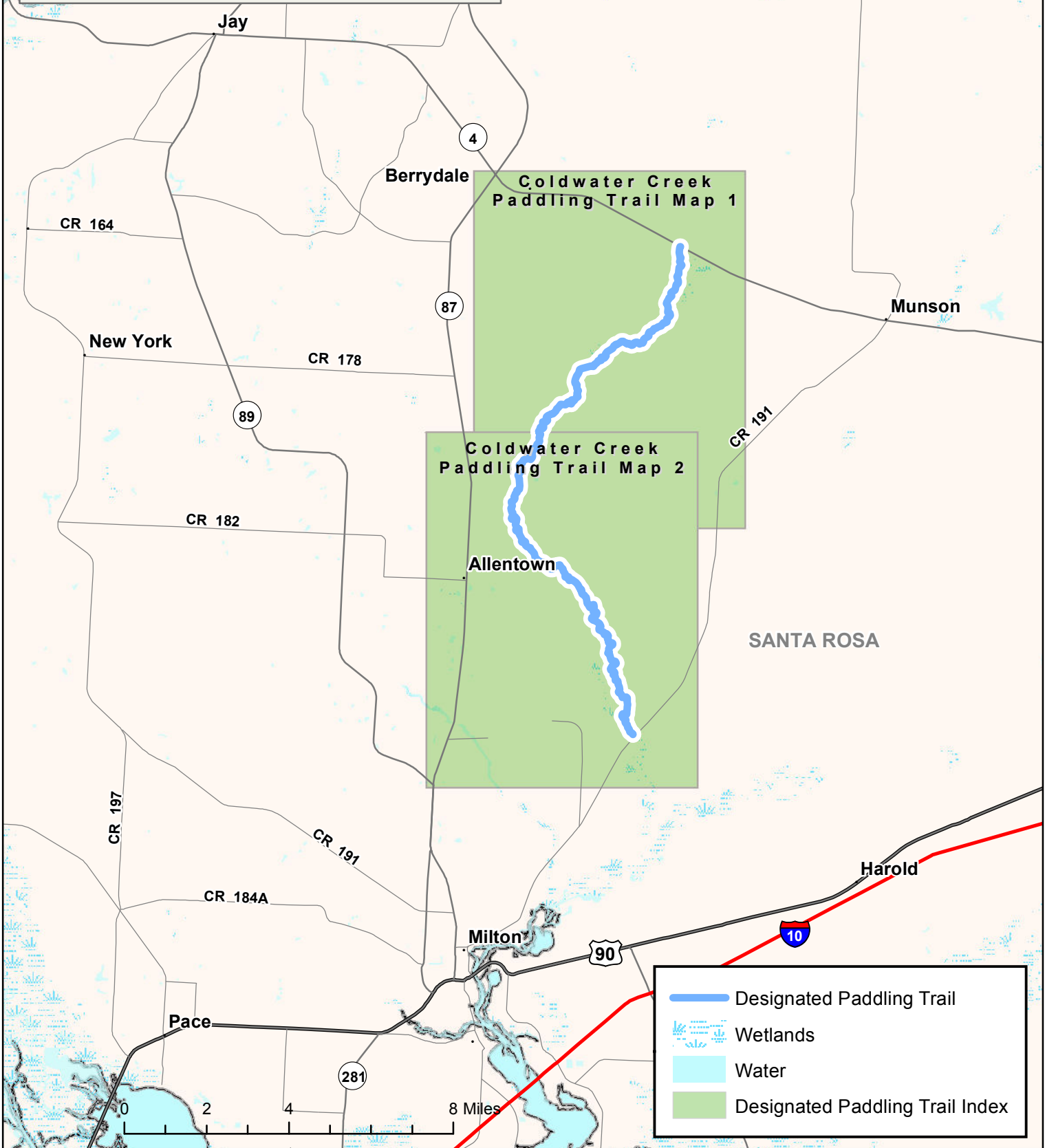


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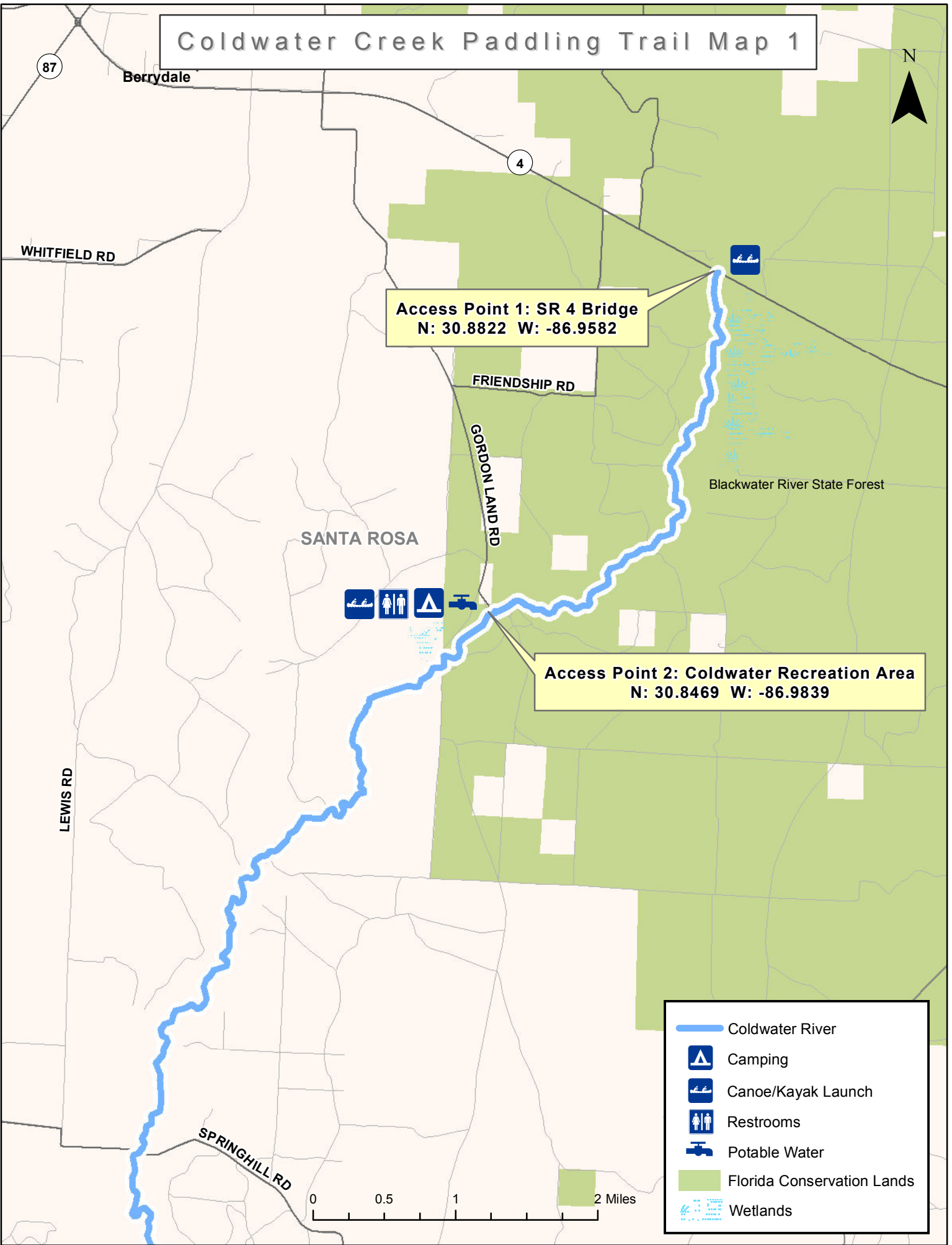
Coldwater Creek Paddling Trail Map 1

Coldwater Creek Paddling Trail Map 2

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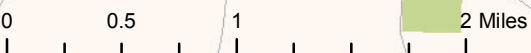
Coldwater Creek Paddling Trail Map 1



Access Point 1: SR 4 Bridge
N: 30.8822 W: -86.9582

Access Point 2: Coldwater Recreation Area
N: 30.8469 W: -86.9839

- Coldwater River
- Camping
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Restrooms
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Coldwater Creek Paddling Trail Map 2



Blackwater River State Forest

SPRINGHILL RD

PAUL BARNES RD

87

ALLENTOWN RD

Allentown

TOMAHAWK LANDING RD

STEEL BRIDGE RD

Access Point 3: Adventures Unlimited
N: 30.7603 W: -86.9954

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Access Point 4: Old Steel Bridge
N: 30.7432 W: -86.9839

Naval Air Station Whiting Field

WHITING FIELD CIR

Access Point 5: SR 191 Launch
N: 30.7098 W: -86.9727

MUNSON HWY

191

INDIAN FORD RD

EASTGATE RD

Blackwater Heritage State Trail

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Coldwater Creek Paddling Trail Trip Planning

Overview: Flowing through the Blackwater River State Forest, Coldwater Creek has some of the swiftest water in Florida. Because it is spring-fed, the shallow water is always pleasantly cool and makes for a perfect paddle for all ages. Flowing for nearly 20 miles through undeveloped land, it is very narrow in spots with a steep gradient. The sandy bottom and broad sandbars will remind you of nearby Gulf Coast beaches. A brisk downstream current helps carry you past pine and hardwood forests. Obstructions could include cypress knees, logs, and wide gravel bars that extend into the stream from shorelines.

County: Santa Rosa

Nearest town: Milton

Total Trip length: 19 miles

Mileage:

1. Mile 0—SR 4 Bridge
2. Mile 4—Coldwater Recreation Area
3. Mile 14—Adventures Unlimited (outfitter)
4. Mile 16—Old Steel Bridge
5. Mile 19—CR 191 Bridge

*The provided mileage data is approximate (rounded to nearest 0.5 miles).

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Skill level: Beginner

Trip Recommendation: The full trip from SR 4 to CR 191 is 19 miles. By combining different access points, trips of varying length and scenic character can be made.

Access Points:

Access Point 1 Put-in: SR 4 Bridge

Nearest town to access point: Munson

Miles from access point: 5

Directions to access point: From SR 87, go east 5 miles on SR 4 or, from SR 191, go west 5 miles on SR 4 to Coldwater Creek Bridge.

Access Point 2 Put-in: Coldwater Recreation Area

Nearest town to access point: Munson

Miles from access point: 8

Directions to access point: From Munson, take CR 191 southwest for 2.75 miles to dirt road on right (west side of Juniper Creek). Turn west for 5 miles to Jernigan Bridge. Or, from Berrydale, take SR 4 east for 2 miles to paved road. Turn south for 4 miles to bridge.

Access Point 3 Put-in: Adventures Unlimited

Nearest town to access point: Milton

Miles from access point: 16

Directions to access point: On SR 87, look for the "Adventures Unlimited" sign approximately 12 miles north of Milton. Turn right and follow signs approximately 4 miles to Adventures Unlimited.

Access Point 4 Put-in: Old Steel Bridge

Nearest town: Milton

Miles from access point: 9

Directions to access point: From SR 191, take SR 87-A north 2 miles. Turn east and cross Blackwater Heritage Trail; turn north and continue to dirt road on the right (Steel Bridge Road? Fleming Bridge Road?).

Access Point 5 Take-out: CR 191 Bridge

Nearest town: Milton

Miles from access point: 7

Directions to access point: On CR 191, 7 mi northeast of Milton.

Driving distance from SR 4 Bridge to SR 191 Bridge: 17.7 miles via state/county roads.

Topo maps (USGS quads): McLellan, Spring Hill, Allentown, Harold

Gazeteer page: 27

Outfitters within 20 miles of trail:

Adventures Unlimited
(850) 623-6197
(800) 239-6864
<http://www.adventuresunlimited.com>

Blackwater Canoe Rental and Outpost
(850) 623-0235
(800) 967-6789
<http://www.blackwatercanoe.com>

Bob's Canoe Rental and Sales
(850) 623-5457
(800) 492-4504

Shuttle service offered: Call outfitters

USGS link (water level info): <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/fl/nwis/uv?02370500>

Break / Lunch areas: Access points listed above, Blackwater River State Forest Primitive Recreation Areas, and numerous sandbars

Camping options:

Blackwater State Forest, Coldwater Recreation Area (camping on creek and multiple recreation areas with vicinity)

http://www.fl-dof.com/state_forests/blackwater_river.html

Adventures Unlimited (on creek)

<http://www.adventuresunlimited.com/>

Blackwater River State Park (vicinity)

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/blackwaterriver/>

Depending on water levels, sandbars are suitable for camping.

Other lodging: Hotels in Milton, Crestview, and Pensacola.

Food/Beverage restrictions: No glass containers on waterways. Alcohol prohibited where posted.

What to expect on the river:

Tidal influence: None

Pull-overs: Possible, depending on water levels.

Low branches: No

Narrow water: No

Shallow water: Possible with low water levels, although the outside of most bends will remain navigable, though narrow.

Strong currents: Yes

Rocks: None

Houses: Very few

Shoals: None

Tight turns: None

Open water: None

Springs: None

Potable water sources: None

Wildlife: Red-cockaded woodpecker, deer, belted kingfisher

Natural communities: Hammock, flatwoods, sandhill, scrub.

Portages: None

Swimming: At your own risk

Motorboats: Very few. Most likely on lower portions.

Expect at parking SR 4:

- **Parking fee:** No
- **Bathrooms:** No
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** N/A
- **Camping:** No
- **Camping fees:** N/A
- **Crowds:** No
- **Boat Ramp:** No
- **Potable water source:** No
- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Access is under the SR 4 bridge. Sand bank.

Expect at parking Coldwater Recreation Area:

- **Parking fee:** None
- **Bathrooms:** Yes
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** No gates
- **Camping:** Yes
- **Camping fees:** Check with Division of Forestry
- **Crowds:** Possible on weekends and holidays. Heavy use by equestrians.
- **Boat Ramp:** No
- **Potable water source:** Yes
- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Sand bank.

Expect at parking Adventures Unlimited:

- **Parking fee:** None
- **Bathrooms:** Yes
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** Check with outfitter
- **Camping:** Yes
- **Camping fees:** Check with outfitter
- **Crowds:** Possible, depending on day and season.
- **Boat Ramp:** No
- **Potable water source:** Yes
- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Stabilized bank.

Expect at parking Old Steel Bridge:

- **Parking fee:** None
- **Bathrooms:** None
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** No gates
- **Camping:** No
- **Camping fees:** N/A
- **Crowds:** No
- **Boat Ramp:** No
- **Potable water source:** No
- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Bank access

Expect at parking CR 191:

- **Parking fee:** None
- **Bathrooms:** No
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** No gates
- **Camping:** No
- **Camping fees:** N/A
- **Crowds:** No
- **Boat Ramp:** No
- **Potable water source:** No
- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Access is under CR 191 Bridge. Sand bank.

Cultural and historical features along the trail: The remains of an old bridge are at the Old Steel Bridge access. Several historic structures have been moved to Adventures Unlimited and restored as lodging.

Notes: Use of the Berrydale/Wagner Bridge access (not listed in this guide) is not recommended due to lack of parking and poor creek access.