



**FLINT
RIVER
WATER
TRAIL**

WATER TRAIL PADDLERS' GUIDE



THE FLINT RIVER

The Flint River and its tributaries form a watershed spanning approximately 1,332 square miles of southeastern Michigan. This is a part of our state's largest watershed – the Saginaw Bay Watershed. The main river and its basin, at 142 miles long, covers most of Genesee and Lapeer counties while touching five other counties. Major tributaries of the Flint River include the South and North Branches, and the Kearsley, Thread, Swartz and Misteguay Creeks. The Flint River flows through Lapeer, Flint and heads North to the Shiawassee National Refuge where it joins the Shiawassee River. The Shiawassee, Tittabawassee and Cass Rivers converge, becoming the Saginaw River, and they complete their journey in the Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron.




SAFE PADDLING TIPS

River conditions are always changing, and high water can be dangerous. Check conditions and local weather reports before launching. Users have primary responsibility for their own safety.

- State law requires a Coast Guard approved life jacket be present for each paddler and that children 6 years of age or less wear a life jacket at all times while on the water. It is strongly recommended that all paddlers wear a properly fitted life jacket while on the water.
- Be prepared. Always pack a first aid kit, whistle and a signaling device.
- Paddling is safest with a partner. You should always tell someone on land your trip plan including location, how many in your group and when you expect to be off water.
- Be aware and respectful of the boundary lines for public and private properties. Users are responsible for following all posted rules.
- Help preserve the river and its resources for future generations by carrying out all trash and items that you take in. Leave all wildlife and vegetation as you found it.
- Wash your boat and equipment before entering another body of water to prevent the spread of invasive species.

KEY

Trail Character

-  Natural
-  Small Town
-  City

Skill Level

-  Beginner
-  Intermediate
-  Advanced

Features

-  Roads
-  Land Trails
-  Flint River Water Trail
-  Lakes
-  Public Park Land
-  River Flow Direction

Type Of Access

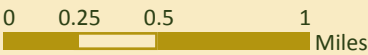
Note: All included access points have parking.

-  Paddle Launch
-  Boat Ramp
-  Natural Shoreline
-  Carry-in

Access Sites

-  ADA-Accessible
-  Fees
-  Restrooms
-  Potable Water
-  Hospital / Urgent Care
-  Dining
-  Picnic
-  Hazard / Dam

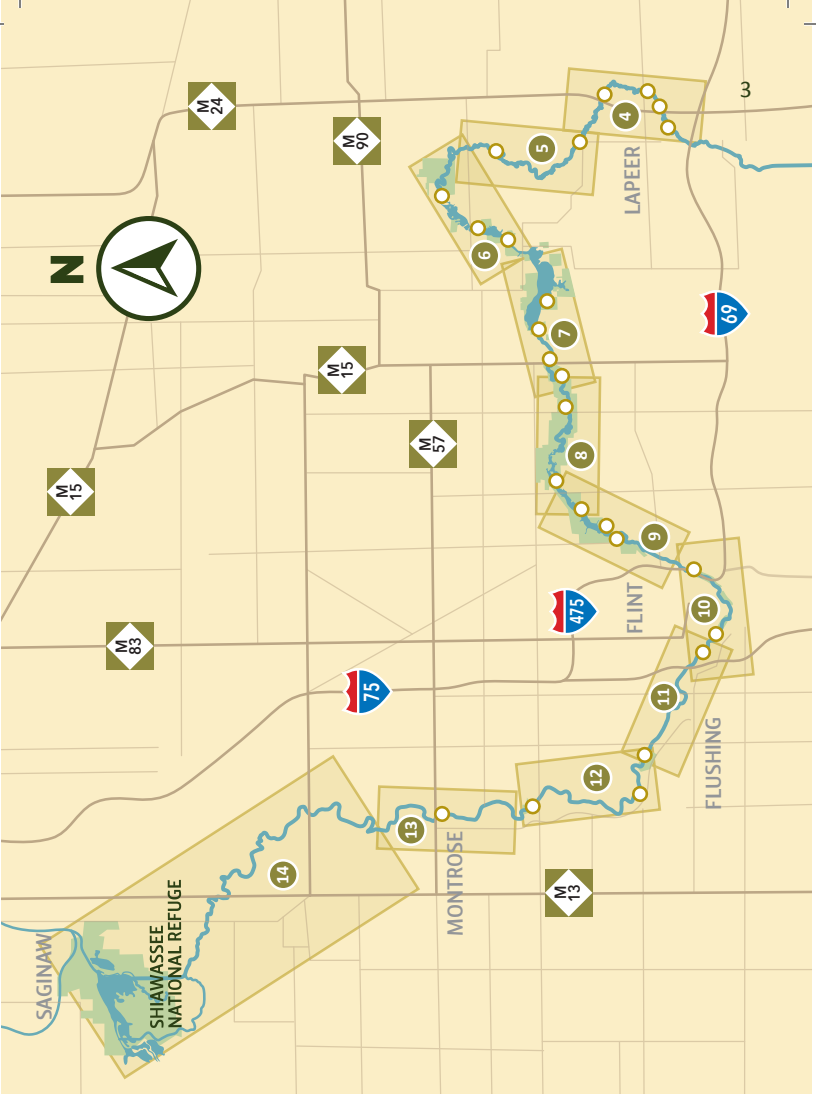
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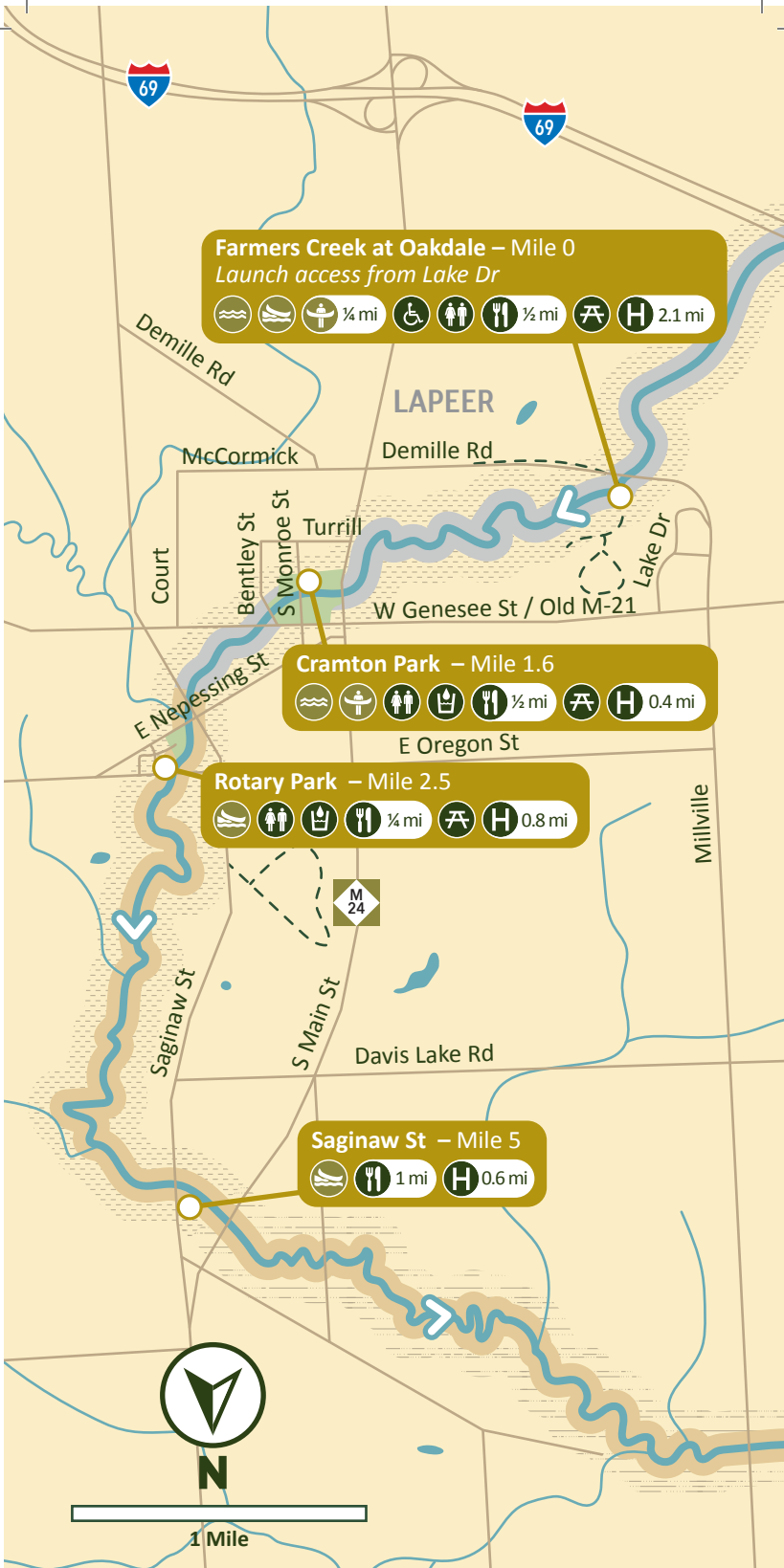


For information on float times, paddle rentals and guided tours, contact the Flint River Watershed Coalition at 810.767.6490 or flinriver.org

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FARMERS CREEK AT OAKDALE TO SAGINAW ST

Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.

MILLVILLE RD LANDING TO NORWAY LANDING

Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.



LAPEER STATE GAME AREA

Barnes Lake Rd
Lonsberry Rd
Hollenbeck Rd
Columbiaville Rd

Klam Rd – Mile 22.3



Marathon Rd
Piersonville Rd

COLUMBIAVILLE

Columbiaville – Mile 24.3

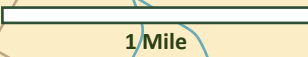


Marathon Rd

Lapeer St
Peters Rd

Holloway Reservoir

Zemmer Park – Mile 25.7



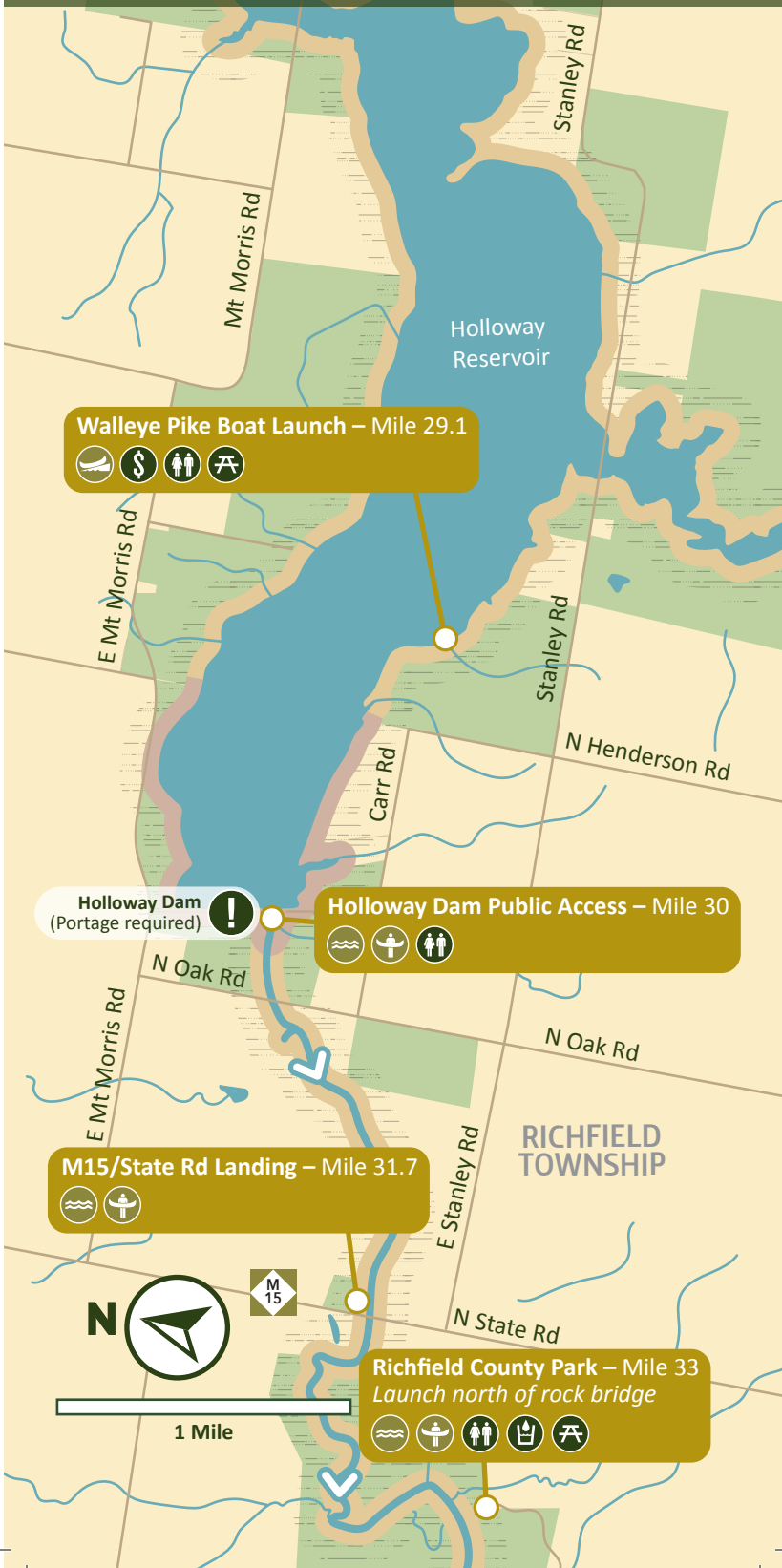
1 Mile

KLAM RD TO ZEMMER PARK

River St
Water St
5th St
Marathon Rd
Columbiaville Rd
N Lake Rd
Hannaman Rd
Zemmer Rd
Mt Morris Rd

WALLEYE PIKE BOAT LAUNCH TO RICHFIELD COUNTY PARK

Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.



Walleye Pike Boat Launch – Mile 29.1



Holloway Dam
(Portage required)



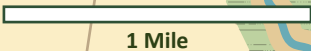
Holloway Dam Public Access – Mile 30



M15/State Rd Landing – Mile 31.7



Richfield County Park – Mile 33
Launch north of rock bridge



1 Mile

RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP

Richfield County Park – Mile 33
Launch north of rock bridge



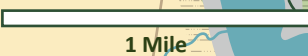
Irish Rd Launch – Mile 35



Stanley Rd Launch – Mile 39.8



Bluegill Boat Launch – Mile 41.2



RICHFIELD COUNTY PARK TO BLUEGILL BOAT LAUNCH

Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.

Bluegill Boat Launch – Mile 41.2



Stepping Stone Falls – Mile 42.8

Portage upstream of buoys, launch access downstream of dam



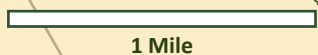
Mott Dam (Portage required) !

Bray Rd Landing – Mile 43.2



Kearsley Dam !

Utah Dam (Portage advised) !



Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park – Mile 47.3

Paddling NOT recommended between Vietnam Veterans Park and Mott Park due to dams, steep cement walls and lack of access and egress points.

   1 mi   1.5 mi

Hamilton Dam
River restoration in progress.
Portage required.







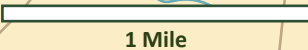
Mott Park Paddlers' Landing – Mile 51.1

  400 ft  ½ mi  ¼ mi

MOTT PARK
DISC GOLF
COURSE

Mitson Blvd/Riverview Canoe Landing – Mile 52.1

   0.6 mi  1.5 mi



Mitson Blvd



Mitson Blvd/Riverview Canoe Landing – Mile 52.1



0.6 mi

H 1.5 mi



Possible logjam at Mill Rd bridge.



Flushing Rd

Mill Rd

N Linden Rd

N Linden Rd

FLINT TOWNSHIP

Beecher Rd

E River Rd

W Pierson Rd

Flushing Rd

Elms Rd

River Rd Launch – Mile 58



H 1.4 mi

Elms Rd



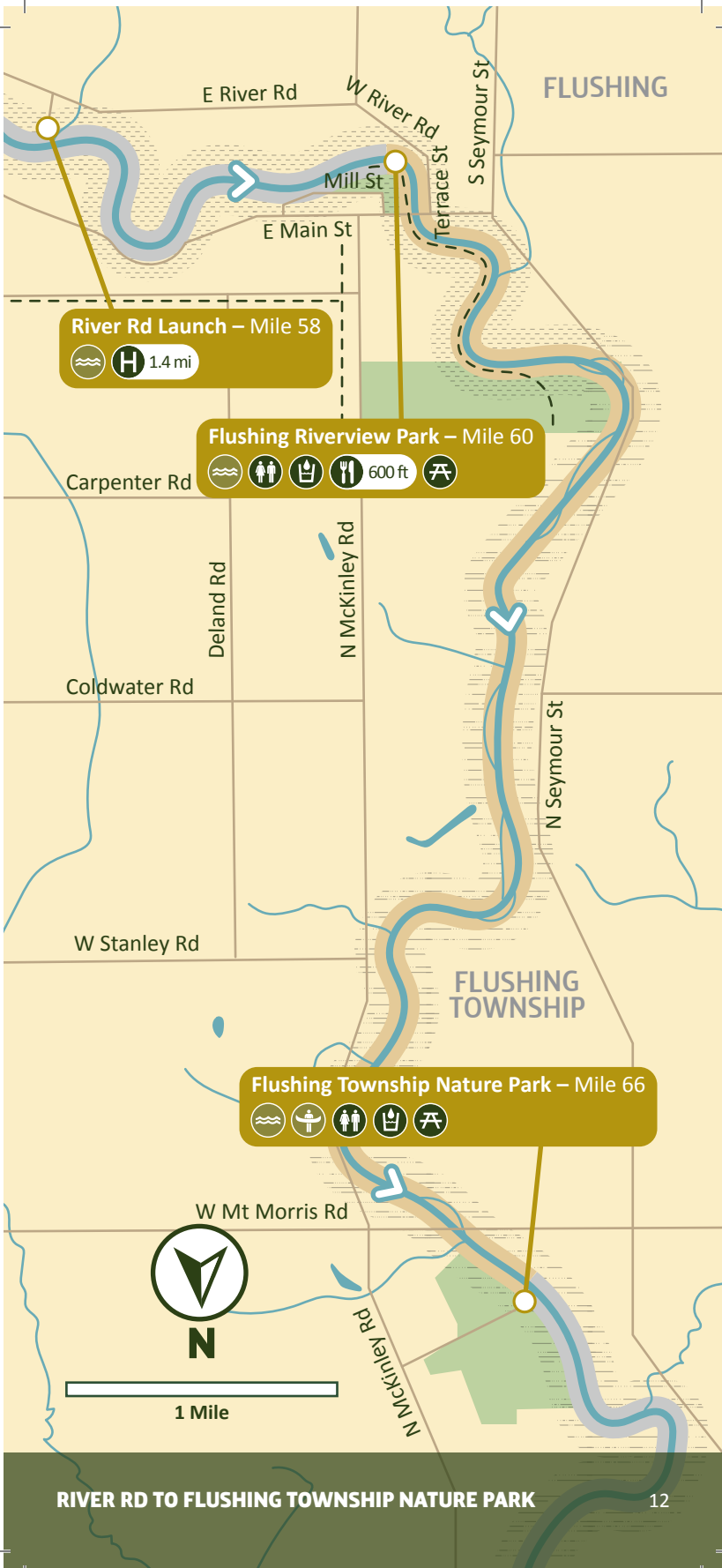
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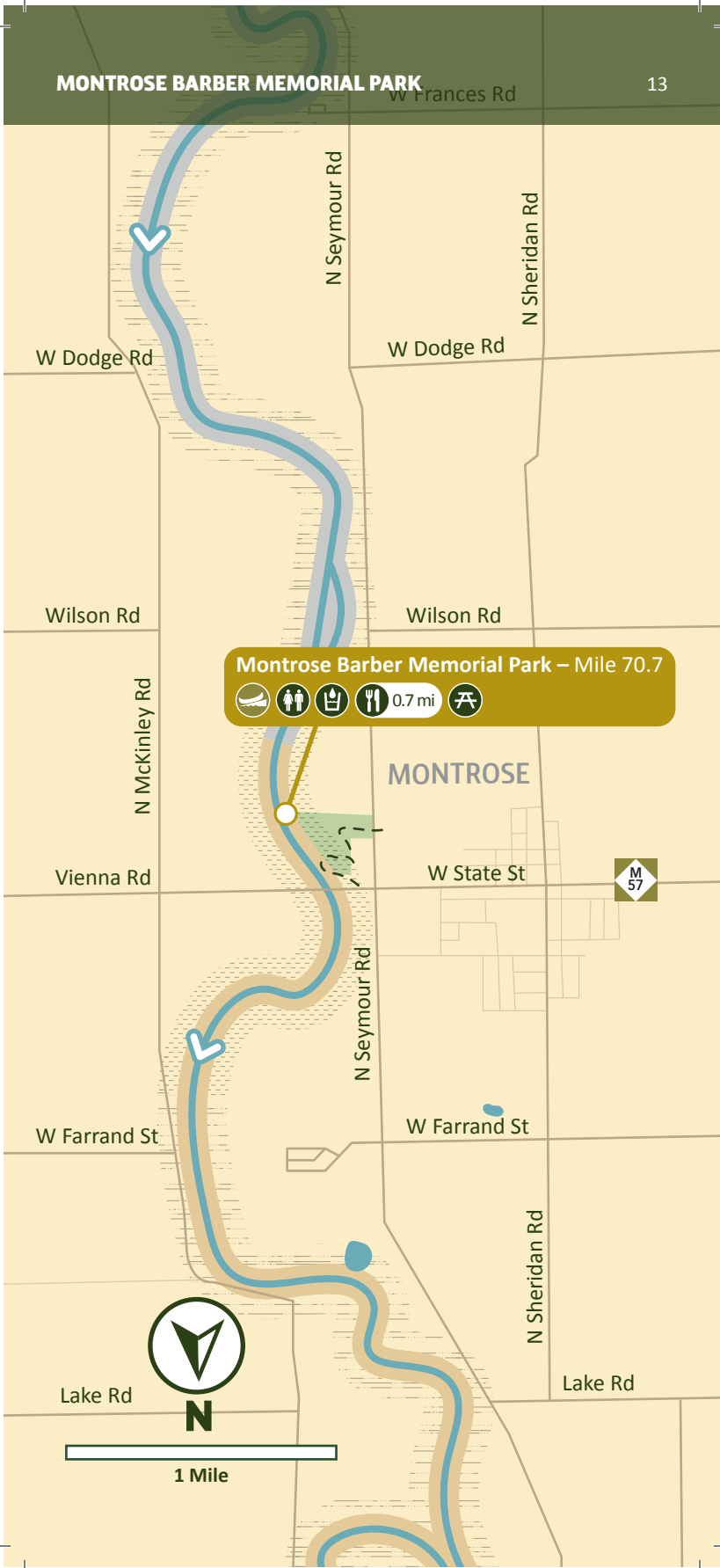
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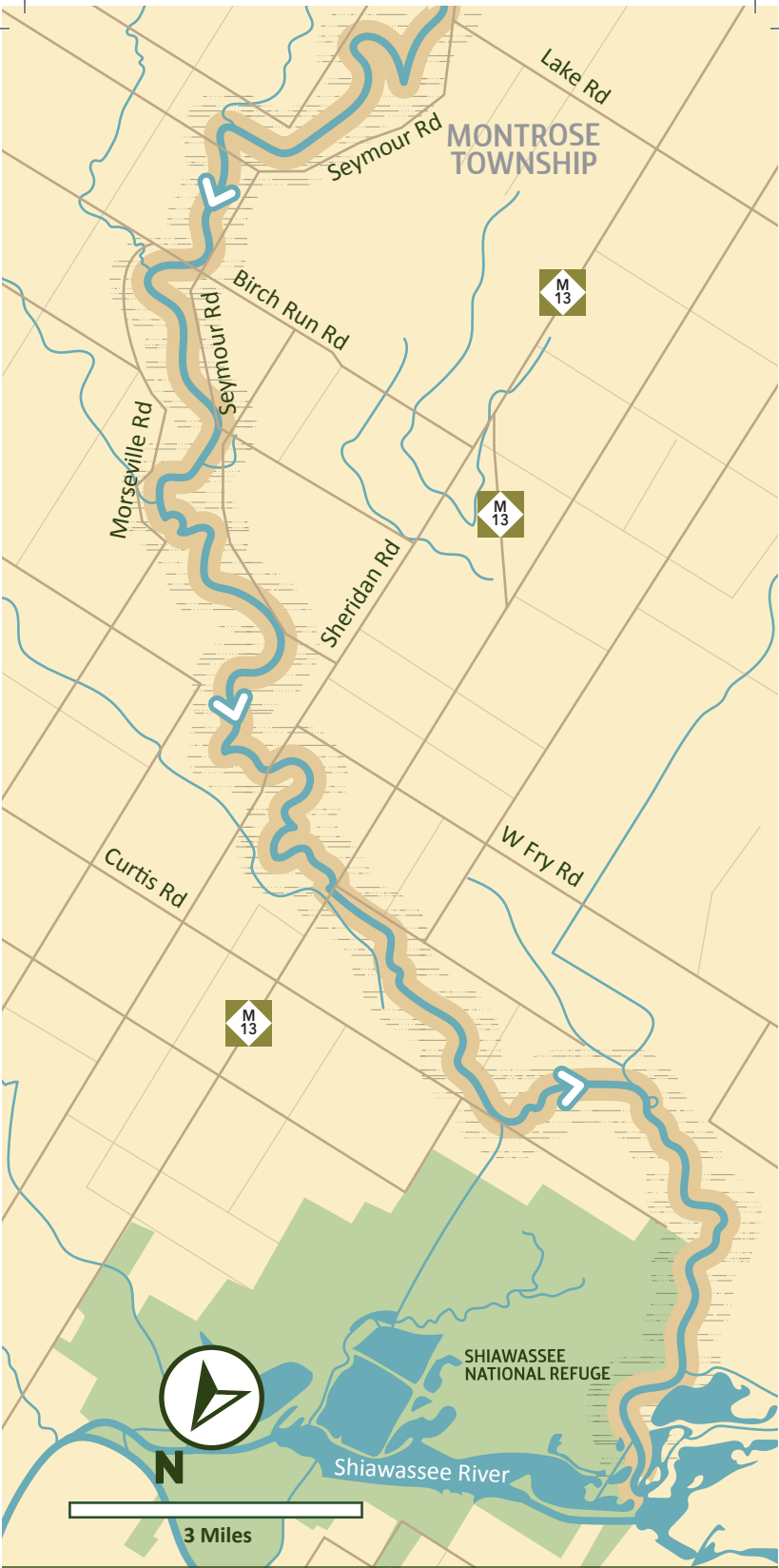
Potter Rd

Morrish Rd



MONTROSE BARBER MEMORIAL PARK





**MONTROSE
TOWNSHIP**

**SHIAWASSEE
NATIONAL REFUGE**

Shiawassee River



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3 Miles

TO SHIAWASSEE NATIONAL REFUGE

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