



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



Natural Shoreline



Boat Ramp



Carry-in

Access Sites



ADA-Accessible



Hospital / Urgent Care



Fees



Dining



Restrooms



Picnic

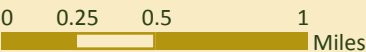


Potable Water



Hazard / Dam

Scale

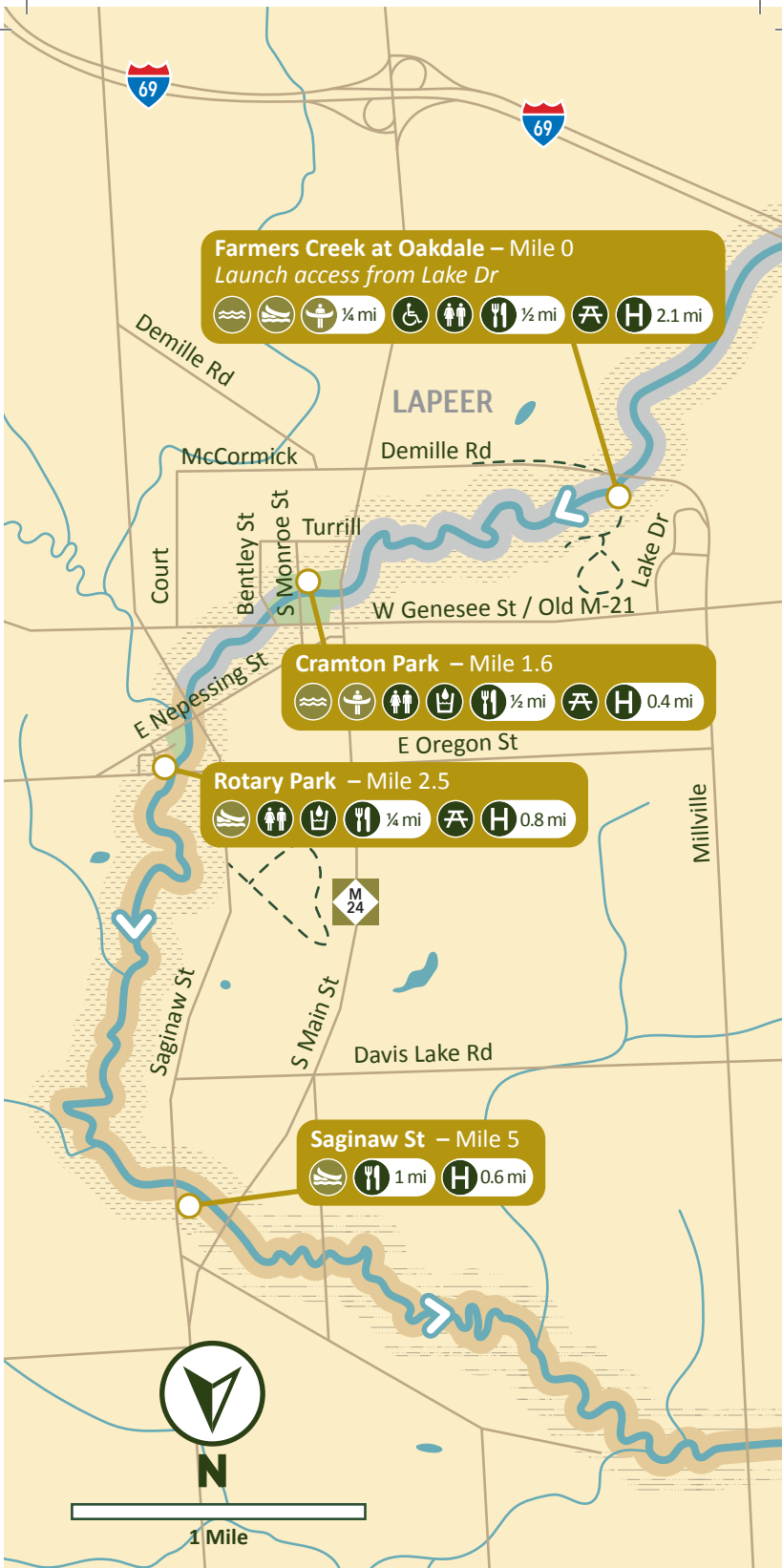


For information on float times, paddle rentals and guided tours, contact the Flint River Watershed Coalition at 810.767.6490 or flintriver.org

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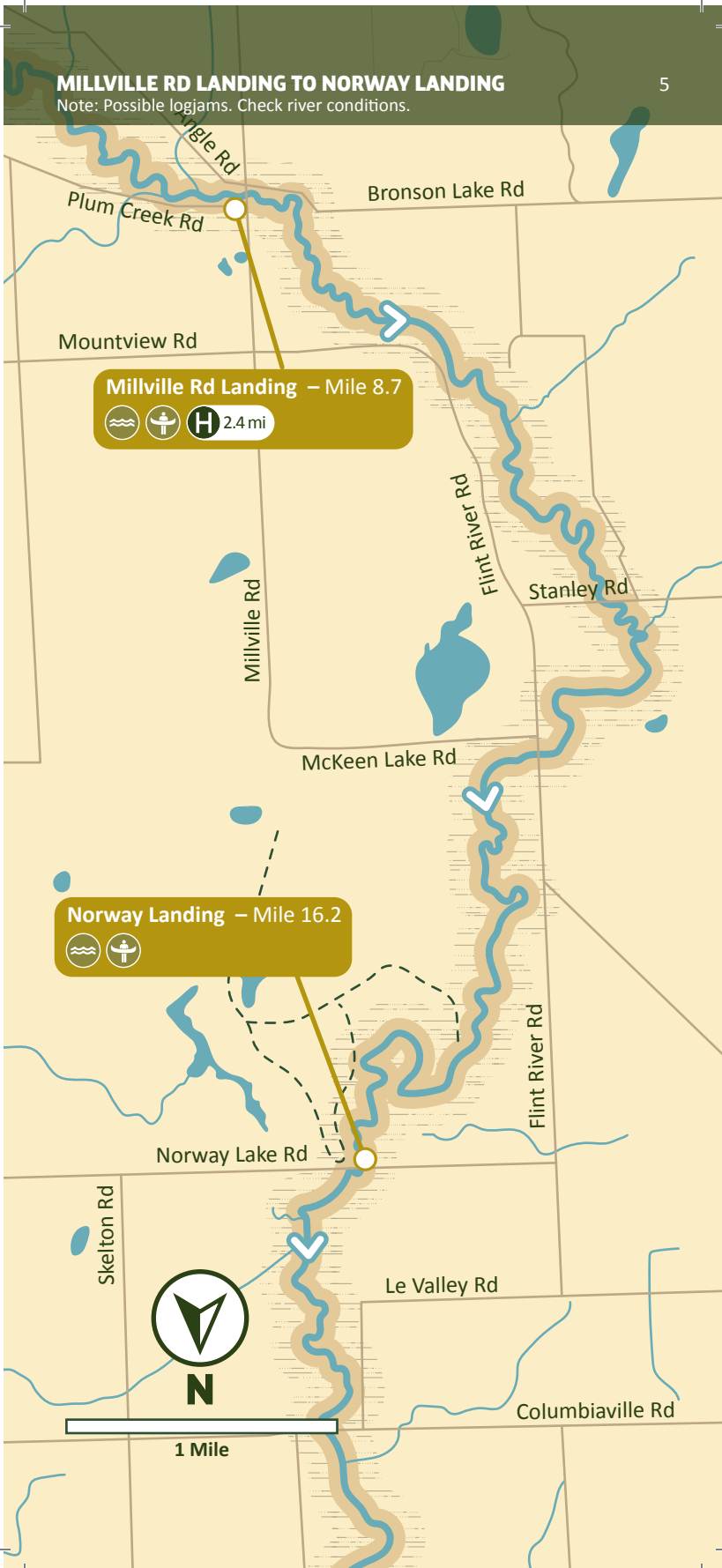
FARMERS CREEK AT OAKDALE TO SAGINAW ST

Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.

MILLVILLE RD LANDING TO NORWAY LANDING

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LAPEER STATE
GAME AREA

Lonsberry Rd

Barnes Lake Rd

Hollenbeck Rd

Klam Rd – Mile 22.3



Columbiaville Rd

Piersonville Rd

Marathon Rd

COLUMBIAVILLE

Klam Rd

Peters Rd

Lapeer St

Columbiaville – Mile 24.3



River St
Water St

5th St

Marathon Rd

Columbiaville Rd

Holloway
Reservoir

N Lake Rd

Hannaman Rd
Zemmer Rd

Zemmer Park – Mile 25.7



1 Mile

KLAM RD TO ZEMMER PARK

Mt Morris Rd

WALLEYE PIKE BOAT LAUNCH TO RICHFIELD COUNTY PARK

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Note: Possible logjams. Check river conditions.



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



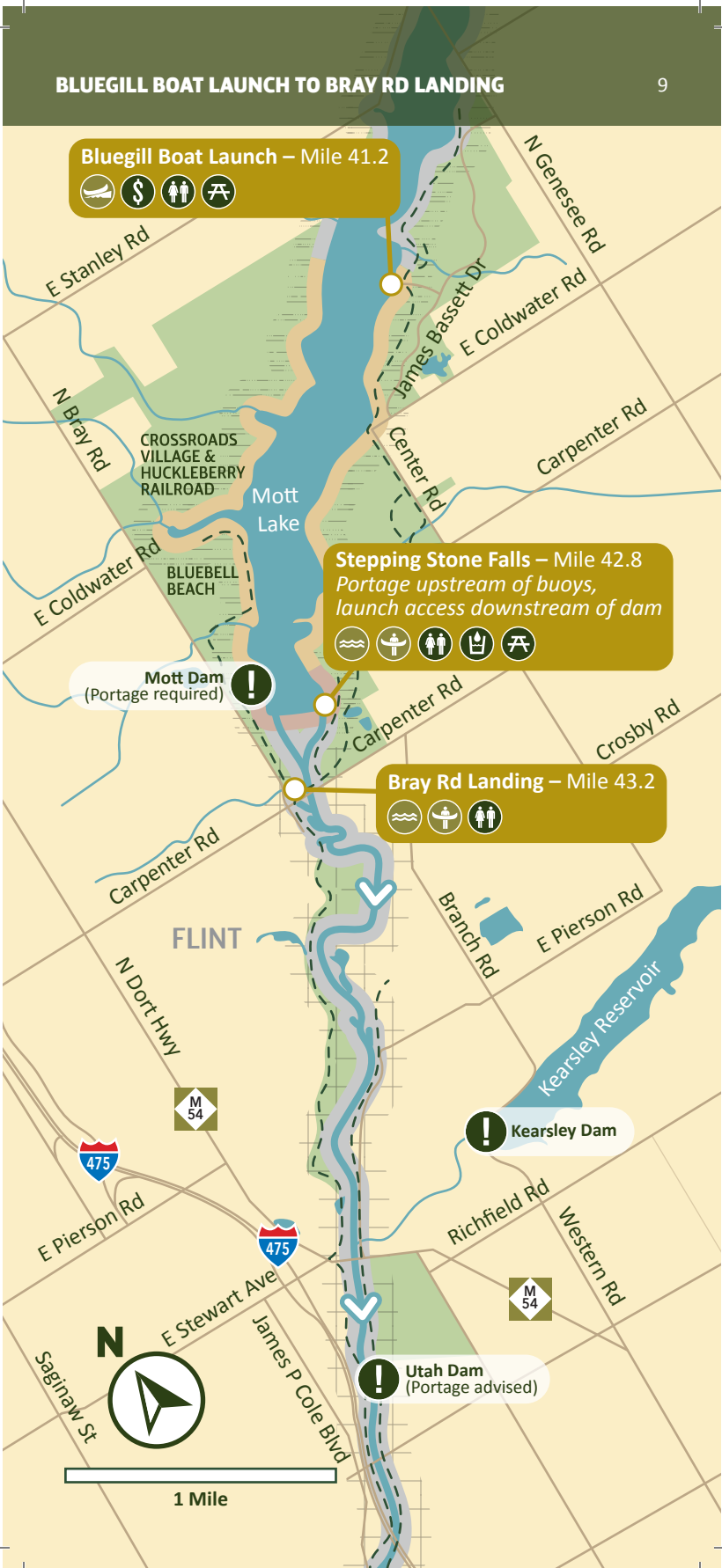
Kearsley Dam



Utah Dam
(Portage advised)

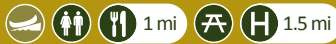


1 Mile



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.



Hamilton Dam
River restoration in progress.
Portage required.



Mott Park Paddlers' Landing – Mile 51.1



MOTT PARK
DISC GOLF
COURSE

Mitson Blvd/Riverview Canoe Landing – Mile 52.1



Mitson Blvd/Riverview Canoe Landing – Mile 52.1

   0.6 mi

 1.5 mi

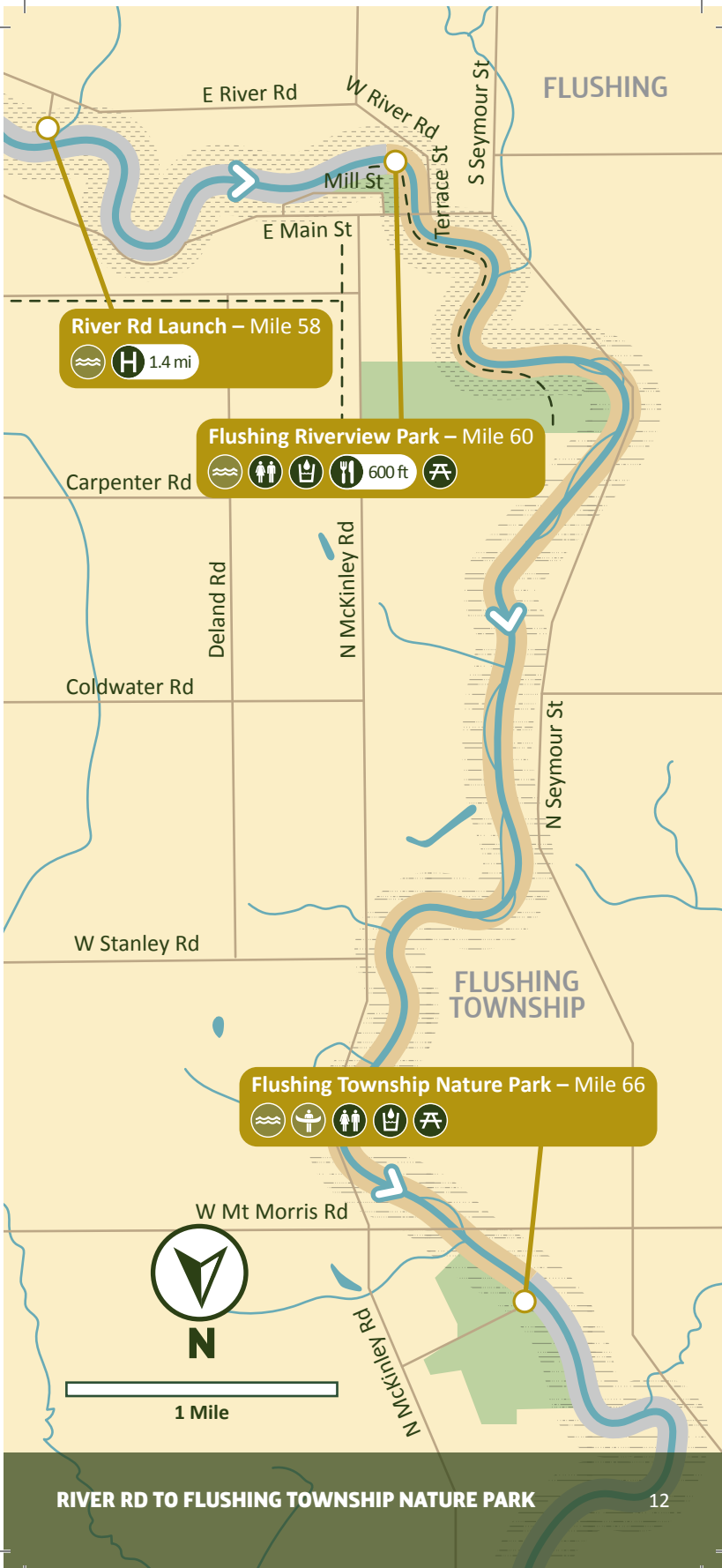
 Possible logjam at Mill Rd bridge.

FLINT TOWNSHIP

River Rd Launch – Mile 58

  1.4 mi





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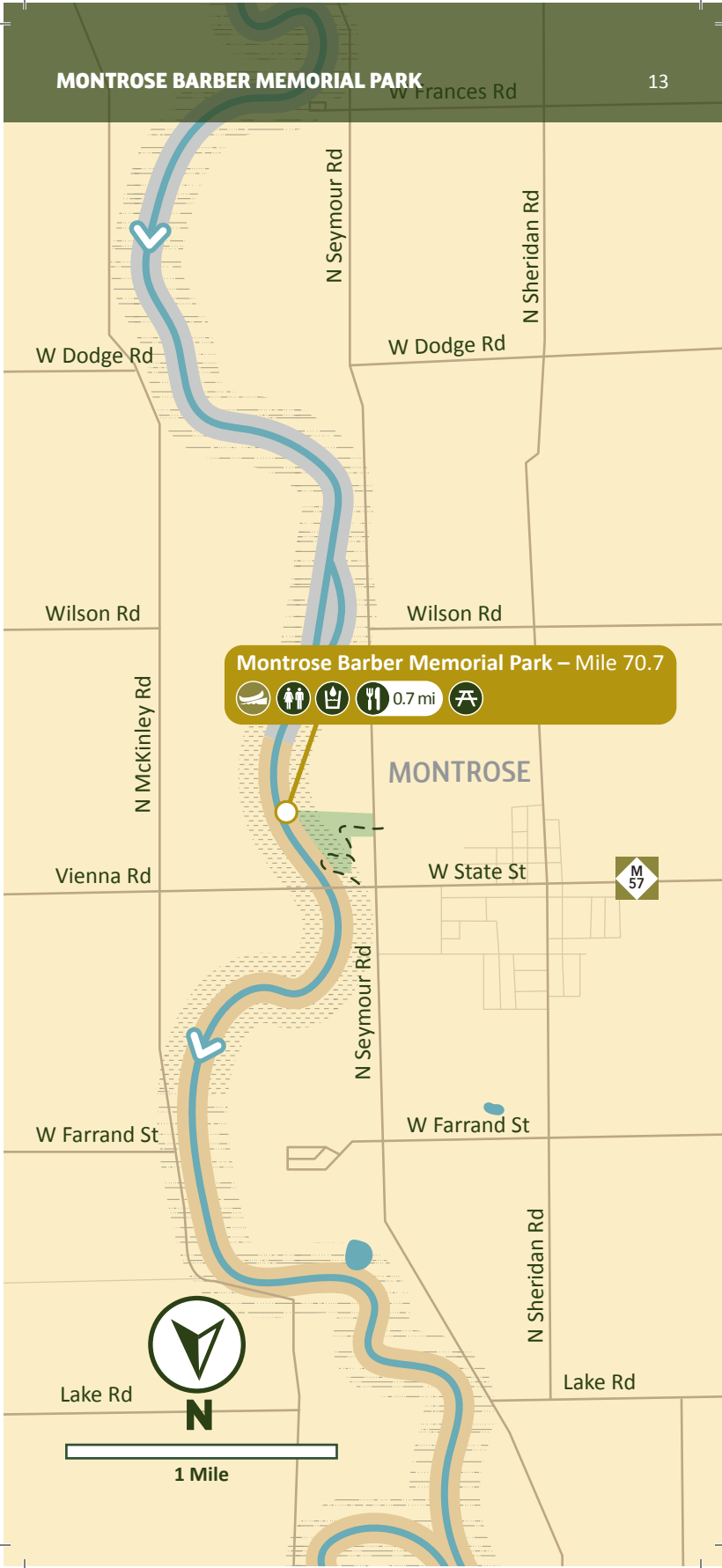
Flushing Riverview Park – Mile 60

    600 ft 

Flushing Township Nature Park – Mile 66

MONTROSE BARBER MEMORIAL PARK



Montrose Barber Memorial Park – Mile 70.7



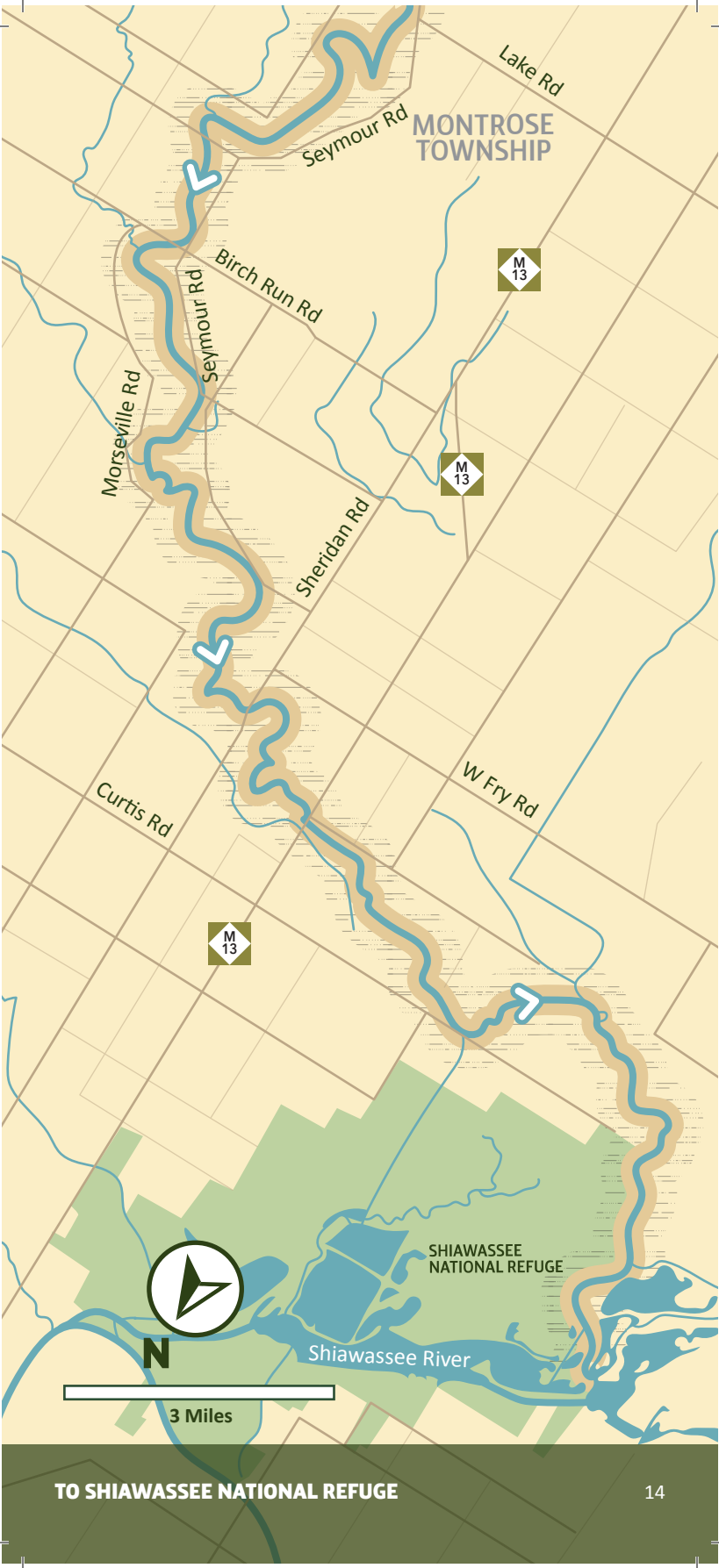
MONTROSE



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1 Mile



MONTROSE
TOWNSHIP



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3 Miles

SHIAWASSEE
NATIONAL REFUGE

Shiawassee River

TO SHIAWASSEE NATIONAL REFUGE

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