

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
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Superintendent's Compendium of Orders

The National Park Service (NPS) regulations applicable to the protection and equitable public use of units of the National park System grant specified authorities to a park superintendent to allow or restrict certain activities. NPS regulations are found in Titles 36 and 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and created under authority and responsibility granted the Secretary of Interior in Titles 16 and 18 of the United States Code. The following compendium comprises a listing of all NPS regulations that provide the Superintendent with discretionary authority to make designations or impose public use restrictions or conditions. The larger body of NPS regulations that do not provide discretionary authority to the Superintendent is not cited in this compendium. A complete and accurate picture of regulations governing use and protection of the park can only be gained by viewing this compendium in context with the full body of applicable regulations found in Titles 36 and 43 CFR. For the purpose of this compendium, the term park(s) will refer to Buffalo National River. The orders contained within this compendium apply to all areas unless otherwise specified.

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This Compendium of Superintendent's Orders is approved for use effective the date of the Superintendent's signature.

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Date

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Date



Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations

Part 1. General Provisions

Section 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

1. All caves within the boundary of Buffalo National River are closed to recreational caving with the exception of:
 - a. The caves in Lost Valley from Eden Falls Cave to the Lost Valley Campground parking area are open to unrestricted recreational caving.
 - b. The caves along the trail system at Buffalo Point are open to unrestricted recreational caving except for Bat Cave which is closed.
 - c. Back 0' Beyond cave and Silver Hill cave are open for guided interpretive tours only.
 - d. All cave research requires a permit which stipulates protocols to prevent the spread of White Nose Syndrome to park caves. Researchers must carry a copy of the permit with them while in the cave and traveling through the park to and from the cave.

The Superintendent has determined that White Nose Syndrome is an imminent threat to the cave bats of Buffalo National River, and every effort should be made to prevent or slow its spread to the park. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service as the lead federal agency in wildlife conservation have issued protocols that are designed to prevent the spread of the suspected causative agent of the syndrome. The Superintendent has determined the closure is the best available method to meet the National Park Service mission to conserve the wildlife in the parks for the enjoyment of future generations.

2. All abandoned mines are closed to public entry.

The Superintendent has determined closure of all abandoned mines in the park is necessary for public safety, and protection of the mine environment. During the late 1880s to 1918, the Rush area was an active zinc mining area. After 1918, the mines were deactivated and lay dormant except for occasional mineral collectors or rock hounds. In 1984, an on-site inspection of the mines was made by the park's Resource Management and Visitor Protection staff, the park Safety Committee, and a mine safety inspector from the Office of Mine Safety and Health Administration. The team recommended the mines be closed to public access. Among the hazards are large loose ceiling rocks, deep pits, and water-filled pits. Several of the tunnels showed signs of recent cave-ins. Mineral collecting over the past several years has further weakened the walls and ceiling. Chain link fencing was installed at the entrances to these mines in 1985, along with signs advising that the mines are unsafe and closed to entry. Cave gating has continued in an effort to prevent entry. During 2002, mine inspections conducted by Resource Management and Visitor Protection Rangers found additional collapses and deterioration. Our experience with Rush mines and observations of other mines, has led to the conclusion the danger of these old mines is consistent throughout the park. This closure affects all abandoned mines in the park.

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3. All roads, lands and waters within Buffalo National River are closed to the operation of all-terrain 3 and 4-wheel cycles and similar vehicles intended only for off-road use.

The Superintendent has determined all terrain type vehicles (ATV) pose a safety hazard to the visiting public. All terrain vehicles are not required to have lights, reflectors, or signal devices under state law and pose a safety hazard to visitors and ATV operators on park roads. There is no state training or license requirement and, as such, no assurance of operator standards on public roads. No routes within Buffalo National River are designated for off-road motor vehicle use. Past activities of ATV users within the park have damaged resources and allowed entrance into designated wilderness areas. Administrative use is allowed in accordance with the park ATV Plan.

4. The possession or use of glass containers in caves, on trails or waterways, or within 100 feet (30.48 meters) of any river or stream in the park is prohibited for public safety, except in designated campgrounds or picnic sites, or in vehicles on designated roads and parking areas.

The Superintendent has determined glass containers are prohibited on trails, in caves, on or in waterways, and within 100 feet (30.48 meters) of any river or stream in the park because a public safety hazard exists when visitors are allowed to possess glass containers in certain areas of the park.

Buffalo National River is an area of extremely rocky terrain. There is very little area where something dropped will not strike rocks on the surface of the ground. There is a history of glass containers breaking on trails, in caves, in the river, and on gravel bars and it is difficult to clean up the shards. The waterways of the park are used by swimmers and canoeists who are usually barefooted. Broken glass on the river bottom and on the riverbanks has caused numerous injuries over the years. Glass is prohibited in caves due to the difficulty of cleaning up broken shards and the fact that cavers are often on their hands and knees when negotiating the passageways. Broken glass is a serious safety hazard. It is highly unlikely that hikers will cleanup broken glass along trails due to the difficulty of transporting and disposing of it. It is almost always left along the trail presenting a safety hazard. Glass containers are allowed in all developed campsites and picnic sites as well as in vehicles on designated roads and parking areas. AR Game and Fish Regulation 43.10 also restricts glass use on the Buffalo River and other flowing streams in Arkansas.

5. Lands and waters within Buffalo National River are open to hunting in accordance with Arkansas law, except as follows:

- a. The discharge of a weapon or killing device across, into, or from the Buffalo River or its gravel bars, is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined there is a considerable hazard to the public safety if hunters discharge weapons into or across the river, or on, into, or across the gravel bars. The Buffalo River is the principle recreation attraction of the park. There is year-around john-boat, canoe, and kayak use of the river; scuba divers and swimmers frequent it much of the year. Many of the park's hiking trails parallel the river or cross it. Gravel bars are the preferred camping sites throughout the backcountry areas.

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- b. No hunting allowed in areas designated as "developed areas", or within 150 yards (138 meters) of a developed area. See list of developed areas at the end of this compendium.

The Superintendent has determined developed areas are routinely visited by members of the public who camp, hike, picnic, launch boats, park cars, or attend programs. The visiting public should be able to have areas they do not feel threatened by hunting activities. Allowing hunting activities in these areas would be reckless.

6. The possession or use of gasoline, kerosene, or powered lights (generator or liquid fuel) and stoves is prohibited in all caves except for rescue or other authorized emergency operations.

The Superintendent has determined the use of gasoline, kerosene, and propane lanterns, traditionally used by some cave visitors has great potential for harm to the resource and visitors. Lanterns are generally carried in the hand as the primary light source. This reduces caver mobility in climbing and scrambling maneuvers. Lanterns are a problem in crawlways because they must be pushed along in front of the caver without burning him/her, breaking the globe, or breaking a mantle. There is always a possibility of liquid fuel spillage when a lantern is dropped or refueled, and there is a history of these occurrences in park caves. The glass globes on the lanterns are likely to break when lanterns are dropped; this has also happened in park caves. The exhaust gases of lanterns are known to cause asphyxiation in tents and in a small crawlways with little airflow, they would have the same danger.

Stoves have the same risks of asphyxiation, burning, and fuel spillage as lanterns. While they may be needed in an emergency operation to heat liquids or foods, they are not a necessary piece of caving gear.

7. All roadways, trails, and other two-track access conveyances, regardless of former use, that are gated and/or marked "No Motor Vehicles" within Buffalo National River are closed to the operation of all motor vehicles, except during emergencies or administrative use.

The Superintendent has determined closure of certain roads, trails, and two-track access roads in the park is necessary for protection of park agricultural lease fields, archeological and cultural sites, riparian areas, wildlife habitat, public safety, and the general protection of the river and its associated banks and access areas. The regular availability and popularity of four wheel drive vehicles and the activities of their users have created a similar environment to that of ATV users which have damaged resources and allowed entry into areas not normally available to prudent users of a roadway in the park. Many of these roadways or conveyances are in remote areas or dangerous terrain, and would require extensive improvement and destruction of park resources to improve and/or maintain their condition. They are also areas subject to illegal activity by the users of such vehicles. Two-track roads abused in lease fields require costly maintenance. Administrative use is allowed for in emergency or routine park operations or as permitted under agricultural use agreements.



Section 1.6 Permits

1. The following activities require a permit:
 - a. Collection of specimens (36 CFR, Sec 2.5).
 - b. Operating power saws in developed areas (36 CFR, Sec 2.12).
 - c. Operating motors or engines in non-developed areas (36 CFR, Sec 2.12).
 - d. Removal of downed aircraft (36 CFR, Sec 2.17).
 - e. Special events (36 CFR, Sec 2.50).
 - f. Public Assemblies (36 CFR, Sec 2.51).
 - g. Sale or distribution of printed matter (36 CFR, Sec 2.52).
 - h. Grazing (36 CFR, Sec 2.60).
 - i. Scattering of human remains or ashes (36 CFR, Sec 2.62).
 - j. All commercial activities (filming, use of roads by commercial vehicles, sale of beverages, business operations, construction of buildings/facilities, rights-of-way) (36 CFR, Part 5).
 - k. Entry into Fitton Cave (36 CFR, Sec. 1.6)

Part 2. Resource Protection, Public Use and Recreation

Section 2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources

1. Down and dead wood may be collected and used as firewood in campfires in campgrounds and backcountry areas. No wood may be removed from the park. Down and dead wood may be gathered by hand only. The use of power saws or chain saws to aid in gathering is prohibited. The use of hand saws, axes or other types of non-motorized devices is allowed.

The Superintendent recognizes the importance of dead and down fuels reduction around developed areas, as well as the need to protect standing deadwood habitat from over harvest of fire wood. It is also recognized that there is a general expectation by the public that nearby dead and down wood may be used for traditional campfires. The noise and disturbance created by chain saws is not consistent with the character or nature of National Park Service campgrounds.

2. Edible species of fruits, nuts, mushrooms, and berries may be gathered by hand for daily personal consumption. Collection for commercial purposes is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined reasonable quantities of fruits, berries, or nuts of all edible species may be gathered for personal use or consumption.

Based on professional judgment and available information, the Superintendent has determined that gathering the fruits, nuts, mushrooms, or berries of edible plants within Buffalo National River boundaries for personal use will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of any of those species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources. Generally, road access is difficult for all but the most hardy to gain access to most areas. As a result, it is not expected that large numbers of people

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will gather edible fruits, nuts, mushrooms, and berries in the park. In addition, there are many open and forested areas adjacent to the park which have better access and in some cases, more abundant edible plants. No rare, threatened or endangered plants are included in this listing.

Section 2.10 Camping and Food Storage

1. The following time limits are established:

- a. No person, party or organization shall be allowed to camp at Buffalo National River for more than a total of 30 days in a calendar year without authorization of the Superintendent.
- b. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day each year, camping in all developed campgrounds is limited to a total of 14 consecutive days.
- c. Camping at Steel Creek, Erbie, Woolum, Log Wagon Gap and Hathaway Horse Camps is limited to a total of seven consecutive days.

The Superintendent has determined that there are a limited number of developed campgrounds and camping opportunities available to the general public at the park, long term camp occupation has created public safety issues, and allowing extended camping does not fairly and equitably allow equal access to park facilities. Competition between visitors for camp spaces has caused disorderly conduct violations and long term occupations have resulted in sanitation problems. Considering all issues, the Superintendent has approved a list of developed areas, closed areas, and camping term limits.

2. Developed camping areas include Lost Valley, Steel Creek, Steel Creek Horse Camp, Kyles Landing, Erbie, Cavers' Camp, Erbie Horse Camp, Erbie Campground, Ozark, UBD Blue Hole, Carver, Mt. Hersey, Woolum, Tyler Bend, Shine Eye, Maumee South, Spring Creek, Buffalo Point, and Rush.

The Superintendent has determined that these areas are sufficiently developed, have a significant use history, and meet the NPS definition of development. He has further determined that these areas are necessary for the protection of park resources and for the public enjoyment of the River.

3. All areas in the Erbie Historic Zone, with the exception of the Cavers' Camp, Horse Camp, Erbie Campground, and Cecil Cove Springs, are closed to camping.

The Superintendent has determined that these sites are desirable and necessary based on historic use patterns and the needs of park visitors. It is further determined that sufficient steps, planning, and oversight has been conducted to maintain the historic flavor of the area.

4. No camping is allowed within ½ mile (805 meters) of any National Park Service developed area unless it is in a designated camping site. Camping is permitted on gravel bars at Woolum, Shine Eye, and Grinder's Ferry developed areas. Camping is permitted on the Gilbert gravel bar only in that area downriver from where the Gilbert road enters the Gilbert gravel bar.

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The Superintendent has determined that isolated campsites set up near developed areas interfere with the normal park functions, detract from the visual experience, and negatively impact resources. Most camping that occurs near developed areas occurs in historic zones, hay fields, landing areas, and near established campgrounds. These isolated camps have no sanitation facilities, often are in high flow visitor use areas, or impact normal traffic flow.

5. Camping upon areas used for hay production, grazing, or other agricultural uses is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined that camping in these areas is detrimental to the preservation of the cultural scene; furthermore, damage resulting from camping is detrimental to hay production.

6. No camping is allowed in any structure or building.

The Superintendent has determined that due to the fragile character of many of our historic buildings, histories of vandalism and fires, and the fact that camping practices in buildings is detrimental to the preservation of the cultural scene, camping will not be allowed in any historic building or structure.

7. The following areas are closed to camping:

- a. All caves and rock shelters within Buffalo National River.

The Superintendent has determined most caves and bluff shelters in Buffalo National River have fragile geologic and archeological value and have flora and fauna that is delicate. Camping activities in these areas is extensive, and there is a body of evidence indicating real damage and vandalism. Because even "innocent" camping episodes can and have resulted in damage to these features, they are closed to camping activities.

- b. The entire length of Lost Valley. This closure does not affect vehicle camping in the designated Lost Valley Campground.

The Superintendent has determined that camping in this area is detrimental to the preservation of the cultural and natural scene, and the visitor experience. The valley is narrow, it is difficult to camp out of view of the trail, human waste has been left in open view, fires have been built and left within view of the trail, and there is a strong history of improper camping in the area.

8. Use of individual campsites at developed campgrounds is limited to a maximum of six persons. All group sites are limited to a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 25 people.

The Superintendent has determined that to preserve the condition of campsites within the park, the number of people authorized to stay at a site shall be limited. Rather than utilizing group campsites designed to handle larger concentrations of people, the park has a history of large groups occupying smaller sites because of site proximity to the river. This adversely impacts site sanitation, public safety, the park's ability to clean and maintain an area, and the resource. Group site limits reflect physical camp

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size and sanitation facilities available. Horse restrictions are intended to preserve the sites, prevent conflicts, and provide the opportunity for public access to as many groups as possible.

9. Camping is permitted on gravel and sand bars and in areas that are naturally devoid of significant vegetative ground cover, and are within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of the river. Except the following areas are closed to gravel bar camping:
 - a. Within ½ mile (805 meters) of a National Park Service developed campground
 - b. Within the Camp Orr corridor
 - c. Hasty river access
 - d. Baker Ford river access

The Superintendent has determined gravel bar camping is a historic activity and does not adversely affect the resource. The Superintendent has determined that isolated campsites set up near developed areas and small access points interfere with the normal park functions, detract from the visual experience, and negatively impact the resource.

10. Operating electricity producing generators in developed campgrounds is prohibited between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. This is in addition to regular quiet hours specified in Sec. 2.10 (b)(4).

The Superintendent has determined there is sufficient evidence of conflict in the campground over noise levels from generators that the operation of these devices should be limited to preserve the traditional camping experience for park visitors.

11. For the purpose of the following food storage restrictions, "food items" shall be defined as food, drinks, toiletries, soaps, pet food, and odoriferous attractants. Garbage, including empty cans, food wrappers, etc., must also be stored or disposed of consistent with these regulations. Dirty, non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed, or stored as food.

Within the Buffalo Point Campground all food, lawfully taken fish or wildlife, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must be kept sealed in a vehicle, or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or shall be stored as otherwise designated. This restriction does not apply to food that is being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption.

The Superintendent has determined that skunks and raccoons are being rewarded with food left out by visitors. The animals have become a significant nuisance. Many visitors and pets have been sprayed by skunks. Many skunks carry rabies and visitors have been observed feeding the skunks from their hands. In the interest of public safety food needs to be stored properly so animals are not attracted to the area.

12. Drive-in horse camping will be limited to no more than six persons and four head of stock at each campsite. Drive-in horse camping is only authorized at Steel Creek, Erbie, Woolum, Log Wagon Gap and Hathaway Horse camps.



The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary for the protection of the environmental and scenic values of the park, and to avoid conflict among visitor uses. The park will soon be preparing a General Management Plan or Horse Use Management Plan that will address how to manage the user conflicts between hikers, horseback riders, canoeists and hunters.

Section 2.13 Fires

Fires are allowed at designated sites in campgrounds, picnic areas, developed areas, and in all backcountry camping areas. When grills or pads are provided at such sites, open fires will be confined to grills or pads. Fires may be restricted/curtailed by the Superintendent during high fire danger.

The Superintendent has determined that backcountry campfires for warming and cooking are an appropriate and historic activity, as are campfires in developed areas. In order to prevent resource damage in heavy use areas, campfires have been restricted to grills and pads.

Section 2.15 Pets

1. Dogs, cats and other pets are not allowed on park trails, in designated wilderness areas, or within park caves except as listed below:
 - a. Ponca Wilderness pets which are on a 6' leash are permitted on gravel bars up to 25' from the water's edge.
 - b. Three trails have been designated to allow pets that are on a 6' leash (owners must pick up pet waste) – Eden Falls, Mill Creek and Forest Pit Trail.

The Superintendent has determined pets on trails, in caves, and in designated wilderness areas cause or have the potential to cause an adverse visitor experience. Pets on or off leash on some of the narrow trails and ledges in the park could cause a significant fall. There is a significant history in the park of visitors failing to maintain pets on a leash. Often, these trails and ledges will not allow the safe passage of visitors who are afraid of dogs. Pets are not conducive to a wilderness trip. There is a history in the park of pet owners not taking responsibility for pet waste. Pet waste has a significant negative impact on the cave environment, and is an irritant to people on trails. There is a history of pets making noise in areas and at times that are not conducive to a normal park experience. Notwithstanding the previous statements concerning normal trail use conflicts with pets, the Superintendent recognizes the need for pet owners to have the opportunity to exercise pets while recreating at Buffalo National River. As such, three trails have been designated for pet use.

2. No pet shall be left in a closed vehicle or otherwise confined in a manner which causes unreasonable pain or suffering or possible death of the animal. Any authorized person may enter such vehicle or confinement and take any necessary action for the protection of pets. Pet owners will be responsible for any impound or kennel fees.

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The Superintendent has determined there is a history of people leaving pets tied up or in vehicles during extended absences. These events have led to the death of several pets, numerous noise complaints about howling/barking dogs, and interference with normal park business.

Section 2.16 Horses and Pack Animals

1. Horses are restricted to the trails and areas as stated in the “Special Horse Use Zones” below:
 - a. Lower Buffalo Wilderness Area: The trail loop from the Hathaway Horse Camp to Cow Creek, from Cow Creek along Buffalo River to Cook Hollow, and then back to Hathaway Horse Camp is a special use zone. Horses are restricted to established trails in this area.
 - b. Ponca Wilderness: Horses are restricted to established trails in this area.
2. Outside of the Special Horse Use Zones listed above, horse and stock use is allowed on abandoned roads, gravel bars, old traces, backcountry trails, and the non-traveled portion of roads open to motor vehicles. Horses and pack animals are not allowed on front country trails and other areas which are specifically designated as closed to horses.

The Superintendent has determined that these orders are necessary to meet resource protection goals developed by the Resource Management Division, to protect natural and historic structures, prevent unnecessary trail development and erosion, and provide for the enjoyment of the visiting public.

3. The superintendent has designated horses, mules, llamas, and burros as the only pack animals allowed in the park. Use is restricted to normal horse use areas.

The Superintendent has determined that pack animals do not cause significant damage to trails or resources when used on established horse use routes.

4. Horses and pack animals may not be tethered within 100 feet (30.5 meters) of a watercourse or within a designated campsite, except for those sites specifically designated for use by visitors with horses or pack animals. Horses and pack animals may not be tethered to signs, buildings or historic structures.

The Superintendent has determined the stationing of stock closer than 100 feet (30.5 meters) to a water course will adversely affect the quality of the stream by introducing fecal material, and by accelerating the erosion process near the stream bed. The tethering of stock to NPS facilities or historic structures will cause damage to these facilities.

5. Leaving horses or pack animals to graze or water unattended is prohibited. Horses and pack animals may not be grazed on hay leases.

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The Superintendent has determined that horses and pack animals have been left unattended to graze on hay leases, and to wander to water. These activities have damaged permitted commercial hay operations and caused visitor conflicts.

6. Directly tethering horses and pack animals to live vegetation is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined that horses and pack animals tethered to live vegetation has resulted in damage to natural resources at Buffalo National River.

Section 2.22 Property

1. Visitors on backcountry or river trips may leave vehicles unattended at designated parking areas for the duration of their trip.

The Superintendent has determined this activity supports extended hiking and river trips and is not detrimental to normal park operations.

2. Agricultural permit holders, private landowners, use and occupancy holders, and employees in park residences may leave personal vehicles and farm implements unattended at the location of use in excess of 24 hours.

The Superintendent has determined these groups of people have a demonstrated need of longer term parking/storage to conduct permitted business, or live and reside in the park boundaries. These activities have been determined as non-detrimental to normal park operations.

Section 2.51 Public Assemblies, Meetings

1. The following locations are designated for religious activities:

Lower District: Buffalo Point Amphitheater
Middle District: Tyler Bend Amphitheater
Upper District: Ozark Amphitheater

2. The following locations are designated for First Amendment demonstrations:

Lower District: Buffalo Point Launch parking lot
Middle District: Tyler Bend Visitor Center parking lot sidewalk as far as the bridge
Upper District: Upper Pruitt Picnic area

The Superintendent has determined that these locations will best meet the needs of the public wishing to exercise their First Amendment rights without interfering with other visitors at the park.



Part 4. Vehicles and Traffic Safety

Section 4.21 Speed Limits

Unless posted otherwise, maximum speed limits on National Park Service maintained gravel roads outside of areas listed in 4.21(a)(1),(2) will be 25 miles per hour.

The Superintendent has determined the winding narrow gravel roads that provide access to much of the park would be hazardous for the general public to drive at routine speeds in excess of 25 mph. There have been numerous accidents on park gravel roads, and in nearly all of them, excessive speed was a factor.

Part 7. Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System

Section 7.35 Buffalo National River, Special Regulations

1. Fishing: The personal use of native minnows, amphibians, crustaceans, and terrestrial or aquatic insects which are taken from the land or waters of the Buffalo River or its tributaries is permitted as fish bait, and possession of such bait is allowed in accordance with State law. Digging for any bait within the Park is prohibited.
2. The taking of frogs, turtles, and crayfish for personal consumption or use in accordance with State law is allowed.
3. Collection of mussels from the Buffalo National River or its tributaries within the boundary of Buffalo National River is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined these activities are in accordance with state fishing regulations.



Appendix A: List of Developed Areas:

General

- All Park Residence Areas
- All Campgrounds
- All Park Visitor Use Facilities
- All Park Maintenance Facilities
- All Parking Areas
- All Canoe/Boat Launch Areas
- All Historic Buildings
- All Trailheads

Upper District (Generally Newton County) – Call Pruitt Ranger Station
(870) 446-5373

- Boxley Valley - only permitted with written land owner permission on private in holdings within the boundaries of Buffalo National River
- Lost Valley
- Ponca Launch
- Steele Creek - campground and ranger facilities
- Kyles and Camp Orr
- Erbie Area - historic zone, Cavers' Camp, Cove Spring, Cedar Glade
- Pruitt - Ozark Campground Area - offices and landings, Mill Creek Trail
- Hasty Launch
- Blue Hole
- Carver Campground and Launch
- Mt. Hersey

Middle District (Generally Searcy County) Call Tyler Bend Visitor Center
(870) 439-2502

- Woolum
- Tyler Bend Area
- Gilbert, Shine Eye, Grinder's Ferry
- North and South Maumee
- Baker Ford

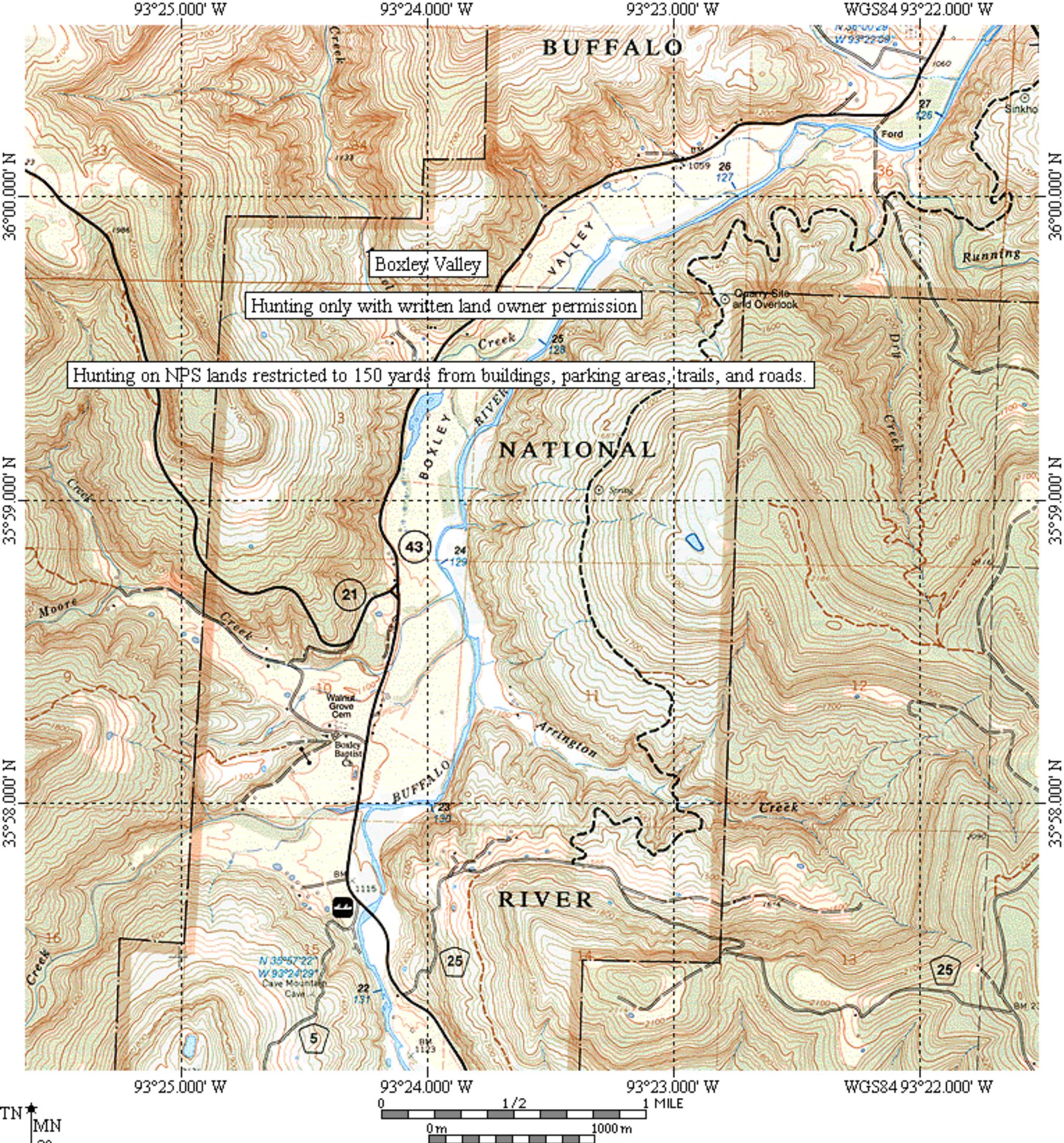
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Lower District (Generally Marion County) Call Buffalo Point Ranger Station
(870) 449-4311

- North and South Maumee
- Spring Creek
- Buffalo Point and Dillard's Ferry – Hwy 14 parking and launch
- Rush Area – historic and campground area

Maps of these areas are attached – the interior of the areas marked by the red dotted lines are restricted areas. You may not hunt in these areas; camping may be restricted to designated areas, or not be allowed – see note on the specific map. If you need additional information, call our dispatch center at 1-888-692-1162. Hunters keep in mind that if it is not shown on the attached maps, there is a restriction from discharging a weapon 150 yards from any structure, trailhead, or parking area in the park.



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Boxley Valley

Hunting only with written land owner permission

Hunting on NPS lands restricted to 150 yards from buildings, parking areas, trails, and roads.

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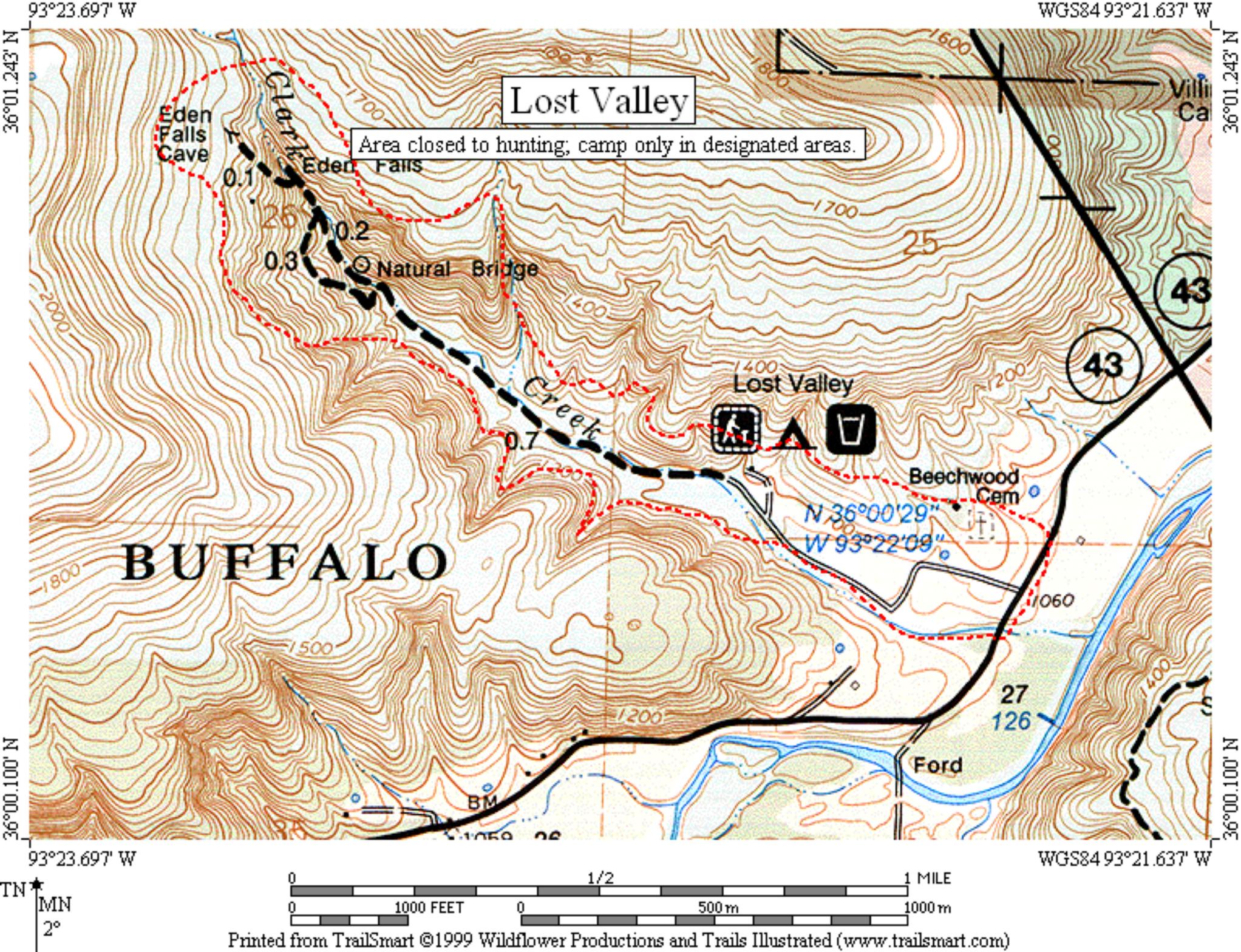
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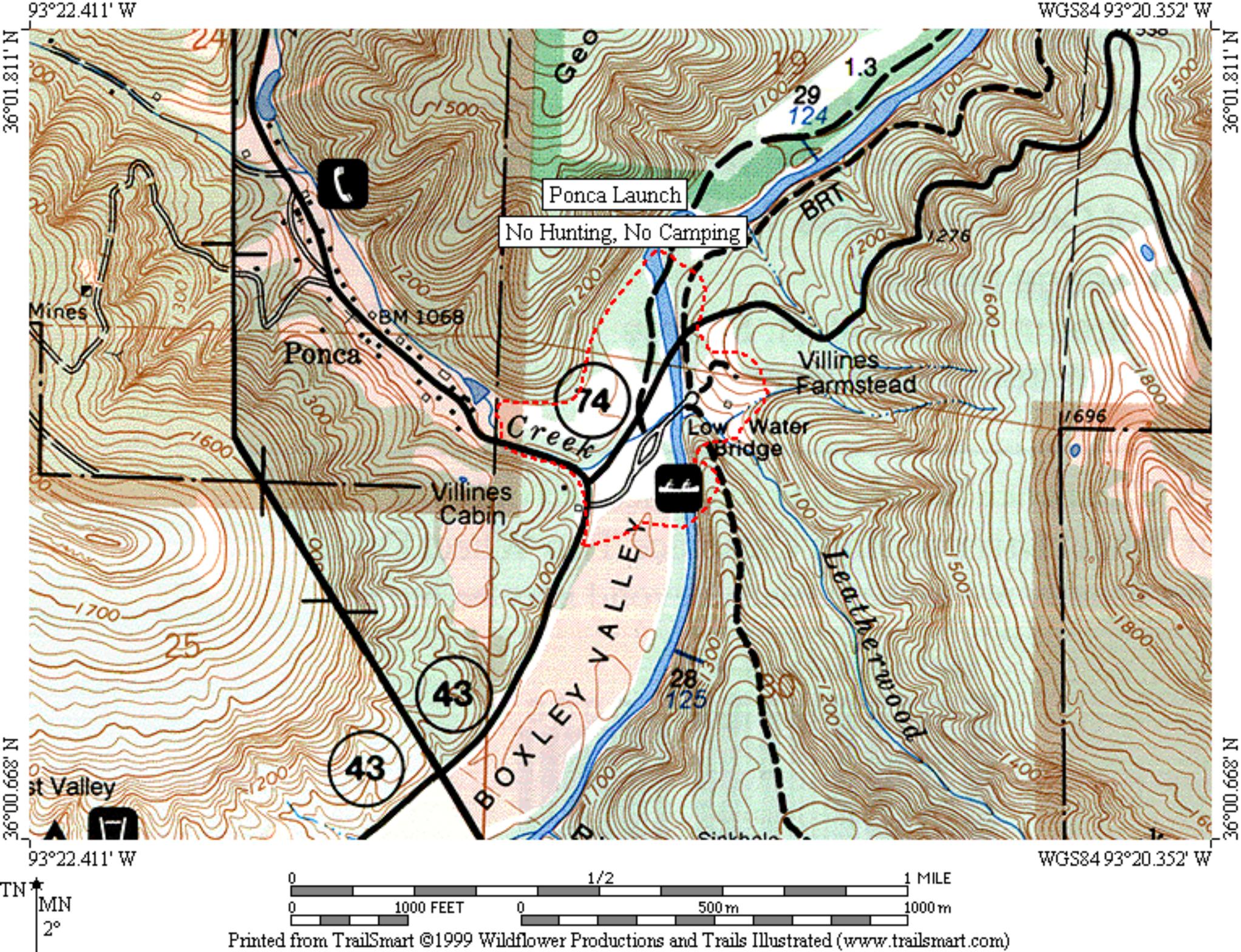


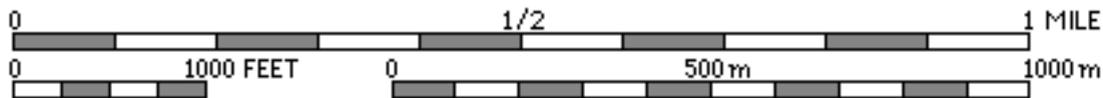
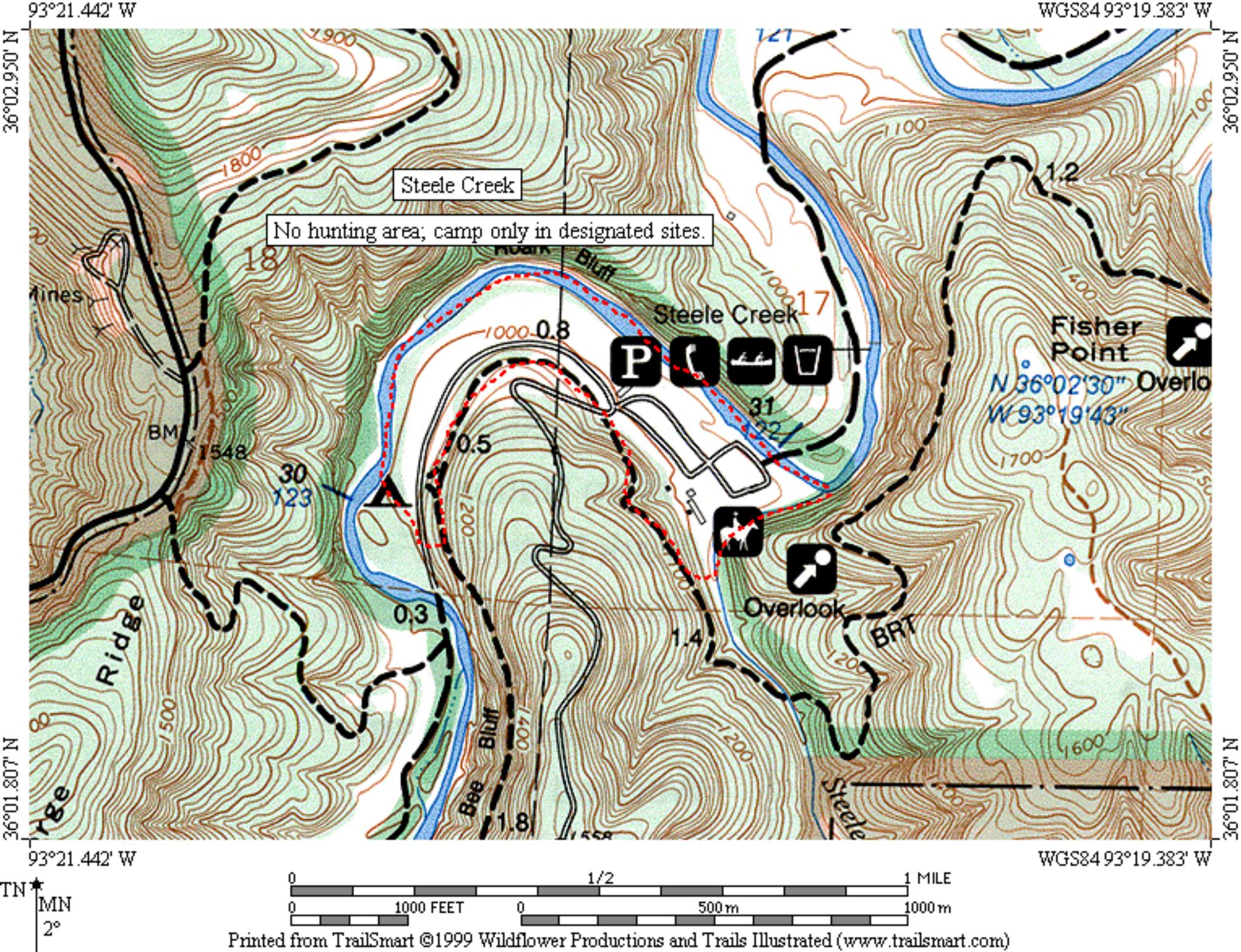
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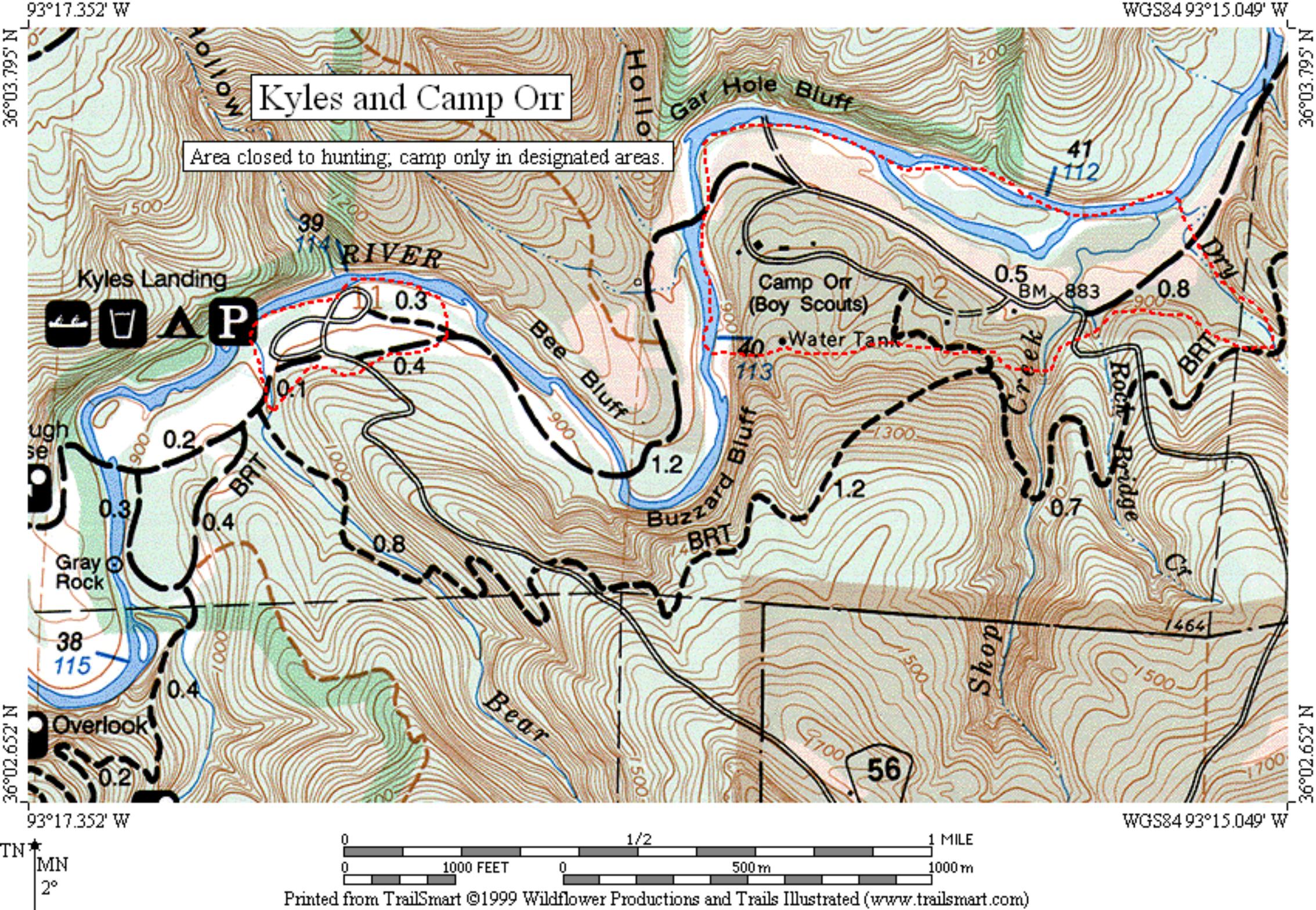
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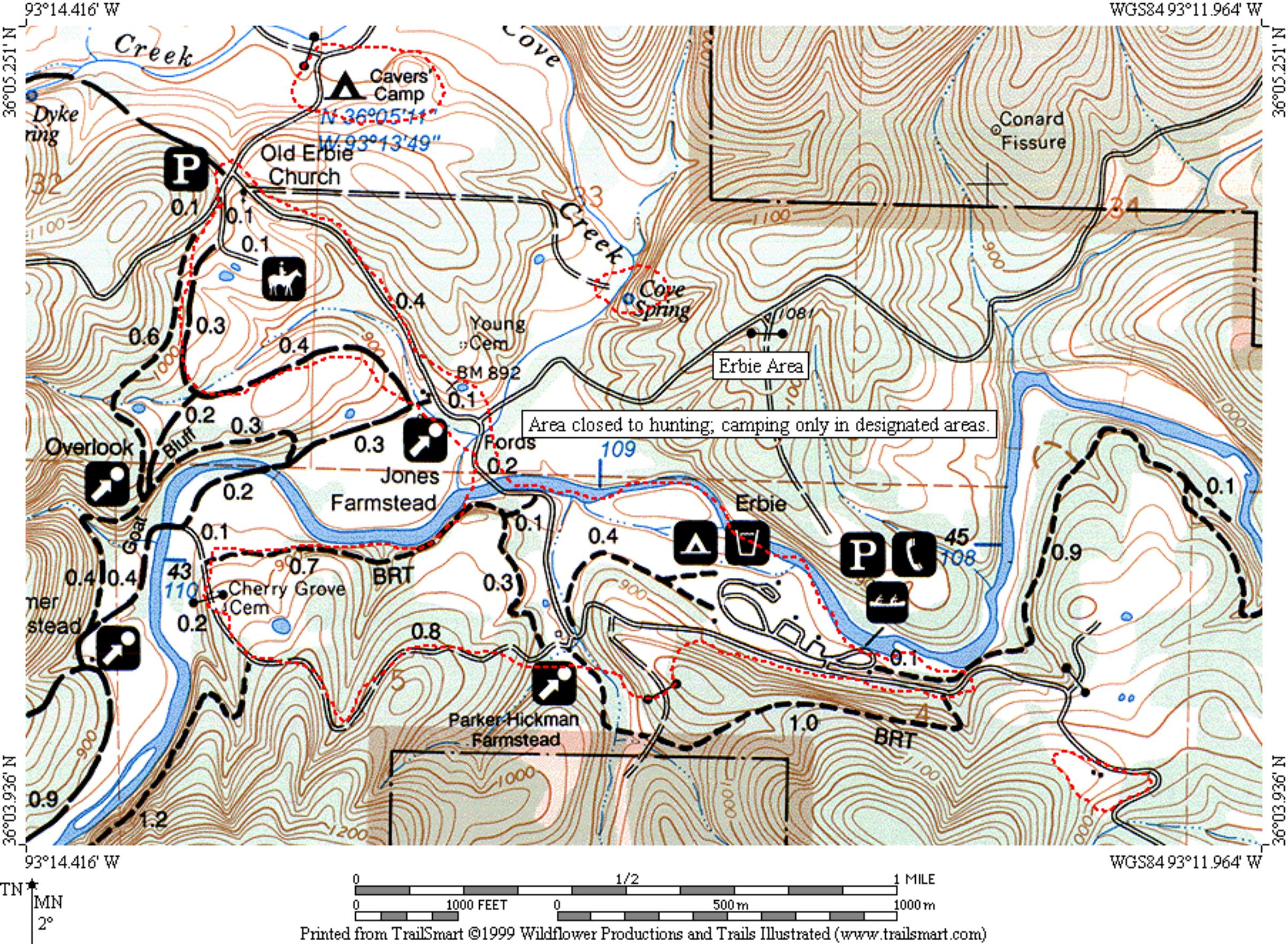




Kyles and Camp Orr

Area closed to hunting, camp only in designated areas.





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Pruitt-Ozark Campground Area

Closed to hunting; camp in designated areas only.

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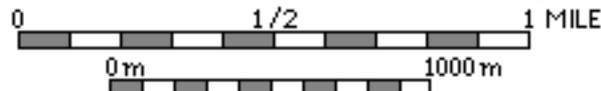
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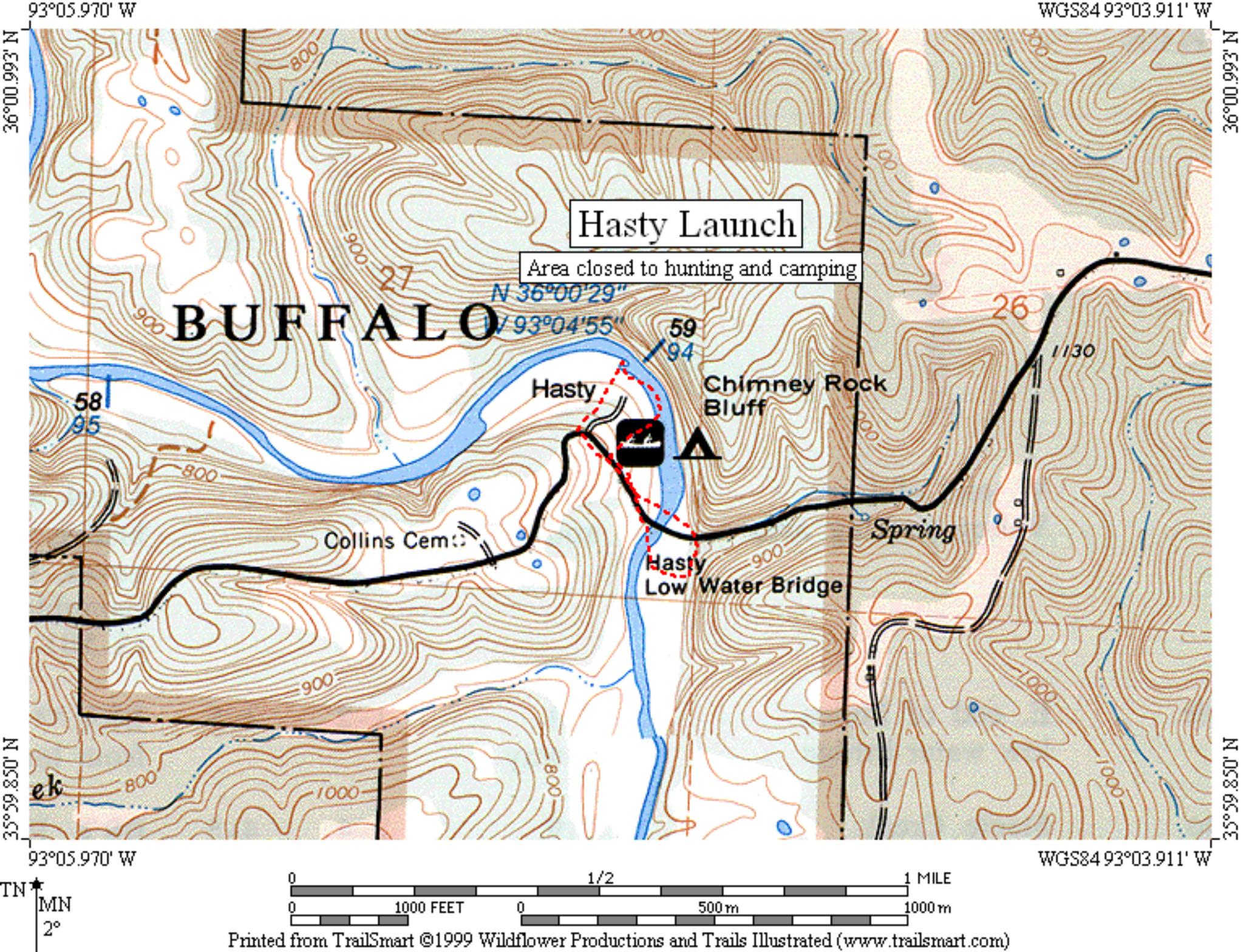
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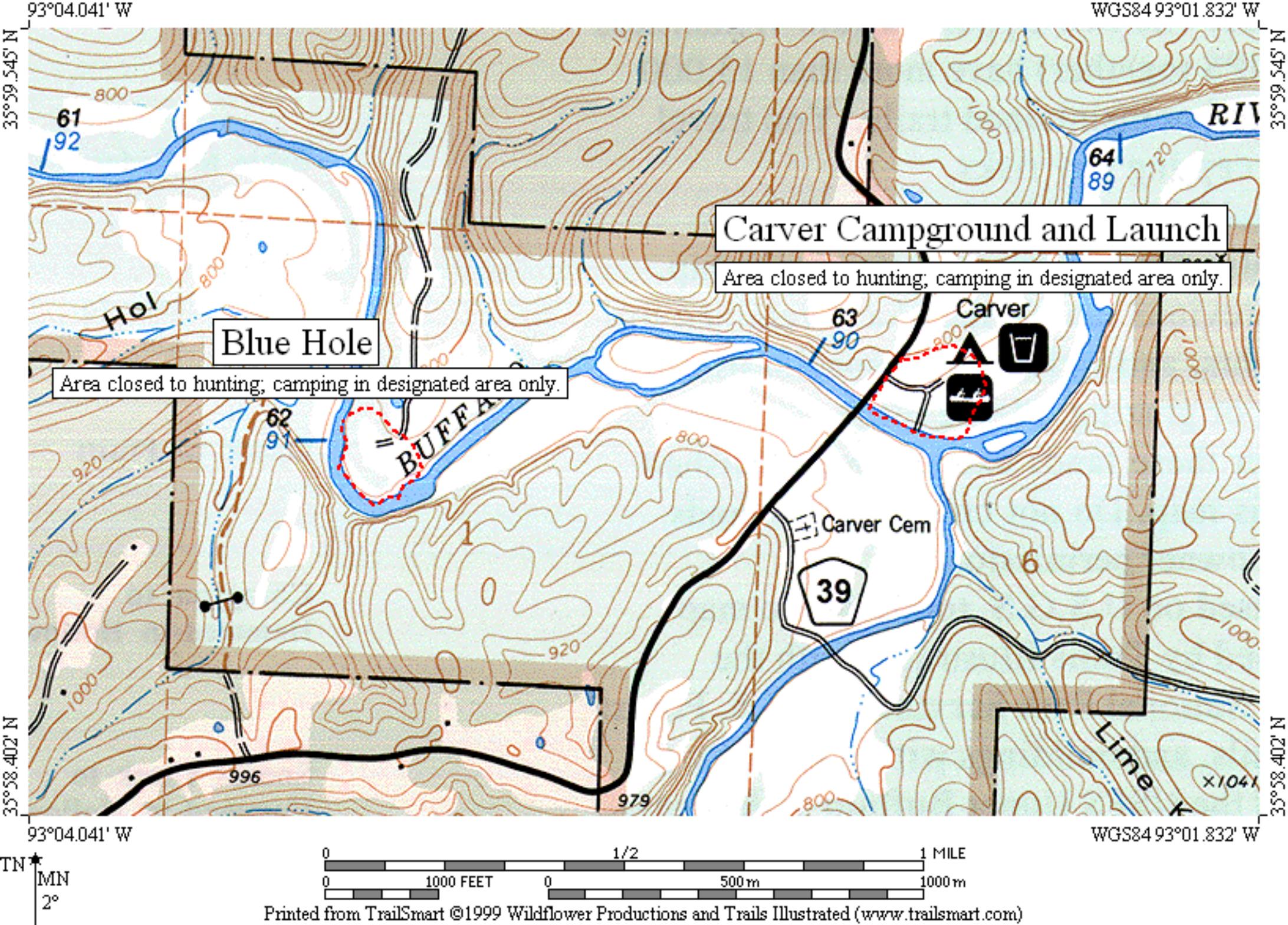
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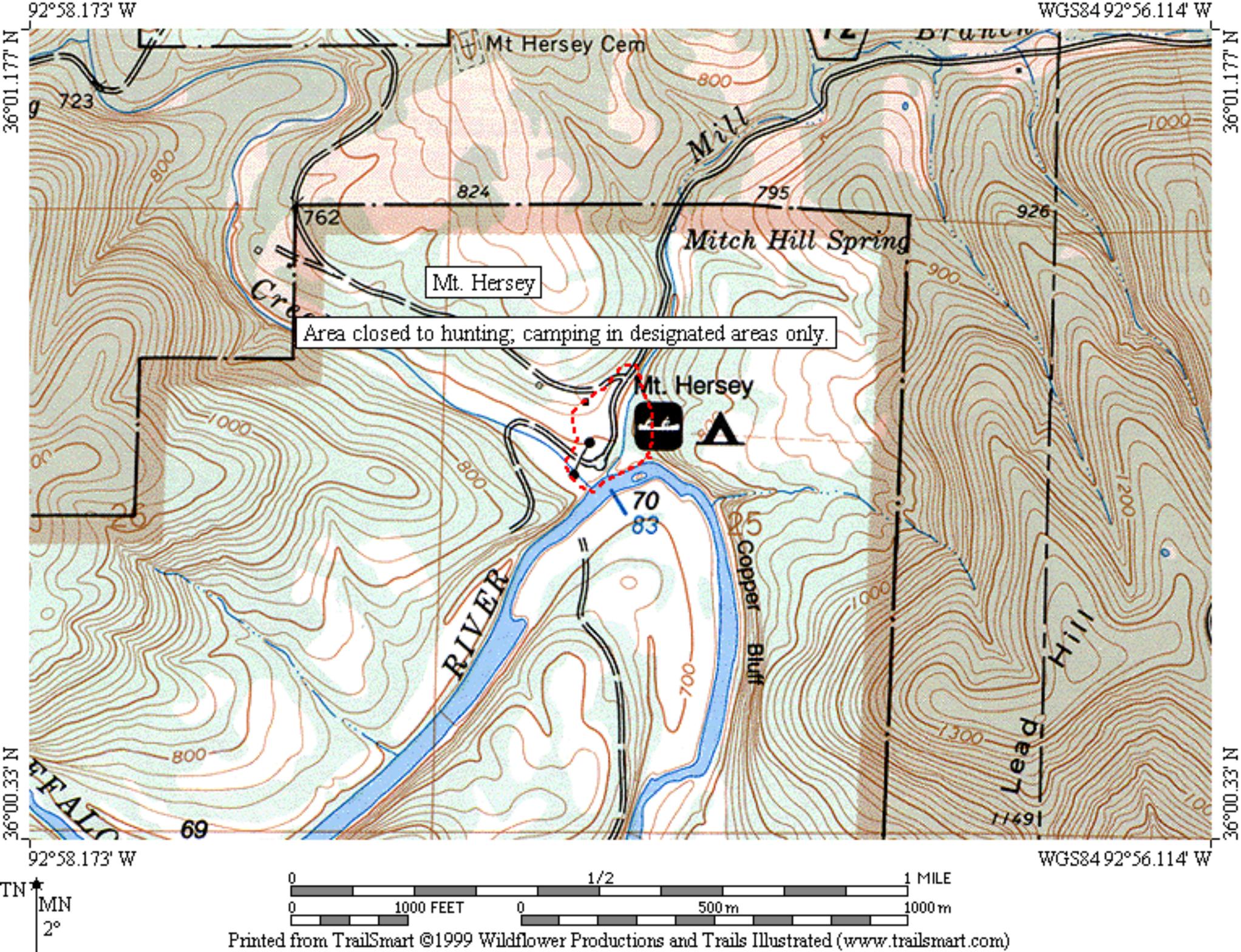


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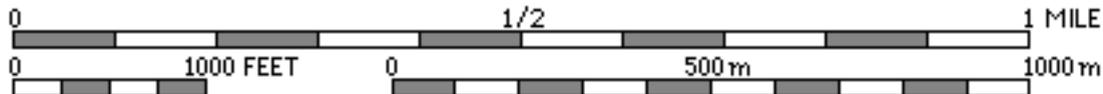
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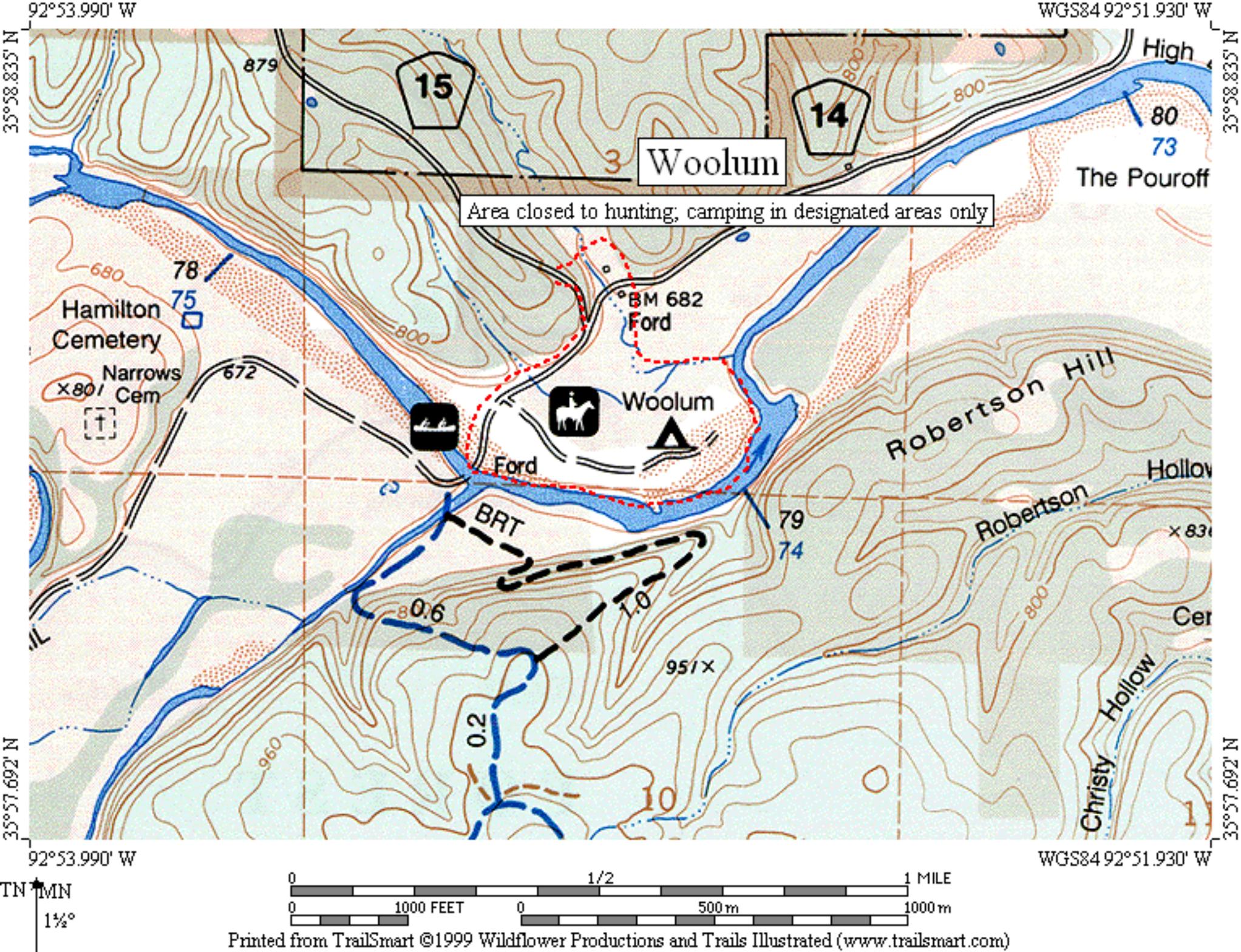
Blue Hole

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Woolum

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High
80
73
The Pouroff

Hamilton
Cemetery

Narrows
Cem

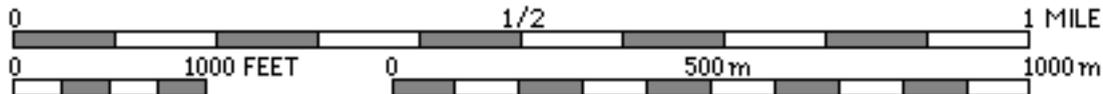
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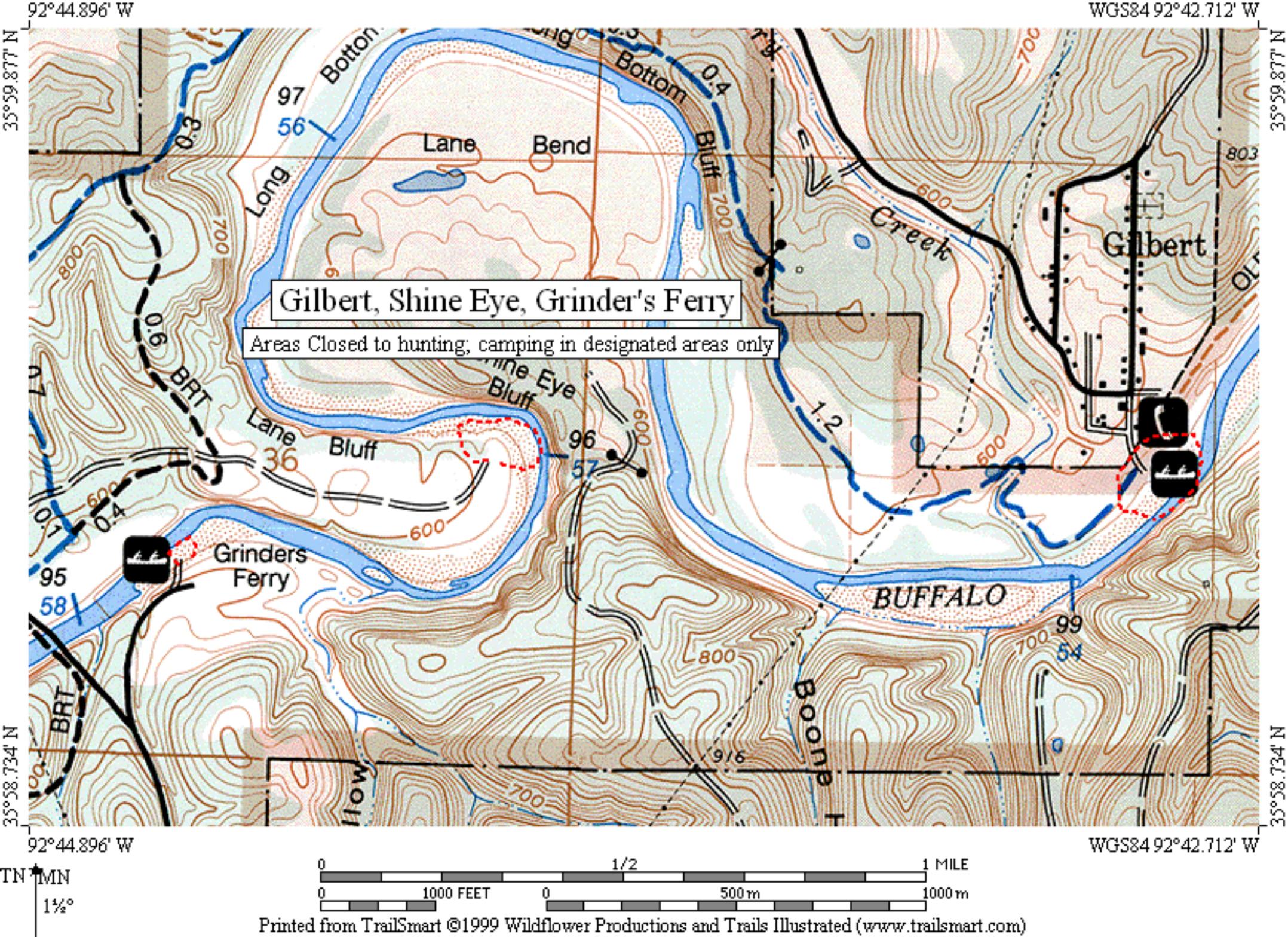
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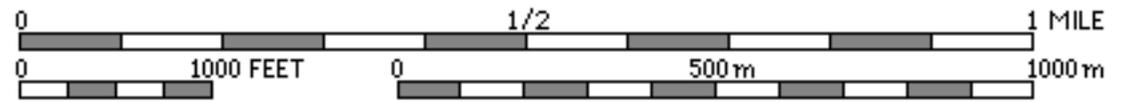
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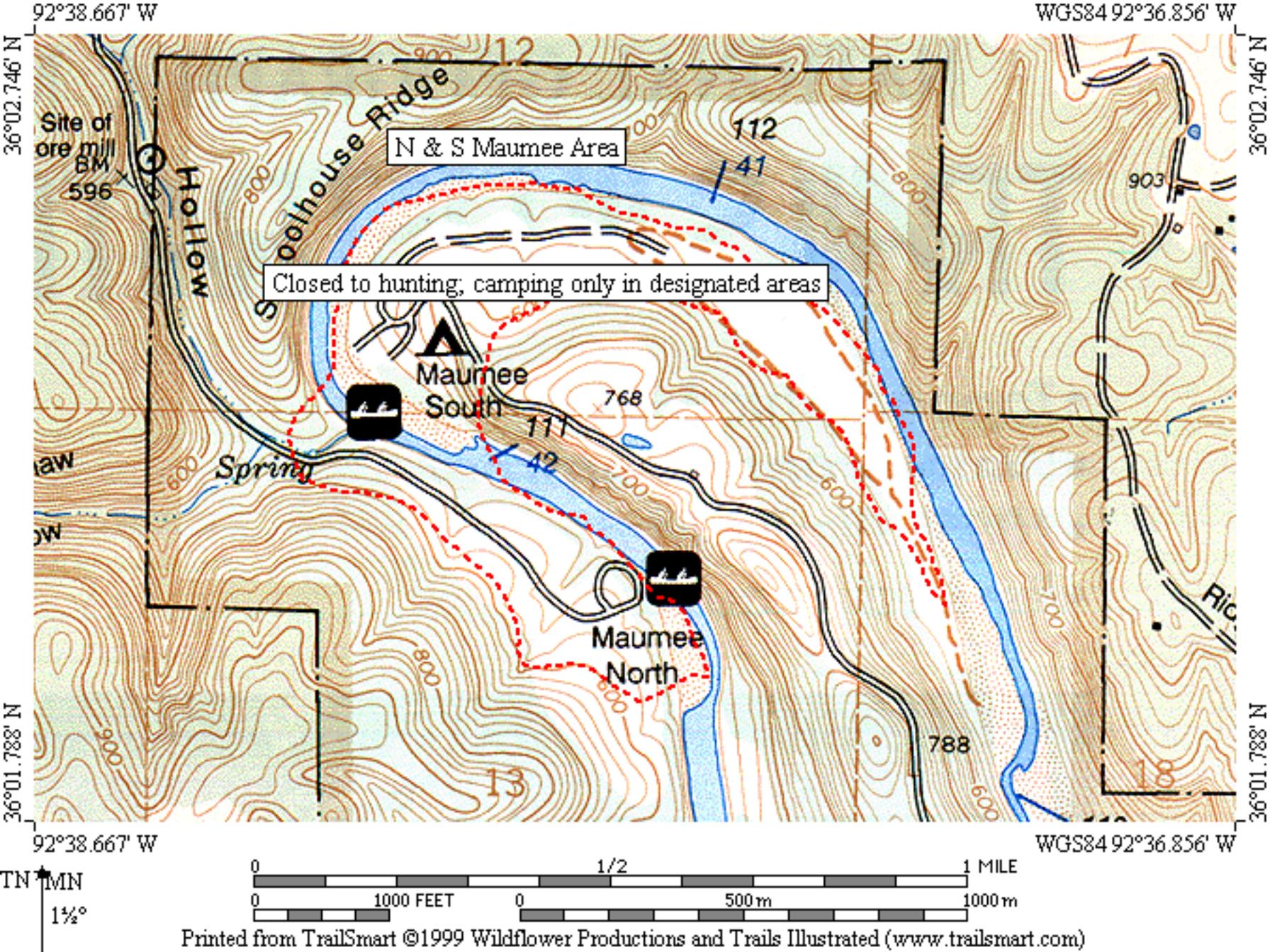
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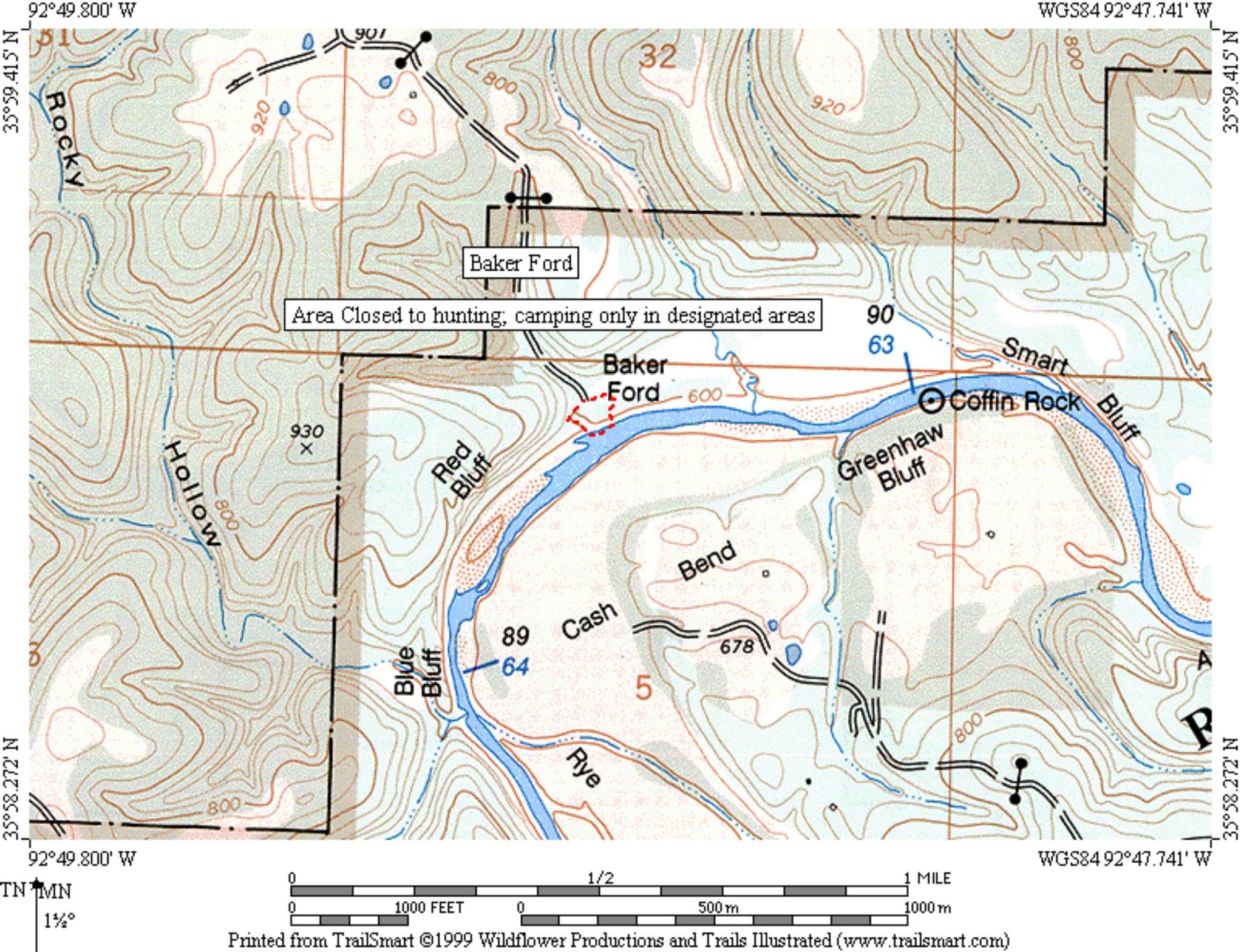
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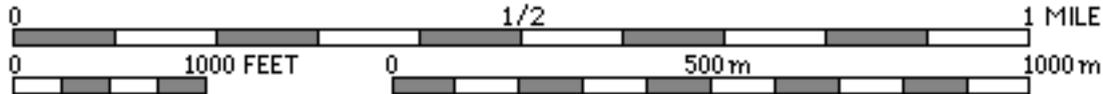
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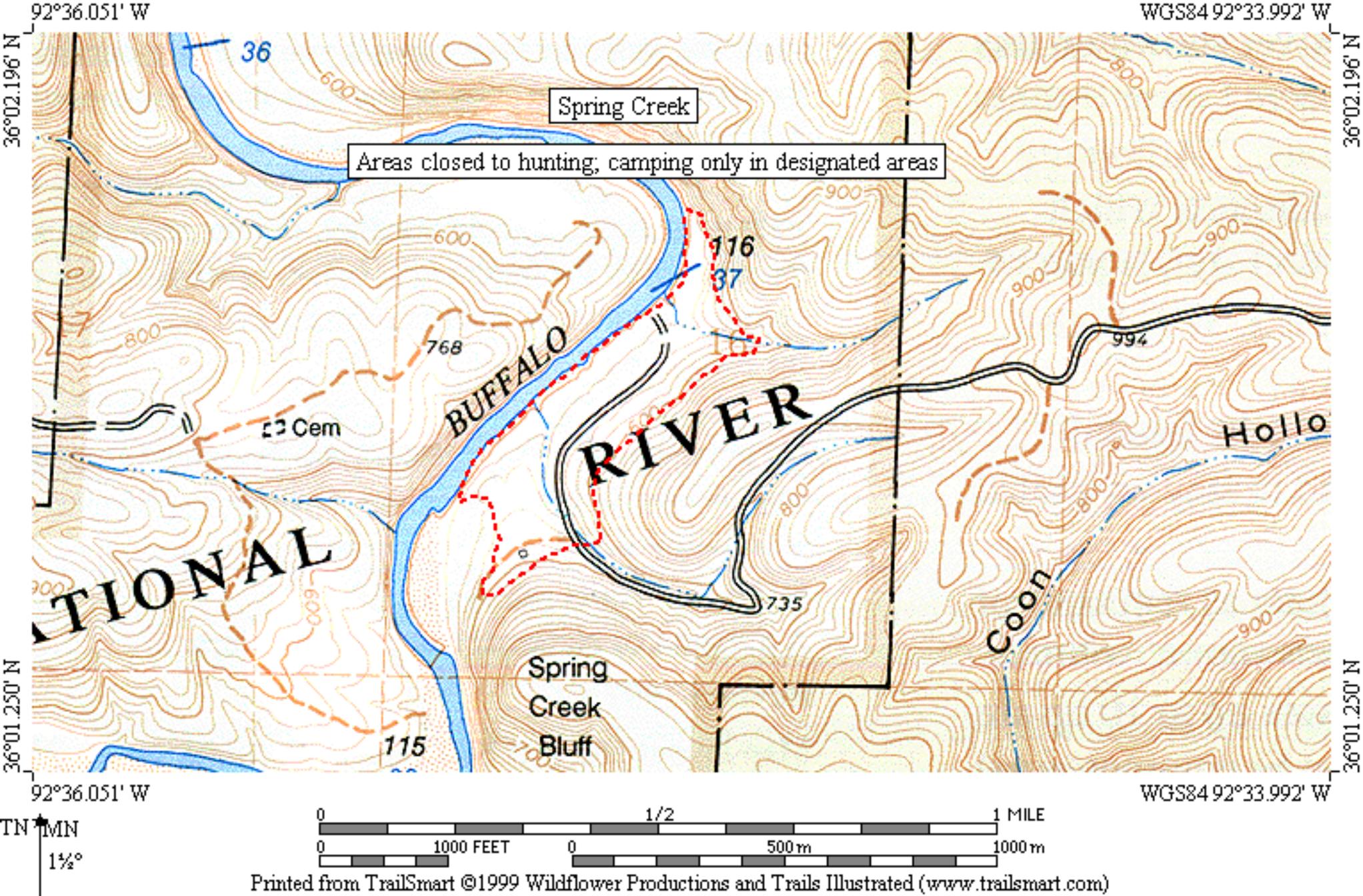






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92°36.051' W

WGS84 92°33.992' W

36°02.196' N

36°02.196' N

Spring Creek

Areas closed to hunting, camping only in designated areas

36

600

Spring Creek

Cem

BUFFALO

RIVER

600

116

37

768

900

800

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ATIONAL

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Spring
Creek
Bluff

115

Coon

36°01.250' N

36°01.250' N

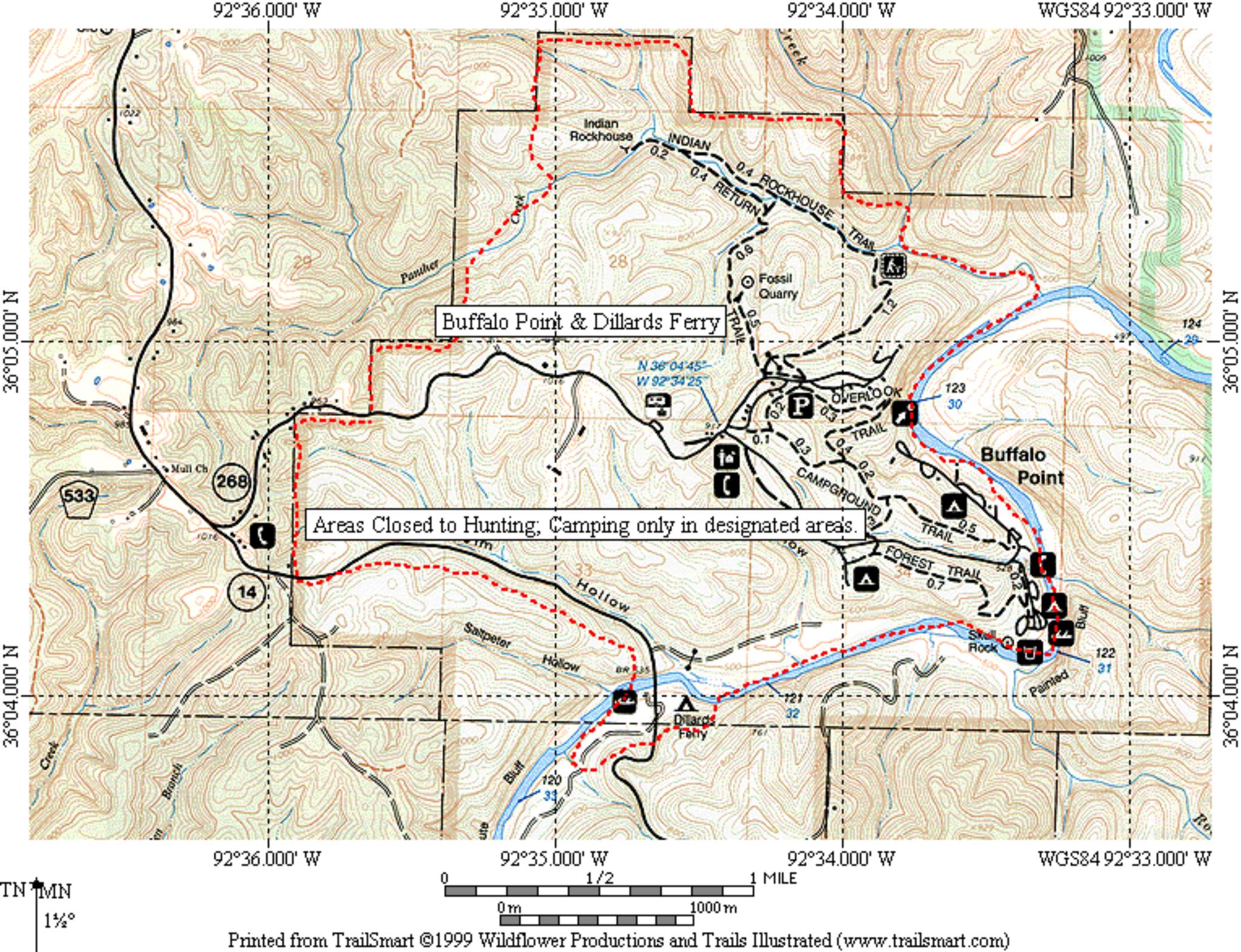
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Buffalo Point & Dillard's Ferry

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