



Upper Muskegon River Trail Guide

About The Muskegon River

At 214 miles, the Muskegon River is the second longest river in the state. Its headwaters begin in Houghton Lake, and it flows across northern Michigan into Muskegon Lake. The Muskegon River is a cool-water system, meaning that it has both cold and warm water tributaries. This makes it home to a great diversity of fish species.

River Safety and Ethics

- Wear a life jacket!
- Check local weather before heading out.
- Avoid floating or submerged objects in the water. Do not dive from your boat.
- Do not disturb wildlife.
- Bring drinking water and snacks. It is not safe to drink untreated river water.
- Adhere to the legal drinking age and avoid overconsumption.
- Do not discard trash along the river.
- If venturing out alone, make sure someone knows your plan.

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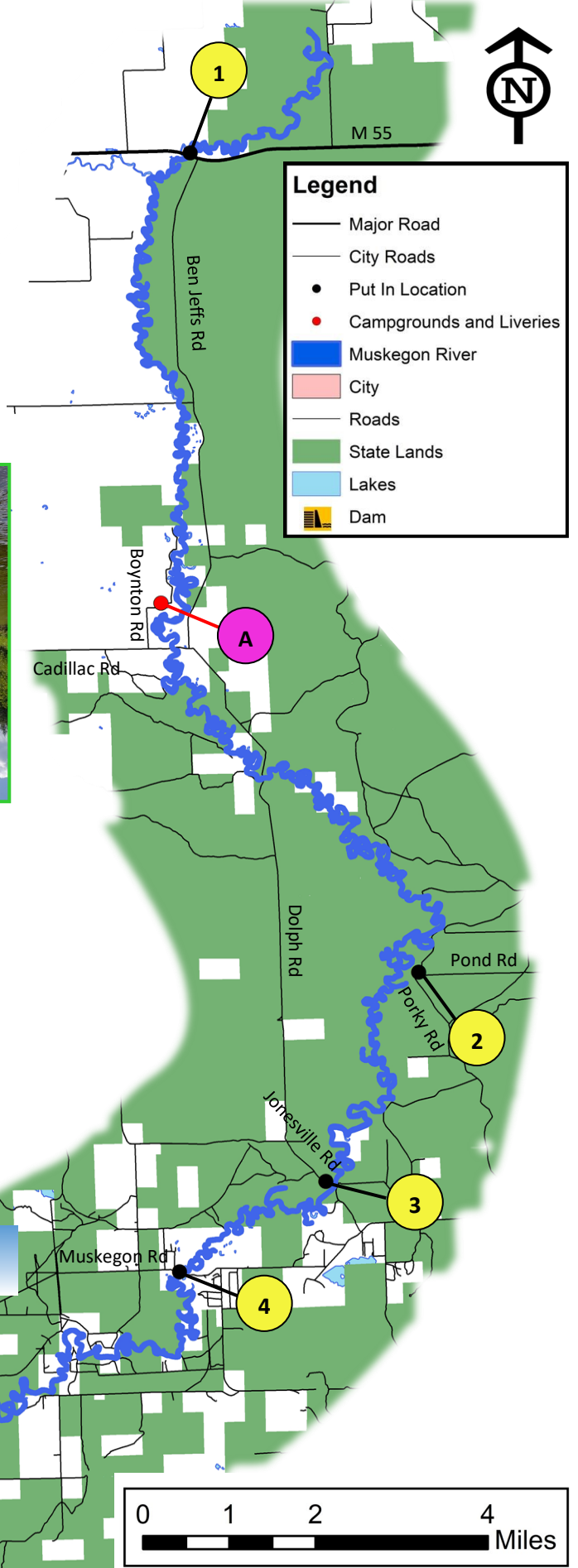
www.NorthCountryInvasives.org

To learn more about the region's high priority invasive species, and what you can do to prevent their spread visit:



- Michigan law requires boaters to clean and drain boats and trailers before they are transported.
- Remove mud and plant matter from waders, boats and other gear.
- At the landing, remove plugs and drain all water from your equipment.
- Dry equipment thoroughly between uses to assure even hard-to-see invasives don't make it to new waters.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Avoid Spreading Invasive Species

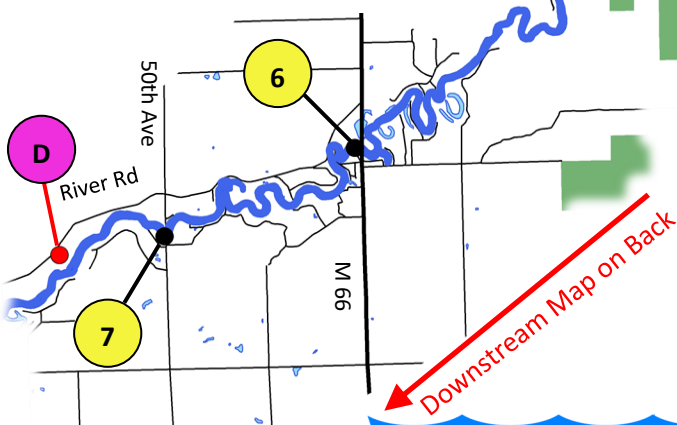


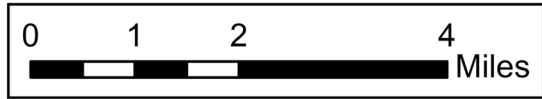
Public Put-In/Take-Out Sites

Site	Miles to Next Site	Float Time (hrs)	Picnic	Restrooms	Latitude	Longitude
1 BenJeff's Park	27.5	11.5	X	X	44.33543	-84.88913
2 Pond Road	5.35	2.25			44.19156	-84.84047
3 Jonesville Rd. Bridge	4.25	1.8		X	44.15399	-84.86048
4 Leota Park	23	7.2	X	X	44.13907	-84.89872
5 Temple Drive (M61)	16.6	5			44.03783	-85.03381
6 Crawford Park	5.5	1.6			43.94672	-85.14987
7 50th Ave.	4	1.2			43.93447	-85.18856

Liveries and Campgrounds

Name	Phone Number	Address	Camping	Livery
A White Birch Canoe Trips & Campground	(231) 328-4547	5569 S Paradise Rd. Falmouth	X	X
B Duggan's Canoe Livery & Campground	(989) 539-7149	3100 North Temple Dr. Harrison	X	X
C Old Log Resort and Campground	(231) 743-2775	12062 M 115 Marion	X	X
D River Country Campground	(231) 734-3808	6281 River Rd. Evart	X	X



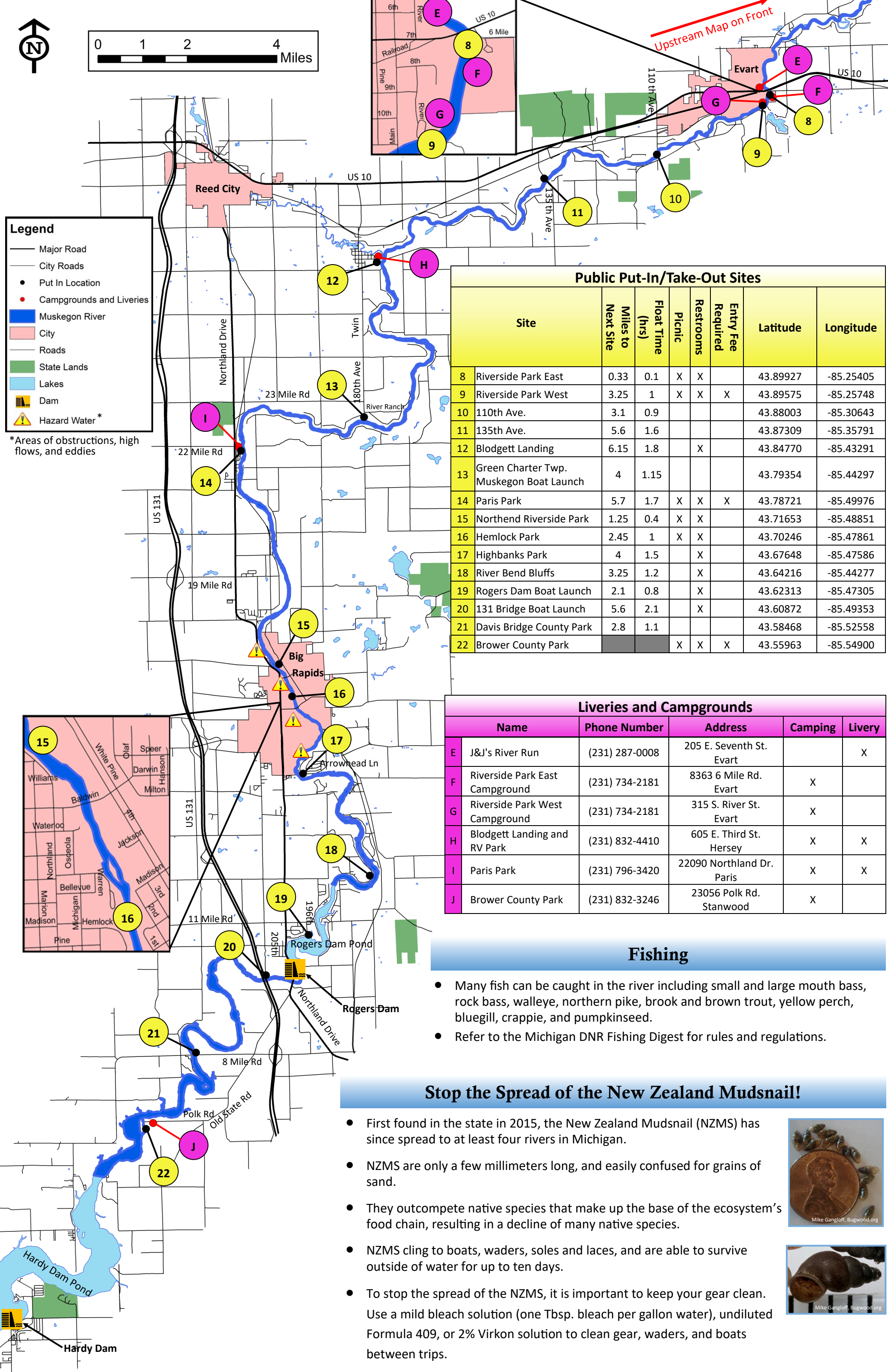


Upstream Map on Front

Legend

- Major Road
- City Roads
- Put In Location
- Campgrounds and Liveries
- Blue Muskegon River
- City
- Roads
- State Lands
- Lakes
- Dam
- Hazard Water *

*Areas of obstructions, high flows, and eddies



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8	Riverside Park East	0.33	0.1	X	X		43.89927	-85.25405
9	Riverside Park West	3.25	1	X	X	X	43.89575	-85.25748
10	110th Ave.	3.1	0.9				43.88003	-85.30643
11	135th Ave.	5.6	1.6				43.87309	-85.35791
12	Blodgett Landing	6.15	1.8		X		43.84770	-85.43291
13	Green Charter Twp. Muskegon Boat Launch	4	1.15				43.79354	-85.44297
14	Paris Park	5.7	1.7	X	X	X	43.78721	-85.49976
15	Northend Riverside Park	1.25	0.4	X	X		43.71653	-85.48851
16	Hemlock Park	2.45	1	X	X		43.70246	-85.47861
17	Highbanks Park	4	1.5		X		43.67648	-85.47586
18	River Bend Bluffs	3.25	1.2		X		43.64216	-85.44277
19	Rogers Dam Boat Launch	2.1	0.8		X		43.62313	-85.47305
20	131 Bridge Boat Launch	5.6	2.1		X		43.60872	-85.49353
21	Davis Bridge County Park	2.8	1.1				43.58468	-85.52558
22	Brower County Park			X	X	X	43.55963	-85.54900

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Name	Phone Number	Address	Camping	Livery
E	J&J's River Run	(231) 287-0008	205 E. Seventh St. Ewart	X
F	Riverside Park East Campground	(231) 734-2181	8363 6 Mile Rd. Ewart	X
G	Riverside Park West Campground	(231) 734-2181	315 S. River St. Ewart	X
H	Blodgett Landing and RV Park	(231) 832-4410	605 E. Third St. Hersey	X
I	Paris Park	(231) 796-3420	22090 Northland Dr. Paris	X
J	Brower County Park	(231) 832-3246	23056 Polk Rd. Stanwood	X

Fishing

- Many fish can be caught in the river including small and large mouth bass, rock bass, walleye, northern pike, brook and brown trout, yellow perch, bluegill, crappie, and pumpkinseed.
- Refer to the Michigan DNR Fishing Digest for rules and regulations.

Stop the Spread of the New Zealand Mudsnaill!

- First found in the state in 2015, the New Zealand Mudsnaill (NZMS) has since spread to at least four rivers in Michigan.
- NZMS are only a few millimeters long, and easily confused for grains of sand.
- They outcompete native species that make up the base of the ecosystem's food chain, resulting in a decline of many native species.
- NZMS cling to boats, waders, soles and laces, and are able to survive outside of water for up to ten days.
- To stop the spread of the NZMS, it is important to keep your gear clean. Use a mild bleach solution (one Tbsp. bleach per gallon water), undiluted Formula 409, or 2% Virkon solution to clean gear, waders, and boats between trips.

