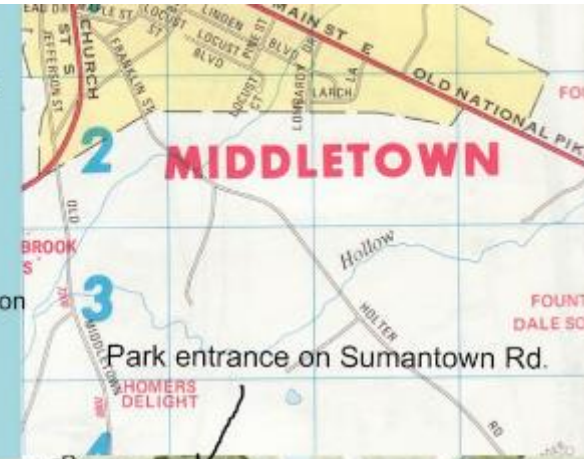
Where: Frederick County, South of Middletown
Stream features: Freestone stream, high banks can make access difficult but fairly easy wading, potentially large flows

Regulations: Delayed Harvest

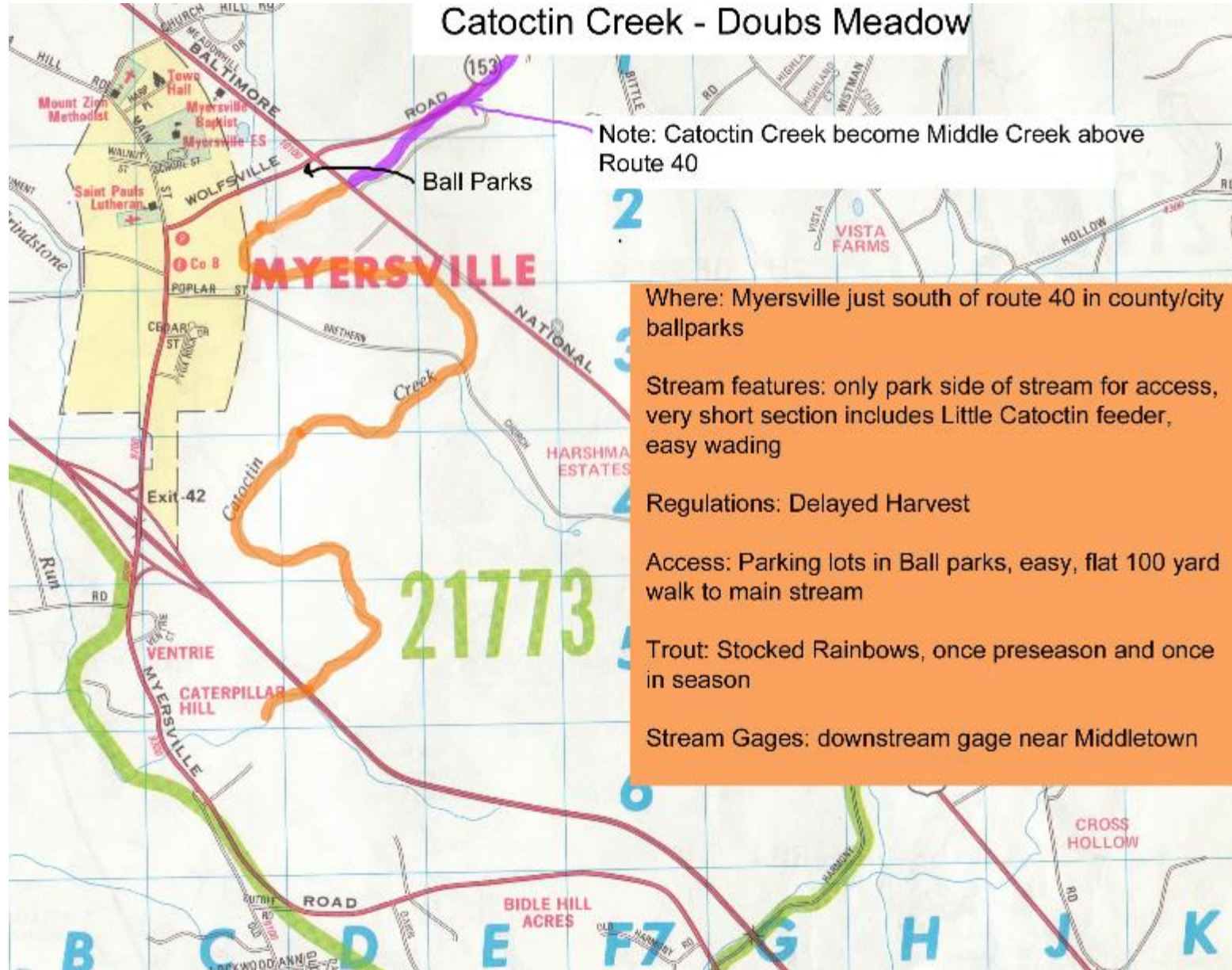
Access: Catoctin Creek Park parking lot, 100-200+ yard walk down hill to stream

Trout: Stocked Rainbows, once preseason and once in season

Stream Gages: Gage near Middletown



Catoctin Creek—Doubs Meadow



Catoctin Creek



Middle Creek

Where: Flows into Catoctin Creek at Doubs meadow/above 40 and stocked up to Spruce creek confluence

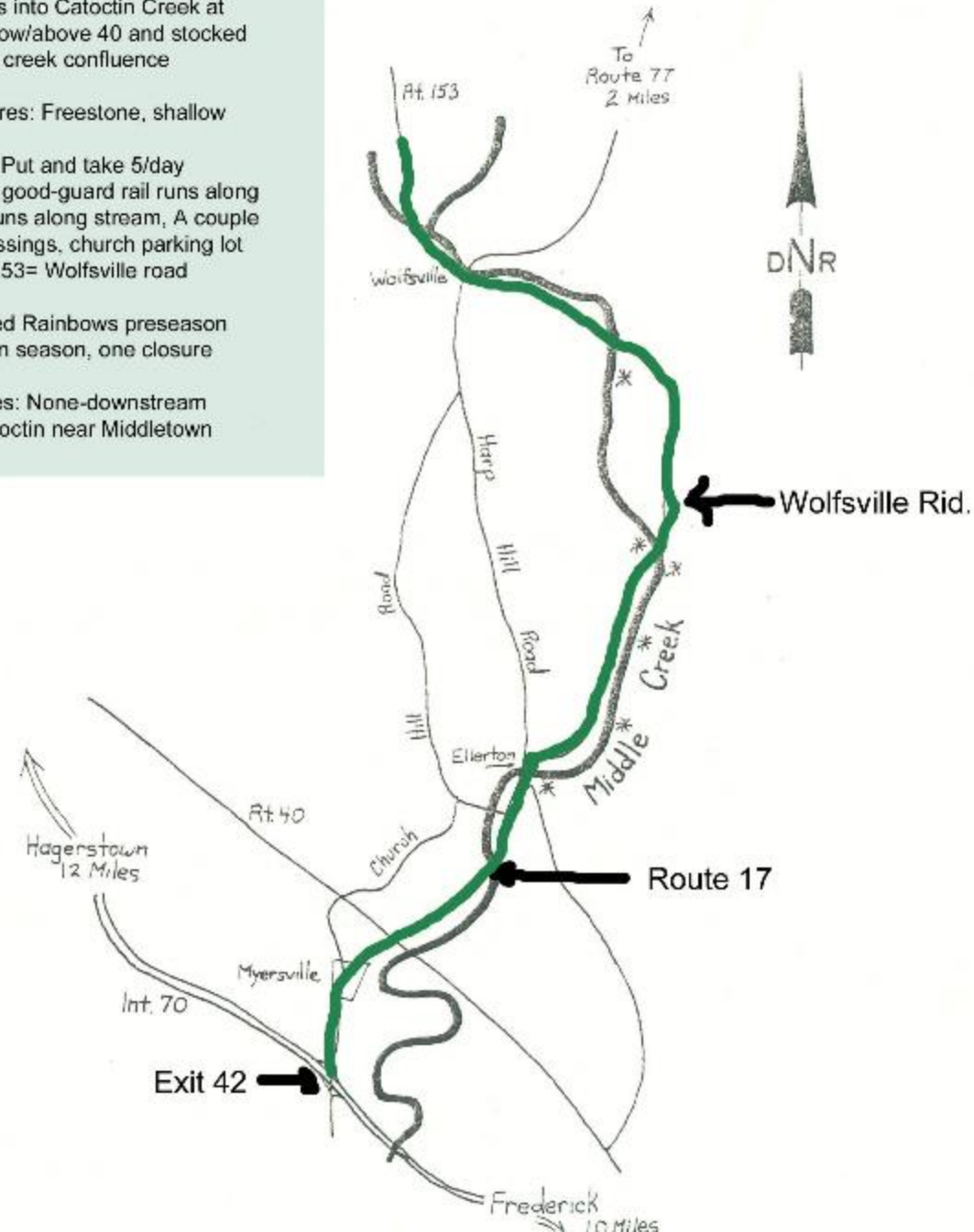
Stream features: Freestone, shallow

Regulations: Put and take 5/day

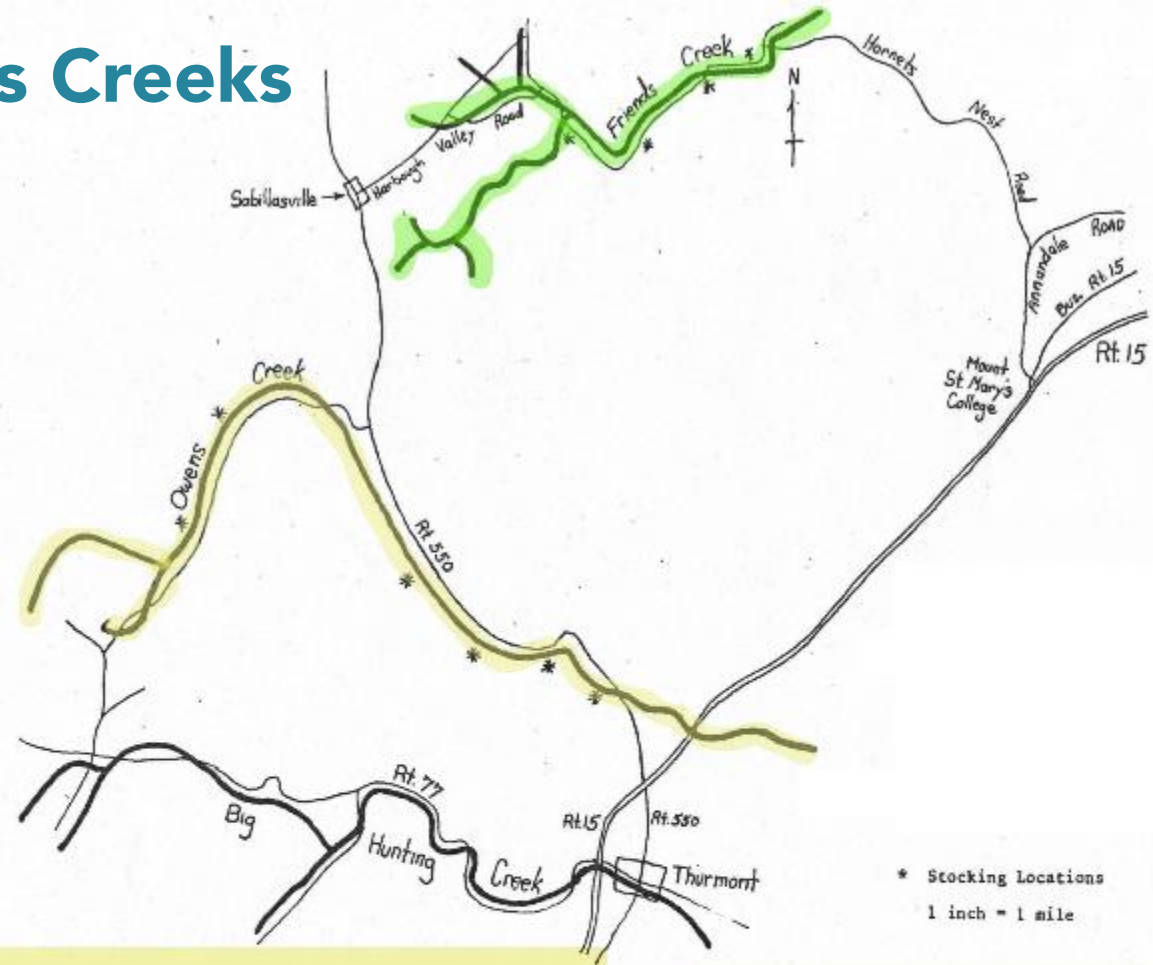
Access: Not good-guard rail runs along road which runs along stream, A couple of bridge crossings, church parking lot along route 153= Wolfsville road

Trout: Stocked Rainbows preseason and 3 times in season, one closure

Stream Gages: None-downstream gage on Catoctin near Middletown



Owens & Friends Creeks



Owens Creek

Where: Frederick county near Thurmont, flows under route 15

Stream features: Freestone, rocky, generally shallow with some good holes, mixture of flat sections and some steep sections

Regulations: Put and Take/Catch and Return, P&T=5/day

Access: Pull offs along route 550 which parallels stream above route 15, pull offs along Franklinville road and below route 15 pull offs along Roddy Creek road

Trout: Stocked rainbows and browns, 4 times,

Closure, June 1 to March 1 for C&R

Stream Gauges: None

Friends Creek

Where: MD border with PA east of Sabillasville off route 550, Friends Creek road parallels stream

Stream features: freestone, low gradient stream, some nice holes

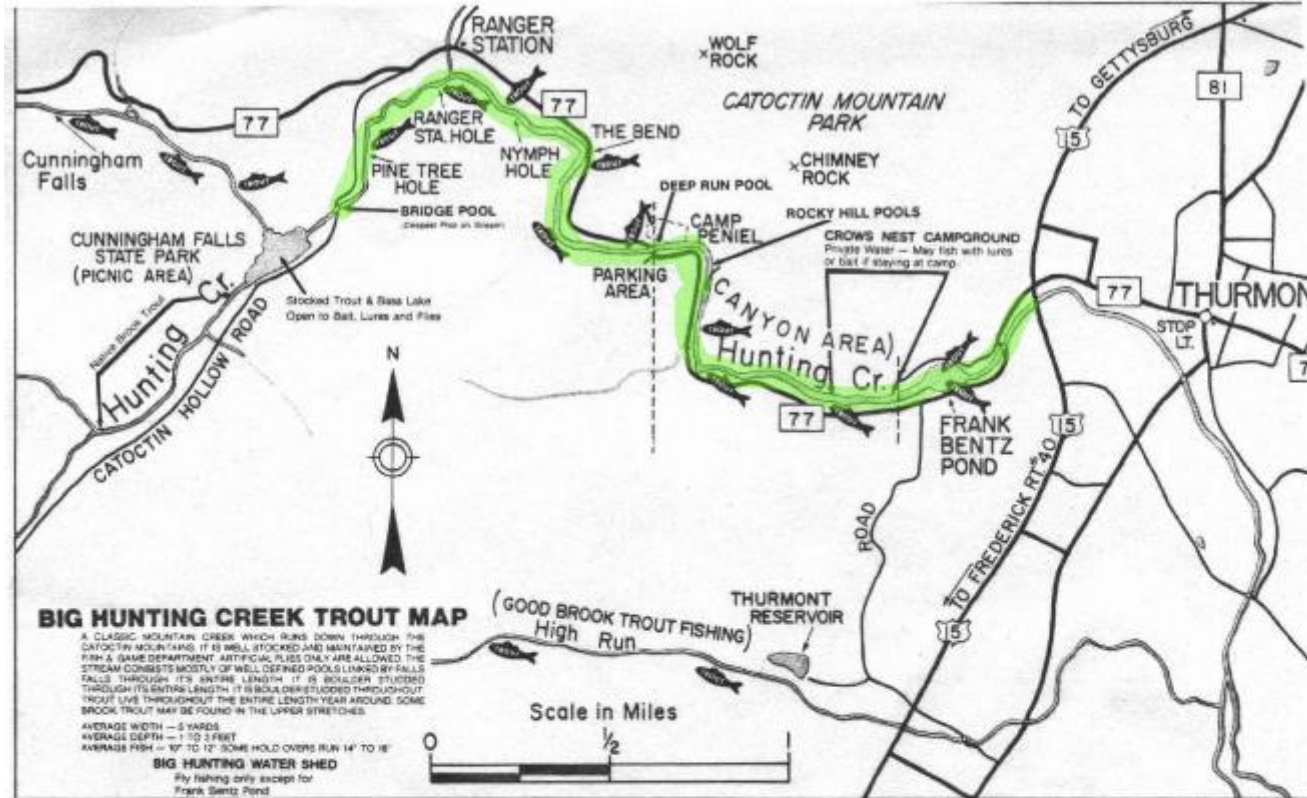
Regulations: Put and Take, 5/day

Access: Pull offs along Friends Creek Road

Trout: Rainbows and Browns, Stocked 4 times, 1 closure

Stream Gauges: None

Big Hunting Creek



Where: Frederick county in Catoclin Mtns just off route 15

Stream features: A small tail water below Cunningham Falls lake. Upper part of below dam section starts at conduit under Catoclin Hollow road is relatively flat, rocky but easy wading.

Lower section - starts to become higher gradient down under route 77/Peniell bridge to bottom canyon like section, also rocky and rock climbing can be hard

Regulations: All waters including tributaries within the National and state Parks' boundaries are Catch and Return -Fly fishing only

Access: Easy access stream parallels route 77, multiple pull offs and parking areas

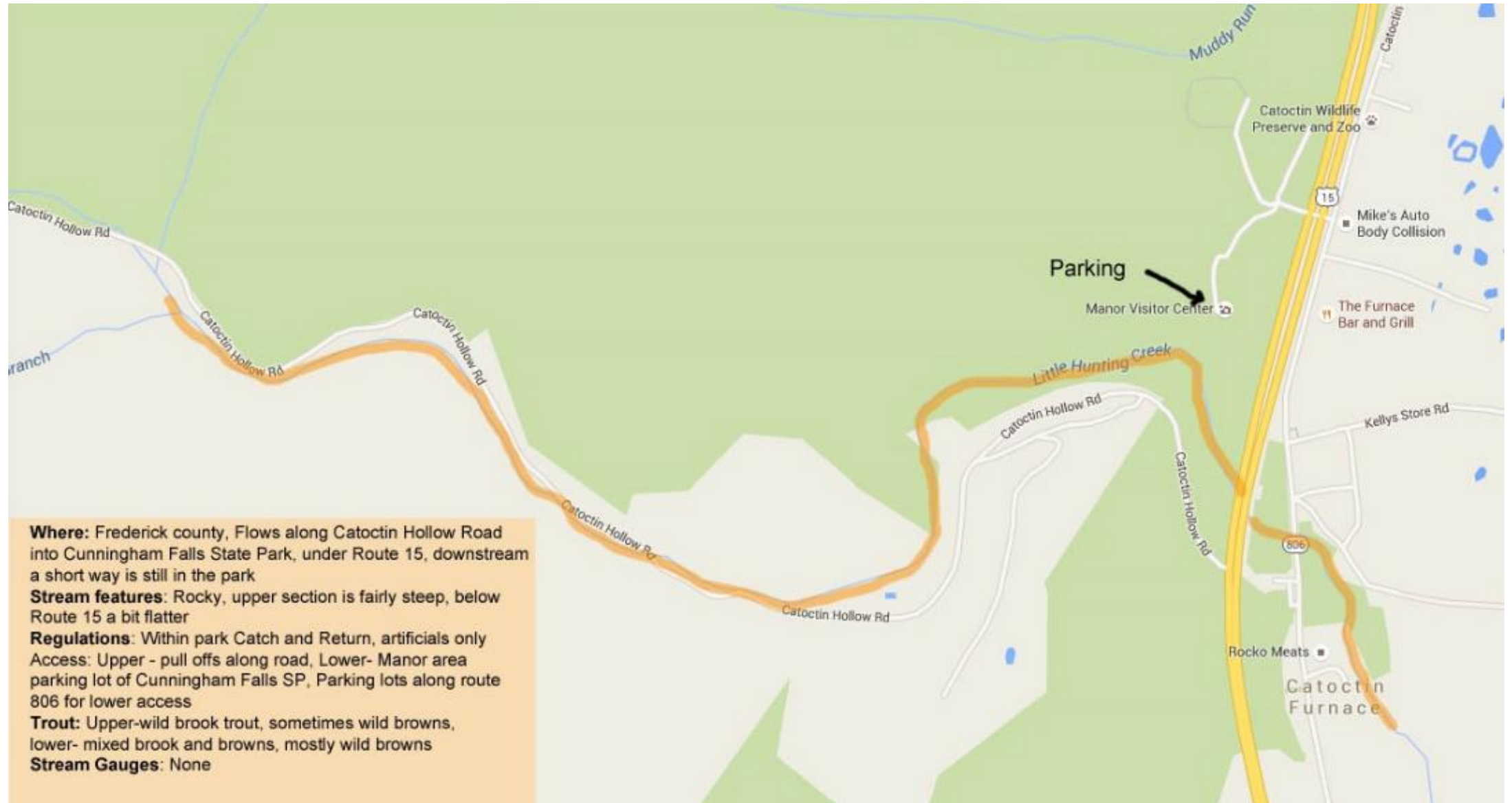
Trout: State stocks rainbows 2 times in spring and there are reproducing wild browns

Stream Gages: None

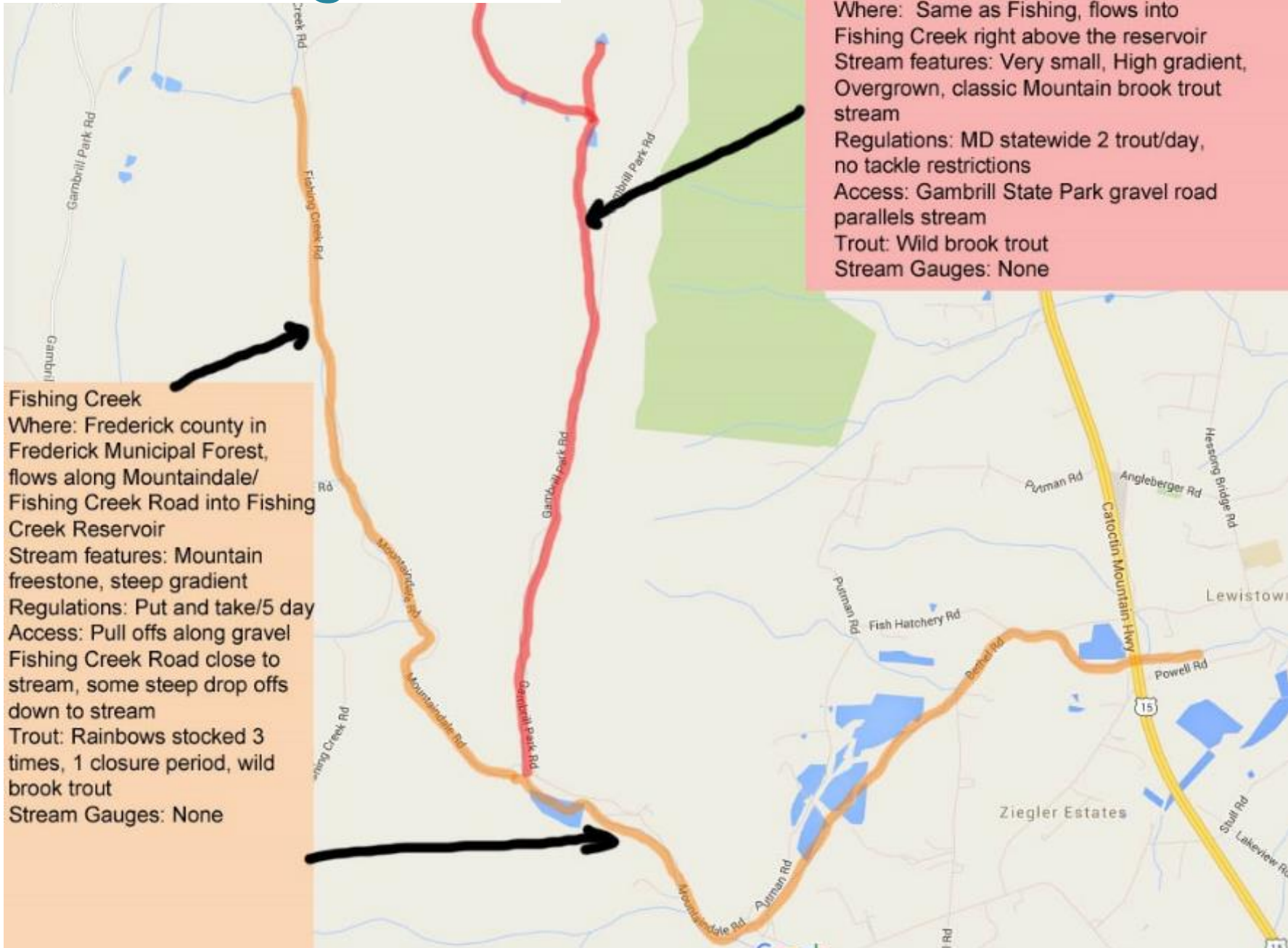
Big Hunting Creek Below the Peniel Bridge



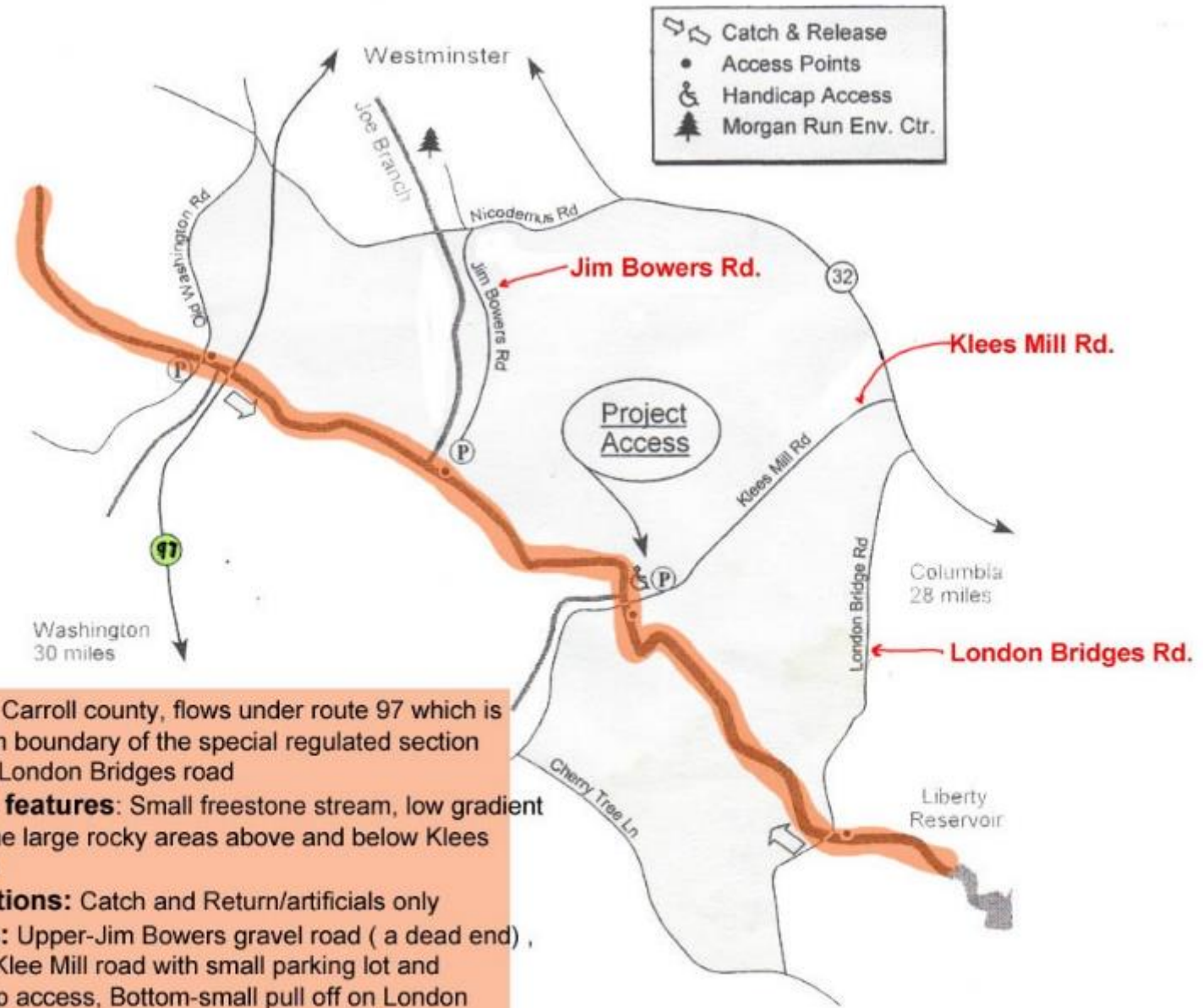
Little Hunting Creek



Fishing & Little Fishing Creeks



Morgan Run



Where: Carroll county, flows under route 97 which is upstream boundary of the special regulated section down to London Bridges road

Stream features: Small freestone stream, low gradient with some large rocky areas above and below Klees Mill road

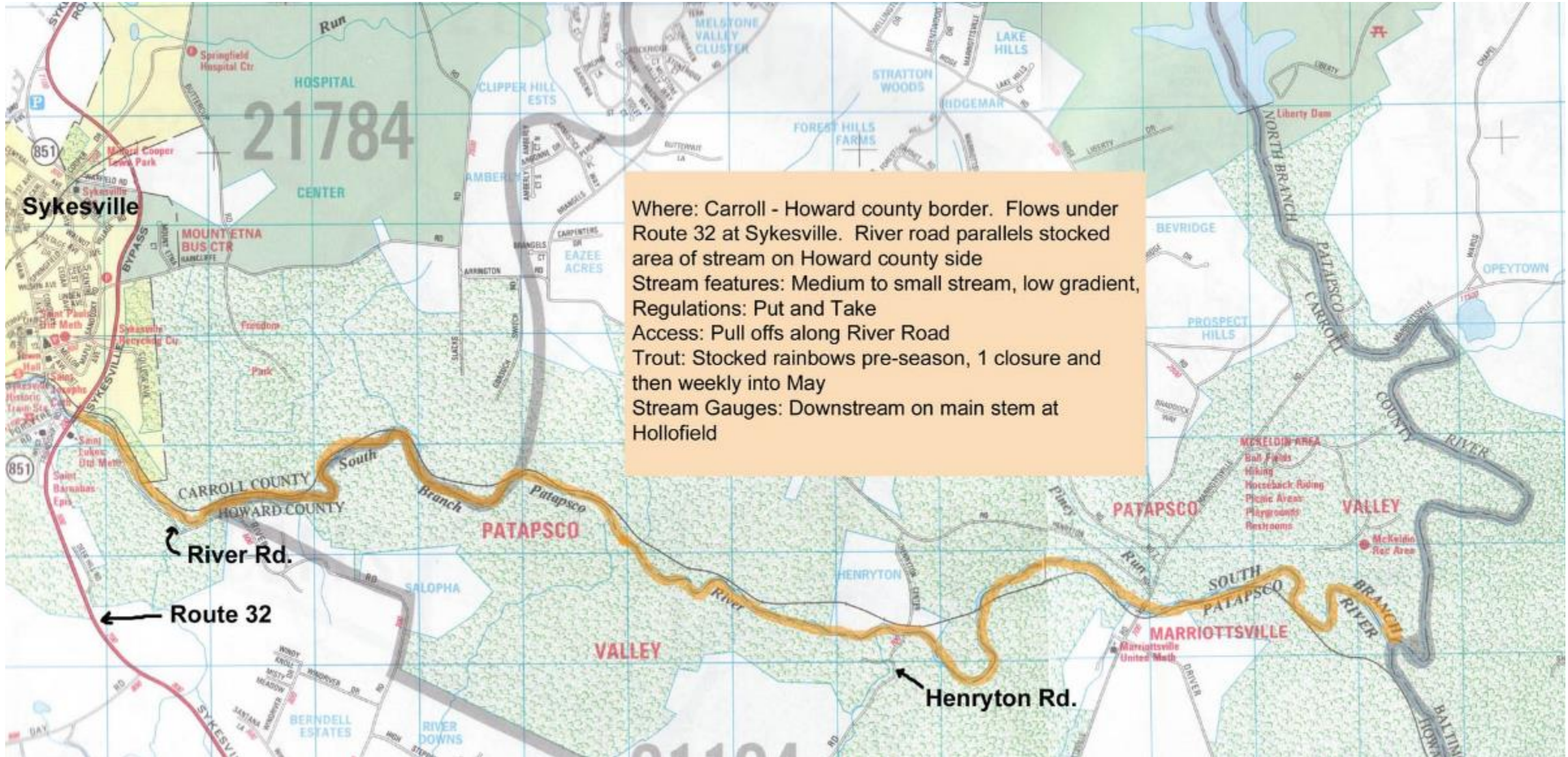
Regulations: Catch and Return/artificials only

Access: Upper-Jim Bowers gravel road (a dead end) , Middle- Klee Mill road with small parking lot and Handicap access, Bottom-small pull off on London Bridges Road at lower boundary of regulated area

Trout: Stocked with rainbows and browns, usually preseason and one other time, Local chapters help with float stocking

Stream Gages: Gage near London Bridges road

South Branch Patapsco River



Where: Carroll - Howard county border. Flows under Route 32 at Sykesville. River road parallels stocked area of stream on Howard county side
Stream features: Medium to small stream, low gradient,
Regulations: Put and Take
Access: Pull offs along River Road
Trout: Stocked rainbows pre-season, 1 closure and then weekly into May
Stream Gauges: Downstream on main stem at Hollofield

Patapsco River at Daniels

Where: Howard- Baltimore county border just north of route 70. Upstream boundary is the dam at Daniels and downstream to Route 70

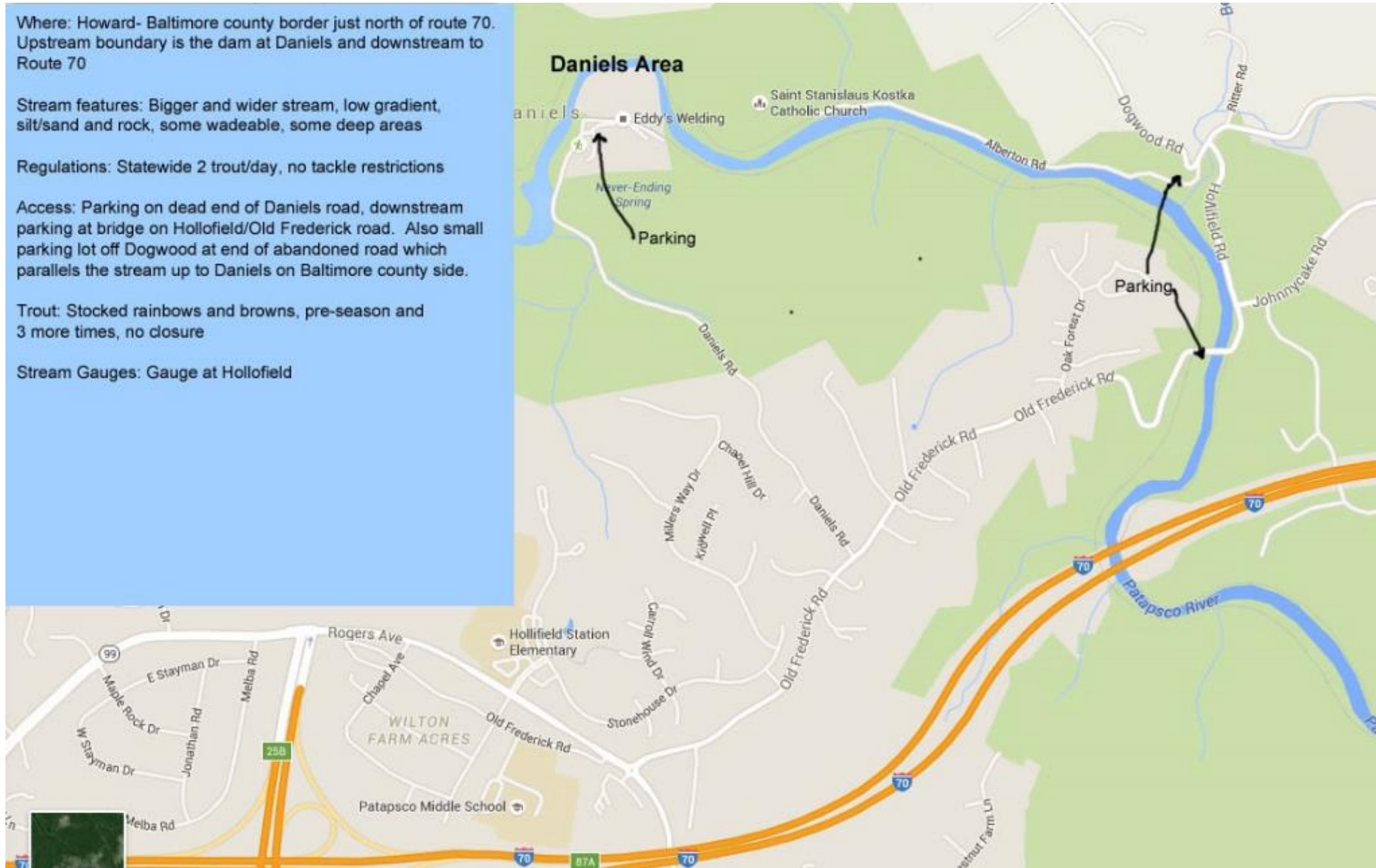
Stream features: Bigger and wider stream, low gradient, silt/sand and rock, some wadeable, some deep areas

Regulations: Statewide 2 trout/day, no tackle restrictions

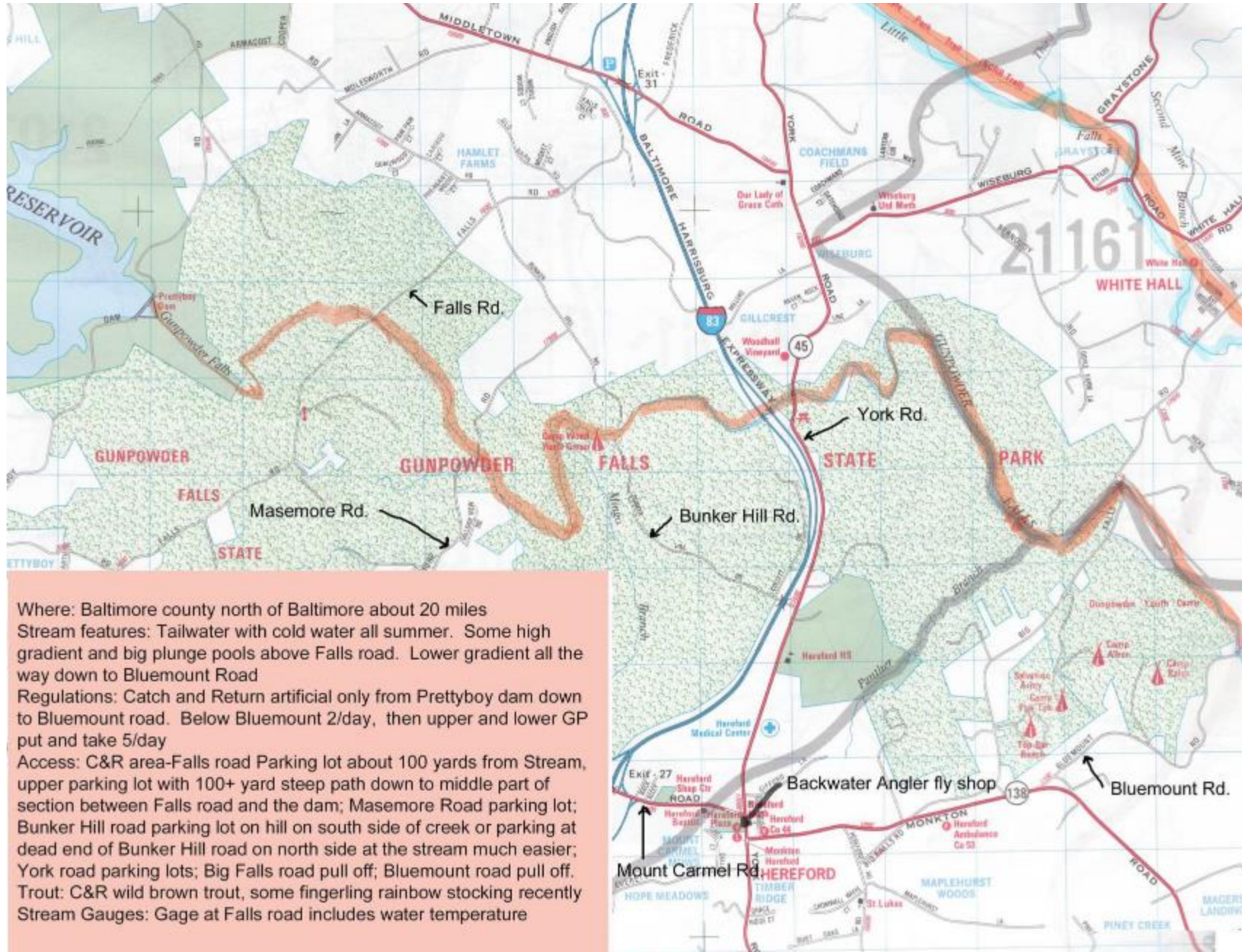
Access: Parking on dead end of Daniels road, downstream parking at bridge on Hollifield/Old Frederick road. Also small parking lot off Dogwood at end of abandoned road which parallels the stream up to Daniels on Baltimore county side.

Trout: Stocked rainbows and browns, pre-season and 3 more times, no closure

Stream Gauges: Gauge at Hollifield



Gunpowder River

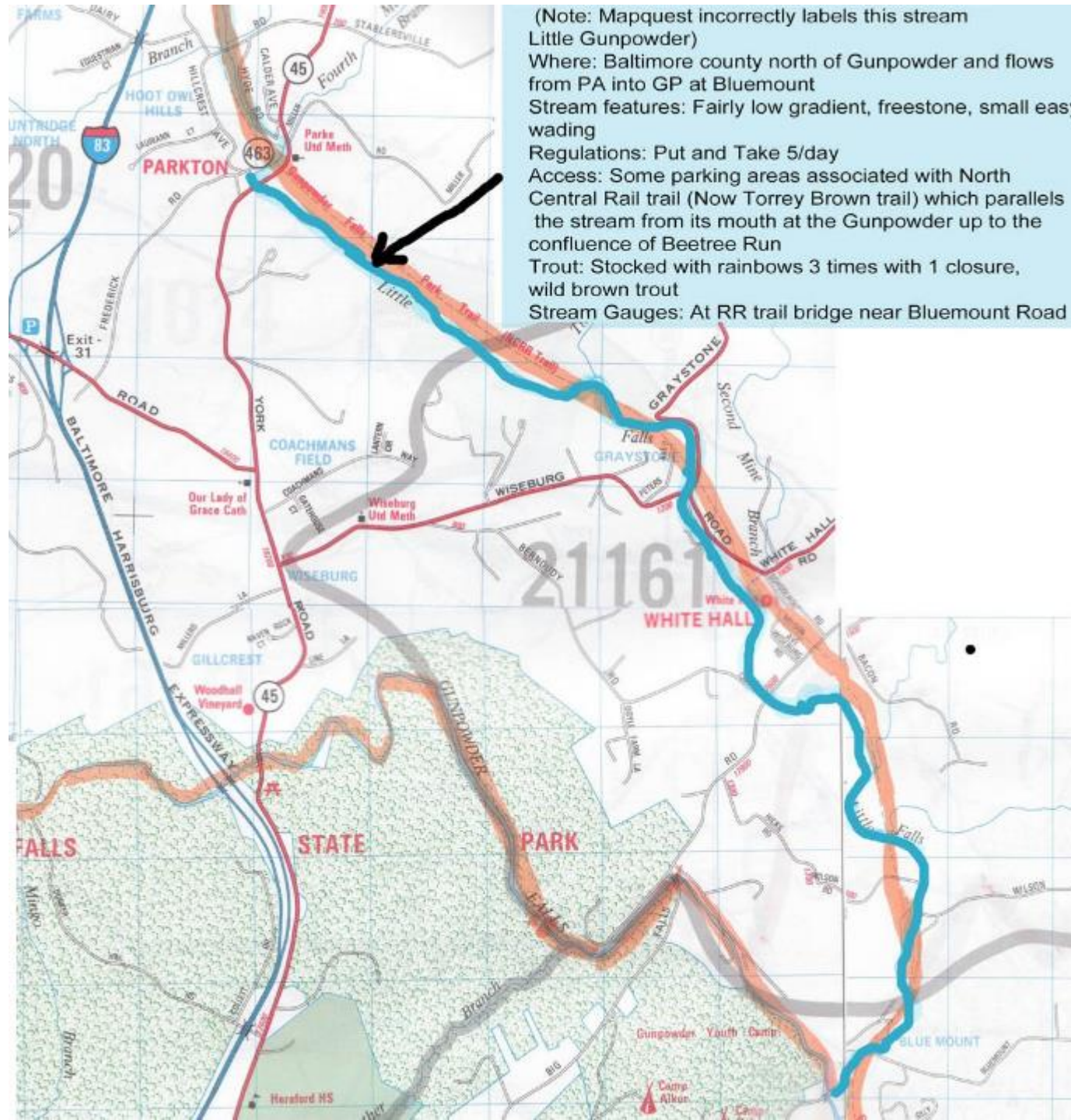


Where: Baltimore county north of Baltimore about 20 miles
Stream features: Tailwater with cold water all summer. Some high gradient and big plunge pools above Falls road. Lower gradient all the way down to Bluemount Road
Regulations: Catch and Return artificial only from Prettyboy dam down to Bluemount road. Below Bluemount 2/day, then upper and lower GP put and take 5/day
Access: C&R area-Falls road Parking lot about 100 yards from Stream, upper parking lot with 100+ yard steep path down to middle part of section between Falls road and the dam; Masemore Road parking lot; Bunker Hill road parking lot on hill on south side of creek or parking at dead end of Bunker Hill road on north side at the stream much easier; York road parking lots; Big Falls road pull off; Bluemount road pull off.
Trout: C&R wild brown trout, some fingerling rainbow stocking recently
Stream Gauges: Gage at Falls road includes water temperature

Gunpowder Brown and a Gunpowder "Poacher"

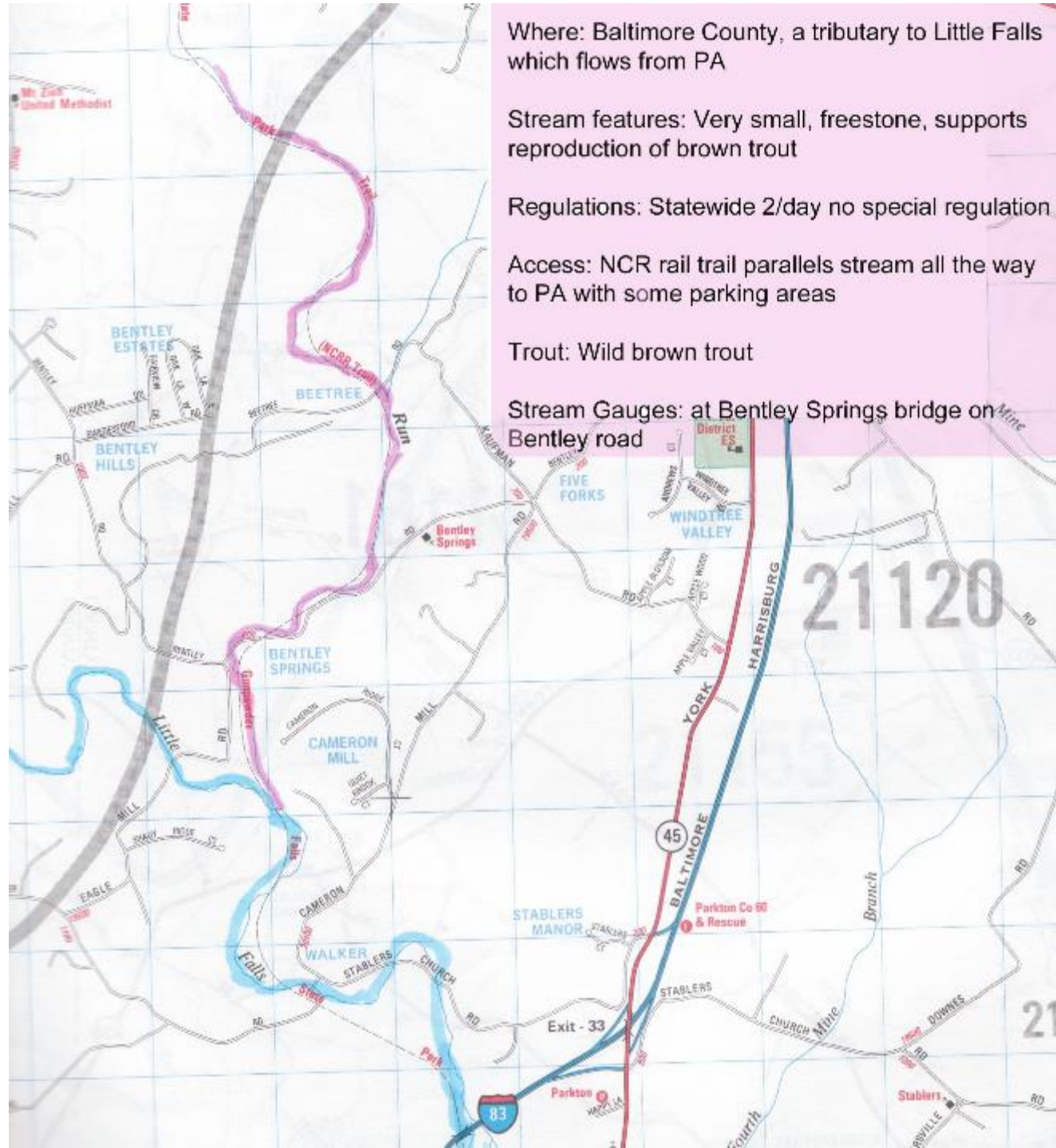


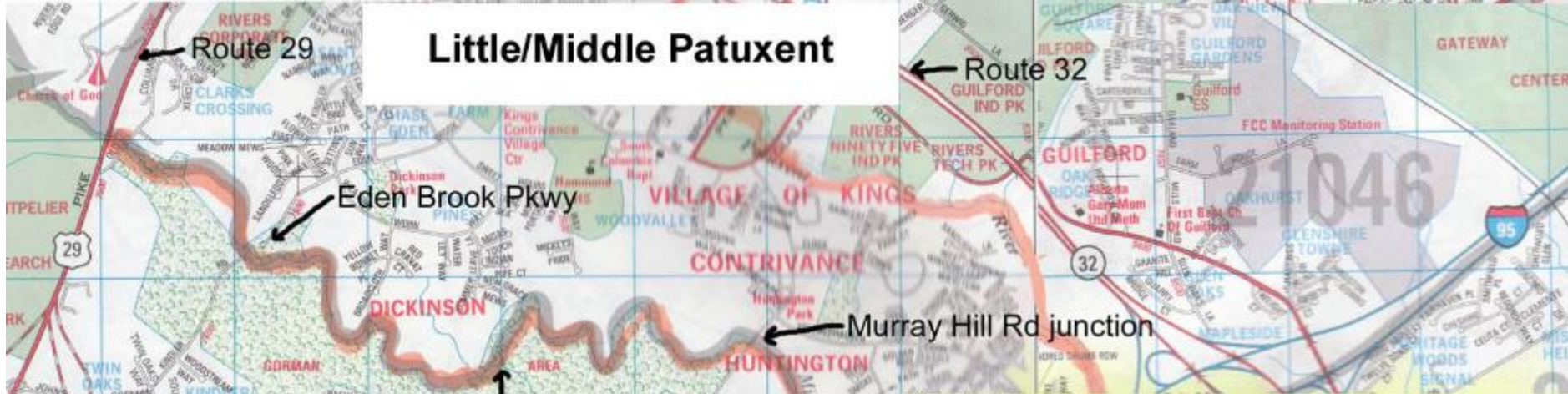
Little Falls



(Note: Mapquest incorrectly labels this stream Little Gunpowder)
Where: Baltimore county north of Gunpowder and flows from PA into GP at Bluemount
Stream features: Fairly low gradient, freestone, small easy wading
Regulations: Put and Take 5/day
Access: Some parking areas associated with North Central Rail trail (Now Torrey Brown trail) which parallels the stream from its mouth at the Gunpowder up to the confluence of Beetree Run
Trout: Stocked with rainbows 3 times with 1 closure, wild brown trout
Stream Gauges: At RR trail bridge near Bluemount Road

Beetree Run





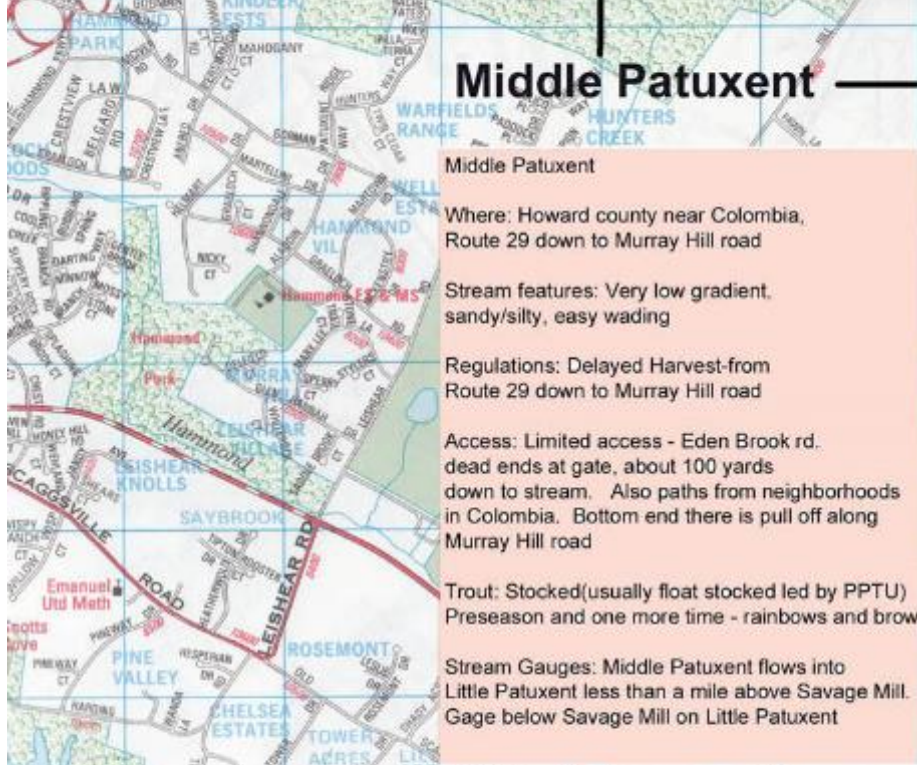
Little/Middle Patuxent

Route 29

Route 32

Eden Brook Pkwy

Murray Hill Rd junction



Middle Patuxent

Middle Patuxent

Where: Howard county near Colombia, Route 29 down to Murray Hill road

Stream features: Very low gradient, sandy/silty, easy wading

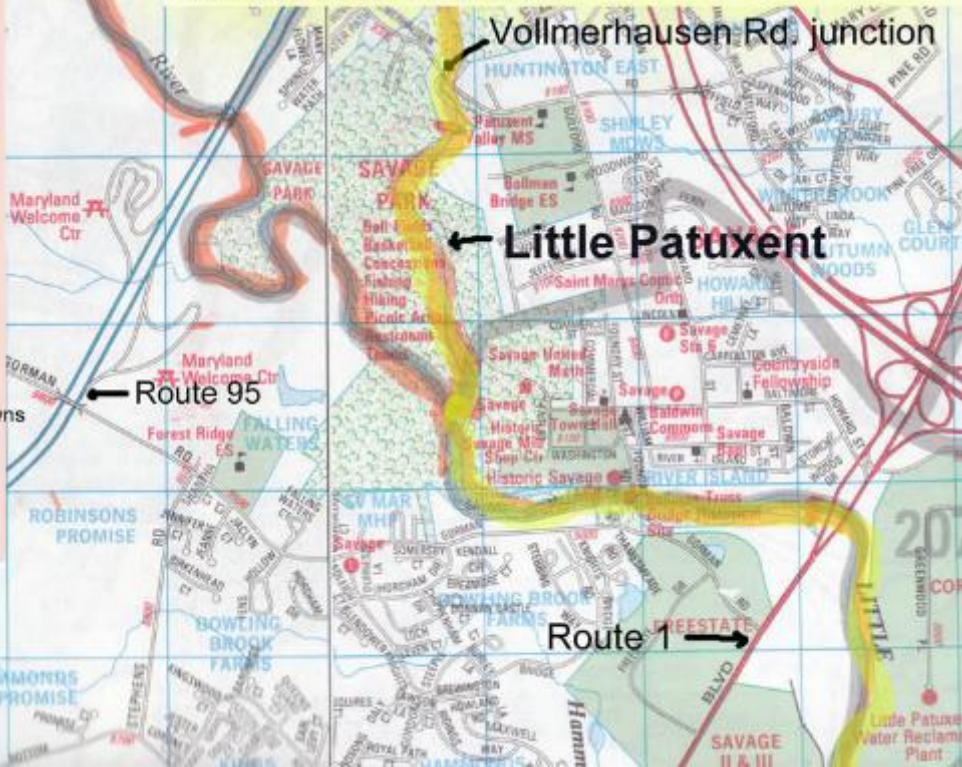
Regulations: Delayed Harvest-from Route 29 down to Murray Hill road

Access: Limited access - Eden Brook rd. dead ends at gate, about 100 yards down to stream. Also paths from neighborhoods in Colombia. Bottom end there is pull off along Murray Hill road

Trout: Stocked(usually float stocked led by PPTU) Preseason and one more time - rainbows and browns

Stream Gauges: Middle Patuxent flows into Little Patuxent less than a mile above Savage Mill. Gage below Savage Mill on Little Patuxent

Little Patuxent
 Where: Howard county near Colombia/Savage Mill
 Stream features: Low gradient, shallow, rocky, more difficult wading
 Regulations: 2/day, no tackle restrictions
 Access: Vollmerhausen Parking lot. Savage Mill along main road down to Savage Mill
 Trout: Stocked preseason and 3 more times, no closure. Vollmerhausen road
 Stream Gauges: Gage below Savage Mill



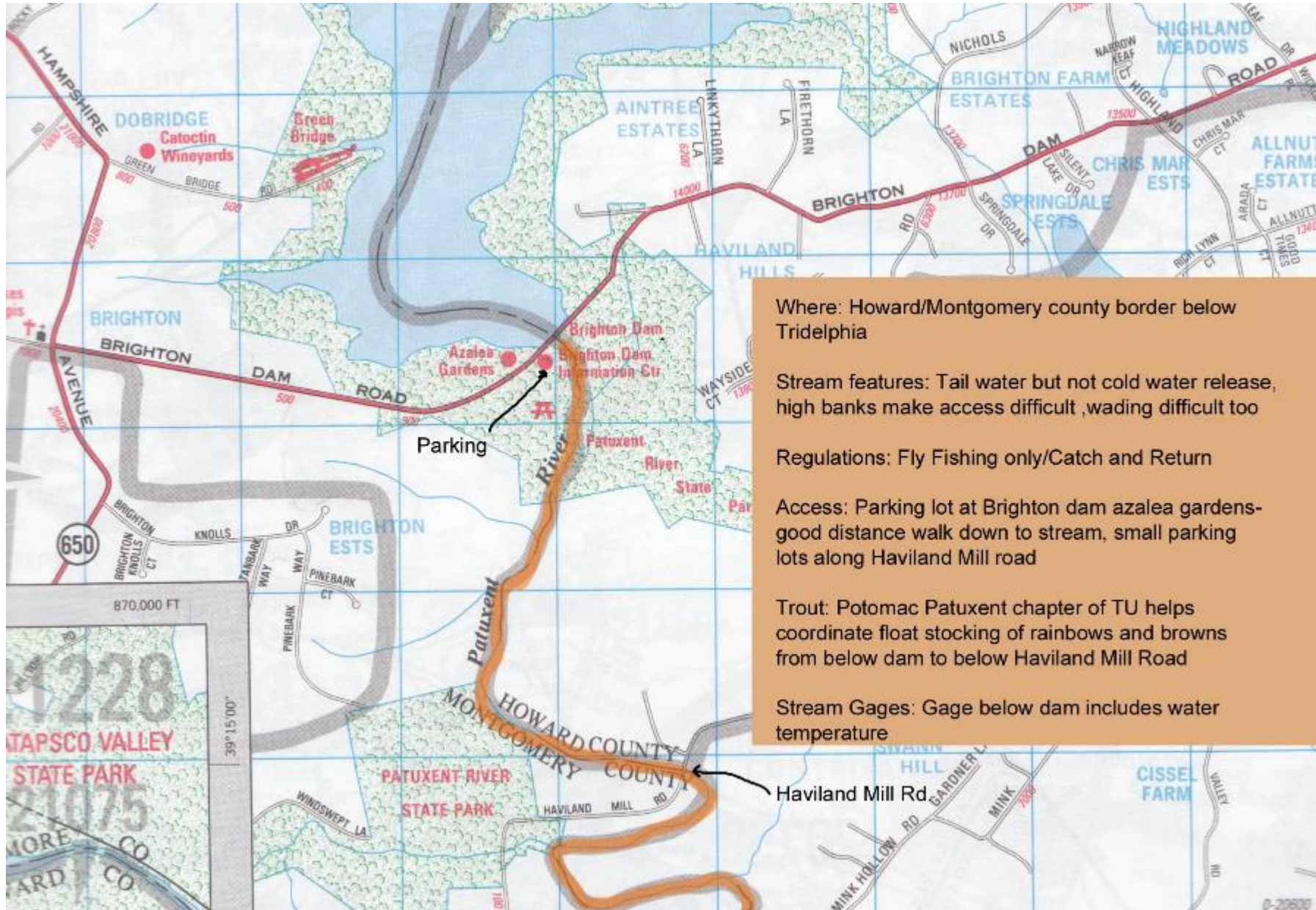
Vollmerhausen Rd junction

Little Patuxent

Route 95

Route 1

Patuxent—Brighton Dam



Where: Howard/Montgomery county border below Tridelphia

Stream features: Tail water but not cold water release, high banks make access difficult, wading difficult too

Regulations: Fly Fishing only/Catch and Return

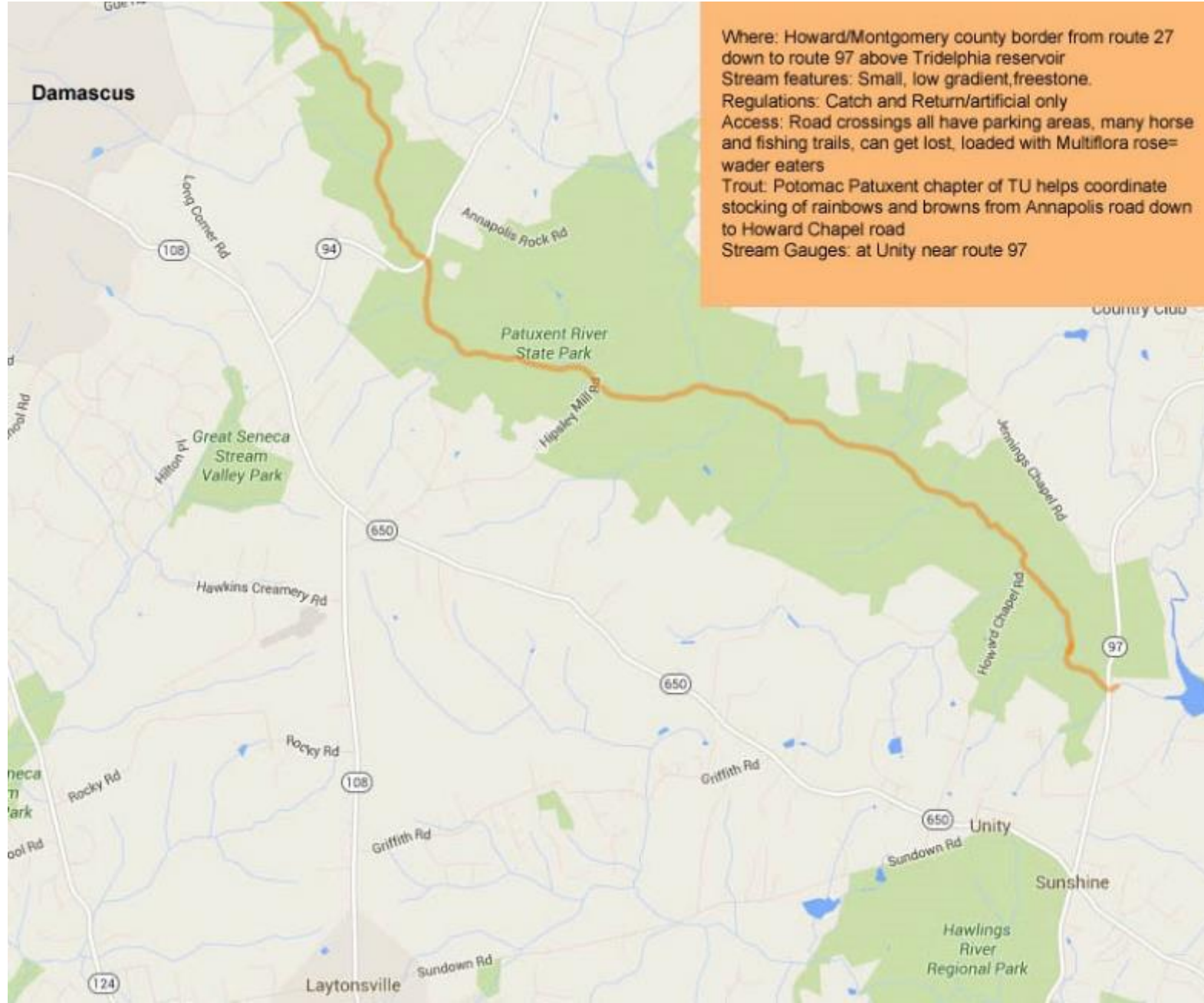
Access: Parking lot at Brighton dam azalea gardens—good distance walk down to stream, small parking lots along Haviland Mill road

Trout: Potomac Patuxent chapter of TU helps coordinate float stocking of rainbows and browns from below dam to below Haviland Mill Road

Stream Gages: Gage below dam includes water temperature

Haviland Mill Rd

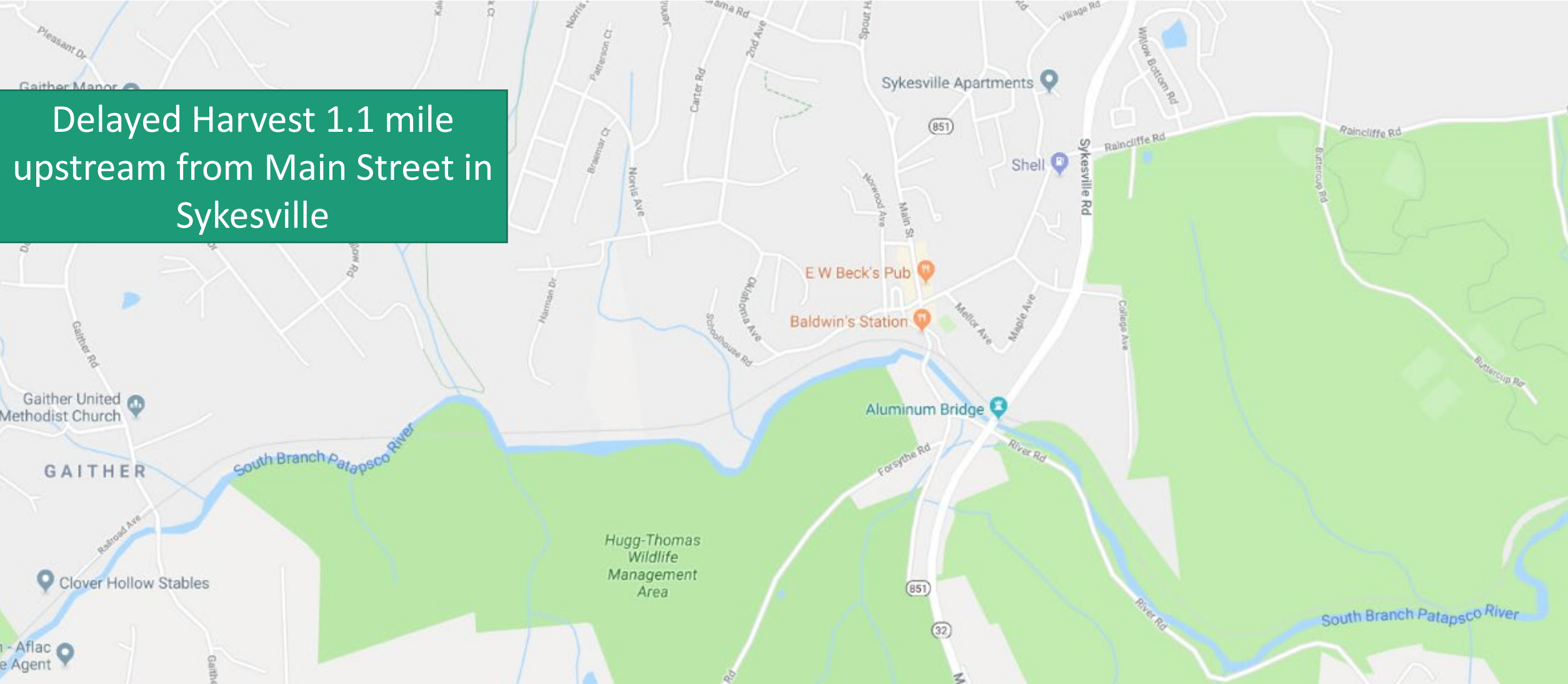
Patuxent River—Upper



Where: Howard/Montgomery county border from route 27 down to route 97 above Tridelphia reservoir
Stream features: Small, low gradient, freestone.
Regulations: Catch and Return/artificial only
Access: Road crossings all have parking areas, many horse and fishing trails, can get lost, loaded with Multiflora rose= wader eaters
Trout: Potomac Patuxent chapter of TU helps coordinate stocking of rainbows and browns from Annapolis road down to Howard Chapel road
Stream Gauges: at Unity near route 97

South Branch Patapsco

Delayed Harvest 1.1 mile upstream from Main Street in Sykesville



Map Source: Google Maps

In 1994 This Brown was Caught on Little Bennet



Watering Holes

- **Gaithersburg (Seneca Creek)**
 - **Dogfish Head Alehouse**—Clopper Road across from NIST. Excellent food and beers
- **Western Areas (Beaver, Antietam, Middle and Catoctin Creeks)**
 - **Dan's Taphouse**—Boonsboro on Main street (Old National pike-40). Always good selection of beers that are rotated. Food is very good.
- **Thurmont Area (Big Hunting, Owen's, Friends and Fishing Creek)**
 - **Furnace Bar and Grill**—Catoctin Furnace road (Route 806) just north of bridge over Little Hunting creek. Limited beer selection on tap, but usually good ones, less expensive and good food.
 - **Cactus Flats**—along route 15 between Frederick and Thurmont. Biker bar with a limited beer selection. Food is pretty good. A fun experience. Check times for opening, we are still trying to figure out the hours.
- **Sykesville (South Branch Patapsco)**
 - **E.W. Beck's**—downtown Sykesville on Main street off route 32. Good food and beer selection.



Watering Holes

- **Glenwood (Patuxent River)**

- **Smokin' Hot Bar and Grille**—Route 97 couple miles south of route 70. Good BBQ , eat in or carry out. Their house beer is pretty good.

- **Columbia area (Little and Middle Patuxent Rivers):**

- **Columbia Ale House**—Rt 175 and Dobbin Way, good food, lots of beers.
- **Centre Park Grill**—Centre Park Drive right off Rt. 100 (behind Wells Fargo). Excellent food and appetizers along with beer and wine on tap.
- **Fresco Tap House**—Dobbin Road in Columbia, close to Middle Pax. Pretty good food and usually about 50 beers on tap.
- **Corner Stable**—Guilford Rd in Columbia, very close to middle Pax. Excellent ribs, chicken and crab cakes. Fried chicken is pretty famous also. Good selection of draft beers.
- **DuClaw Brewing Company**—Arundel Mills mall (Bass Pro Shops). Craft beer brewed on premises and good food. A little out of the way from the fishing spots, about 15 minutes from Columbia area and Patapsco.



Watering Holes

- **Route 40 area (Patapsco River)**

- **Shannon's Pub**—Baltimore National Pike (Rt. 40) west, just past Home Depot. Convenient to Patapsco River - Daniels area. Good old Irish pub.
- **Kelsey's**—Another Irish pub convenient to Patapsco fishing spots. Off Route 40, a little east of Route 29 (address is Rt. 40 but the restaurant is in the Normandy Shopping Center on Normandy Drive).
- **White Oak Tavern**—On Route 40 in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center, west of the above taverns. Lots of craft brews on tap. Haven't had enough experience with the food to offer a rating.

- **Savage Area (Lower Little Patuxent)**

- **Rams Head Tavern**—in Savage Mill center, right next to Little Patuxent River in Savage, very convenient when fishing there. Primarily serves Fordham and Dominion beer. The Copperhead Ale is highly recommended.

- **Gunpowder (York Road area)**

- **Casa Mia's (Pioneer Inn) restaurant** on York road a mile south of the bridge over the Gunpowder. Good food and a decent beer selection. Large bar.



Watering Holes

- **Miscellaneous Places**—these are convenient to possible meeting places along Route 70 in area from Frederick to Mt Airy
 - **Barley and Hops Grill and Microbrewery**—Frederick along route 355 about a mile south of route 70. Very good food and beer selection
 - **BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse**—located in parking area of Francis Scott Key Mall in Frederick. Very good food and large beer selection
 - **Morgan's American Grill**—New Market off Old National pike (just parallel to route 70 in New Market Shopping Center (East of Rt. 75). Good food and beer, a little expensive.
 - **Mt Airy Tavern**—Mt Airy Twin Arch Shopping center just off route 27 about a mile north of route 70. Very good food and nice beer selection. Yuengling drafts \$2.
 - **Memories Charcoal House**—Mt Airy Shopping center at intersection of Old National Pike (Ridgeville Blvd) and route 27 just north of route 70. Good lunch specials and beer selection.
 - **Upper Deck**—Main street in downtown Mt Airy. Good lunch specials and good beer selection. Yuengling drafts \$2.



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