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Disclaimer Notice

The maps in this booklet are meant to be a guide to locating trout streams in southern Minnesota. The maps are for general reference only. For detailed information on angling regulations see the Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet and observe signs posted on the stream. Periodic updates to this booklet will be available on the DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.mn.us.

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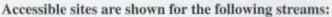


How To Read These Maps

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has published this set of maps to help anglers locate trout fishing opportunities and angler access points in southern Minnesota. These maps use different colors to show angling regulations for 2007 and identify areas with public fishing in state parks, state forests, wildlife management areas, and streamside-fishing easements. On each map is a list of streams that indicates the trout species present and whether it is a "wild" population or if management recommendation include trout stocking.

A permit is required to park a vehicle within a state park. Annual and short-term permits can be purchased at state park offices or by calling toll free 1-888-MINNDNR (646-6367). No special permits are required to park on or enter wildlife management areas or state forest lands. Please use designated parking areas where they are available.

Streamside easements are marked in light gray and are open to public fishing through permanent agreements between the DNR and landowners along the stream. Signs also mark many easements. However, signs are sometimes missing, so anglers should use these maps to be sure they are on an easement. Hunting and other recreational activities are not permitted without the landowner's permission in easement areas.



- Middle Branch Whitewater River, located in Whitewater State Park (map 8)
- South Branch Root River at the dam in Lanesboro (map 5)
- . One site in the City of Preston (map 1)
- · Lanesboro Park Pond (map 5)
- Duschee Creek—6 accessible sites along ¼ mile stretch between Lanesboro Area Office and Lanesboro Fish Hatchery (map 2)
- Camp Creek—3 accessible sites along the lower mile of stream along the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail (map 1)
- · Mill Creek in the city of Chatfield (map 4)

Please consider the following angler courtesies:

The DNR works with landowners to acquire easements to trout stream corridors. As trout anglers, we need to do our part to improve angler/landowner relations so future generations of anglers have good access. Just because you do not see a "No Trespassing" sign doesn't necessarily mean you can access private property. Know the State Trespass law as it relates to trout fishing and always ask if you are not sure. Here are a few things to keep in mind while enjoying your favorite trout stream:

- Do Not Litter. Littering is the single biggest complaint the DNR receives each year regarding trout anglers. Pack out more than you brought in.
- · Avoid gates and fences if you can, and always leave them as you find them.
- · Be cautious around livestock and do not harass livestock.
- Be courteous when parking your vehicle. Do not block field drives or park where it creates unsafe or inconvenient situations for you or others.
- Thank the landowners that allow you to fish on private property. And thank those landowners who are part of the trout stream easement program, too!



Note: These maps are intended as a supplement to the current Minnesota Fishing Regulations.
Anglers are advised to read and know the current regulations in affect.



Ethics are what you do when nobody is looking!

Trout Species

The DNR manages for three species of trout in southern Minnesota streams: brook, brown, and rainbow trout.

Of the three, only brook trout are native to Minnesota. **Brook trout** thrive in smaller streams of good water quality, occupying shallow pools and riffles. In large and medium sized streams you will find them near the headwaters. Brook trout are very aggressive and relatively easy to catch. They are normally smaller than brown and rainbow trout, rarely exceeding 12–14 inches long. Their vulnerability to angling and competition from brown trout may limit populations in southeast Minnesota.

Brown trout were introduced from Europe in the early 1900s and are now considered "naturalized" because they reproduce in many streams. The DNR stocks fingerlings (2–4 inch fish) in streams with poor or no natural reproduction. Brown trout can tolerate somewhat warmer temperatures than brook trout, and prefer temperatures less than about 68 degrees Fahrenheit to thrive. Brown trout usually grow larger than brook trout, occasionally reaching 30 inches; brown trout up to 12 inches are common in southern Minnesota. Their abundance and size make brown trout the most common and sought after trout in southern Minnesota streams.

Rainbow trout, introduced from the western United States, do not usually reproduce in southern Minnesota streams. Most rainbows caught in southern Minnesota are raised in a hatchery to about 9–12 inches and stocked in area streams and ponds (a few streams are stocked with rainbow trout fingerlings). Streams are typically stocked in the spring and summer. Some of the heavily fished areas are stocked more frequently.

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| BROOK TROUT |

Most of the native brook trout populations were lost after European settlement due to habitat loss and degradation from logging and agriculture. Most of the brook trout populations present in southeastern Minnesota today were reestablished through stocking, and are now self-sustaining. In the mid-1990s, brook trout from two southeast Minnesota populations were captured and spawned to establish wild broodstock at Crystal Springs State Fish Hatchery, Progeny

Brook trout

Rainbow trout

Brown trout

of these fish are stocked at three inches in length and are often reproducing the next year in some streams. The DNR is currently examining the genetic makeup of Minnesota's brook trout in order to make better decisions for their future management.

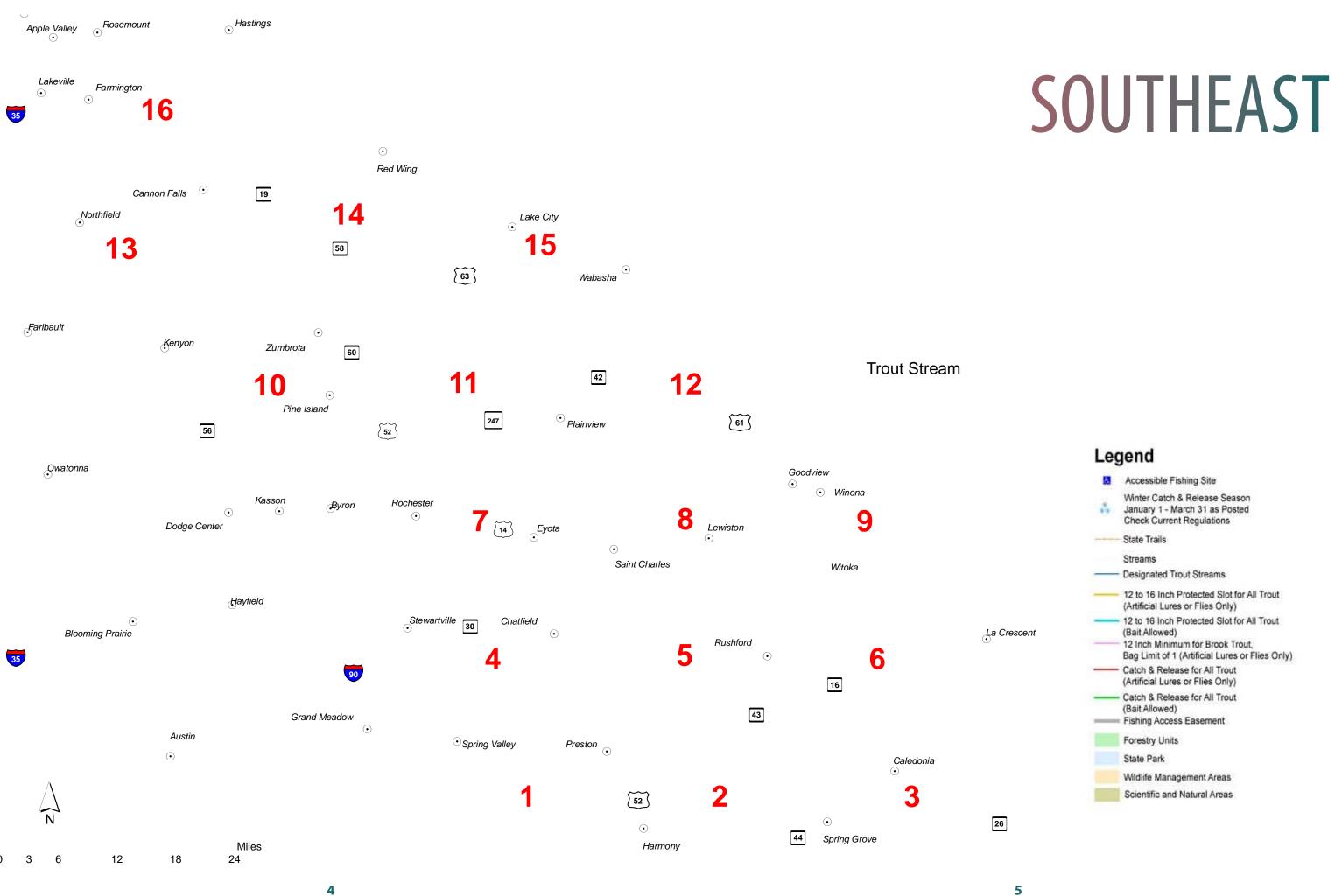
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| Badger Creek | 3, 6 |
| Ball Park Tributary | 3, 0 |
| Bear Creek | 8 |
| Beaver Creek | 3, 6 |
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| Beaver Creek (Whitewater) Bee Creek | |
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| Belle Creek | |
| Berg Creek | 3 |
| Big Springs Creek | 5 5 |
| Borson Springs | |
| Brush Valley Creek | 6 |
| Bullard Creek | 14 |
| Butterfield Creek | 6 |
| Camp Creek | 1, 2 |
| Camp Hayward Creek | 5 |
| Campbell Creek | 6 |
| Canfield Creek | 1 |
| Cedar Valley Creek | 9 |
| Chickentown Creek | 2 |
| Clear Creek | 14 |
| Cold Spring Brook | 11 |
| Coolridge Creek | 5 |
| Corey Creek | 6 |
| Crooked Creek | 3 |
| Crystal Creek (Fillmore Co.) | 1 |
| Crystal Creek (Houston Co.) | 6 |
| Dakota Creek | 9 |
| Daley Creek | 6 |
| Deering Valley Creek | 12 |
| Diamond Creek | 5 |
| Duschee Creek | 2, 5 |
| East Beaver Creek | 3 |
| East Indian Creek | 12 |
| Eitzen Creek | 3 |
| Etna Creek * | 1 |
| Ferguson Creek | 5 |
| Ferndale Creek | 6 |
| Forestville Creek | 1 |
| Foster Arend Pond | 7 |
| Frego Creek | 2 |
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| Garvin Brook | 8 |
| Gernander Creek | 6 |
| Gilbert Creek | 15 |
| Gilmore Creek | 9 |

Fish illustrations by Joseph R. Tomelleri.

| Stream | Map Number | Stream | Map Number |
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| Girl Scout Camp Creek | 2 | Rupprecht Creek | 8 |
| Goetzinger Tributary | 3 | Rush Creek | 5,8 |
| Gorman Creek | 12 | | |
| Gribben Creek | 2, 5 | Schueler Creek | 5 |
| | | Second Creek | 15 |
| Hallum Creek | 2 | Shady Creek | 4 |
| Hamilton Creek | 4 | Silver Creek | 6 |
| Hammond Creek | 11 | Snake Creek | 12 |
| Hay Creek | 14 | South Branch Root River | 1, 2, 5 |
| Helbig Creek | 12 | South Branch Whitewater River | 8 |
| Hemmingway Creek | 5 | South Fork Crooked Creek | 3 |
| Kedron Creek | 4 | South Fork Pine Creek | 6 |
| Kinney Creek | 4, 7 | South Fork Root River * | 2 |
| | | Speltz Creek | 8, 12 |
| Larsons Creek | 3 | Spring Brook | 13 |
| Little Cannon River | 13 | Spring Creek | 11, 15 |
| Little Jordan Creek | 4 | Spring Creek | 14 |
| Little Pickwick Creek | 9 | Spring Valley Creek | 1,4 |
| Logan Creek | 8 | Stockton Valley Creek | 8, 9 |
| Long Creek | 11 | Storer Creek | 6 |
| Lost Creek * | 4 | Straight Creek | 8 |
| Lynch Creek * | 4, 5 | Sullivan Creek | 3, 6 |
| | | Swede Bottom Creek | 6 |
| Mahoods Creek | 4 | | |
| Maple Creek | 2 | Thompson Creek | 6 |
| Mazeppa Creek | 11 | Torkelson Creek | 5 |
| Middle Branch Rollingstone Cre | eek 8 | Trib 5 to Crooked Creek | 3 |
| Middle Branch Root River | 4 | Trout Brook | 14, 16 |
| Middle Branch Whitewater Rive | r 8 | Trout Brook Creek | 15 |
| Middle Creek | 11 | Trout Ponds Creek | 6 |
| Mill Creek | 4 | Trout Run Creek (Fillmore Co.) | 5 |
| Miller Creek | 15 | Trout Run Creek (Winona Co.) | 8 |
| Miller Valley Creek | 9 | Trout Valley Creek | 12 |
| Money Creek | 9 | | |
| Nepstad Creek | 2 | Vermillion River | 16 |
| New Yorker Hollow | 3 | Vesta Creek | 2 |
| Newburg Creek | 2 | | |
| North Branch Whitewater River | 7, 8, 11, 12 | Watson Creek | 1, 5 |
| North Fork Zumbro River | 10, 11 | West Beaver Creek | 3 |
| | | West Branch Money Creek | 9 |
| Partridge Creek | 2 | West Burns Valley Creek | 9 |
| Pickwick Creek | 9 | West Indian Creek | 11, 12 |
| Pine Creek | 5 | Whitewater River | 8, 12 |
| Pine Creek (New Hartford) | 6 | Wildcat Creek | 3 |
| Pleasant Valley Creek | 9 | Willow Creek | 1 |
| Rice Creek | 4, 5 | Winnebago Creek | 3 |
| Riceford Creek | 2 | Wisel Creek | 2 |
| Riceford Sportsman's Park Pond | | AGE ASEMEN | |
| Rollingstone Creek | 8 | 9 ler Access | |
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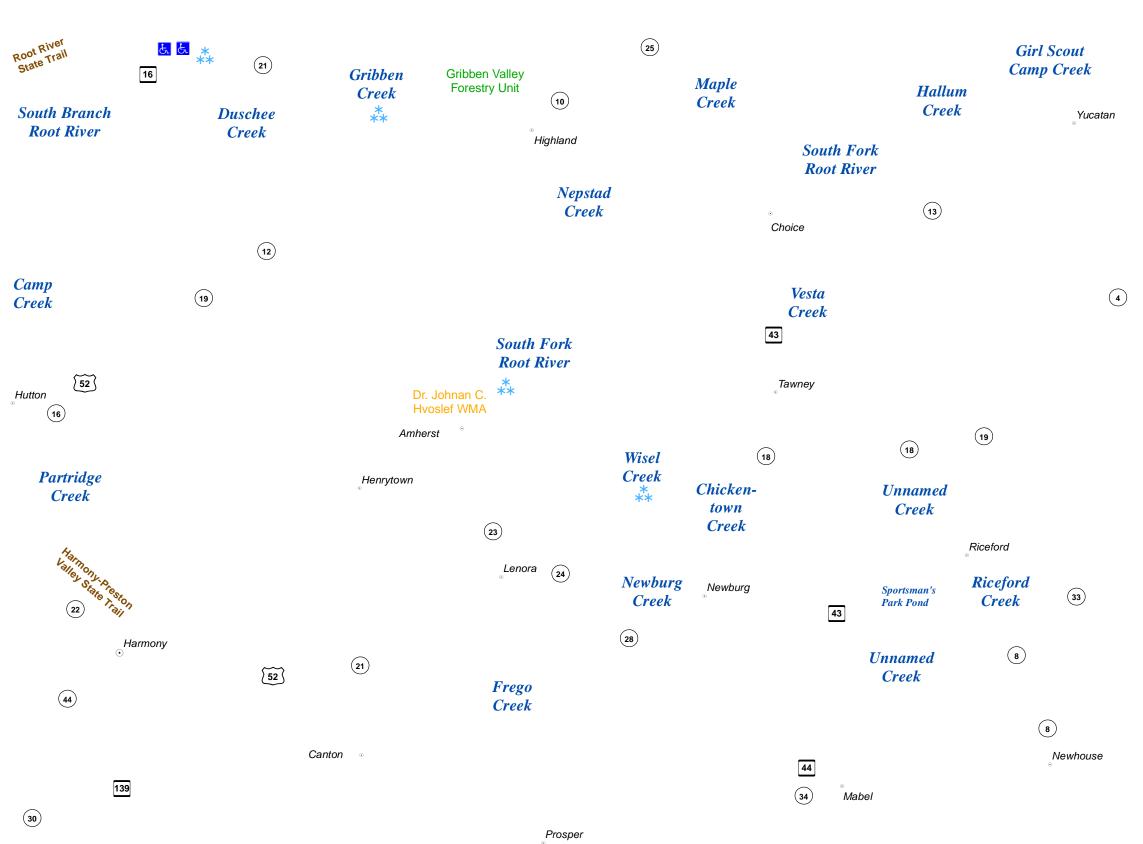
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| Map 2 | Species Managed |
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| Chickentown Creek (W) | Brook |
| Duschee Creek | Brook, Brown, Rainbow |
| Frego Creek (W) | Brown |
| Girl Scout Camp Creek (W) | Brook |
| Gribben Creek (W) | Brown |
| Hallum Creek (W) | Brook |
| Maple Creek (W) | Brook |
| Nepstad Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Newburg Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Partridge Creek (W) | Brown |
| Riceford Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| South Branch Root River | Brown, Rainbow |
| South Fork Root River | Brook, Brown, Rainbow |
| Sportsman's Park Pond Creek | Rainbow |
| Unnamed Creek (W) | Brook |
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| Wisel Creek | Brook, Brown |

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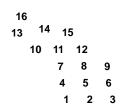
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Species Managed Brook, Brown Brown Brown Brown Brown, Brook Brown, Brook Not actively managed Brown, Brook, Rainbow Brown Not actively managed Brook Brook Brown, Brook Brown, Brook Brown Not actively managed Brown Brown, Brook, Rainbow

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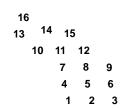
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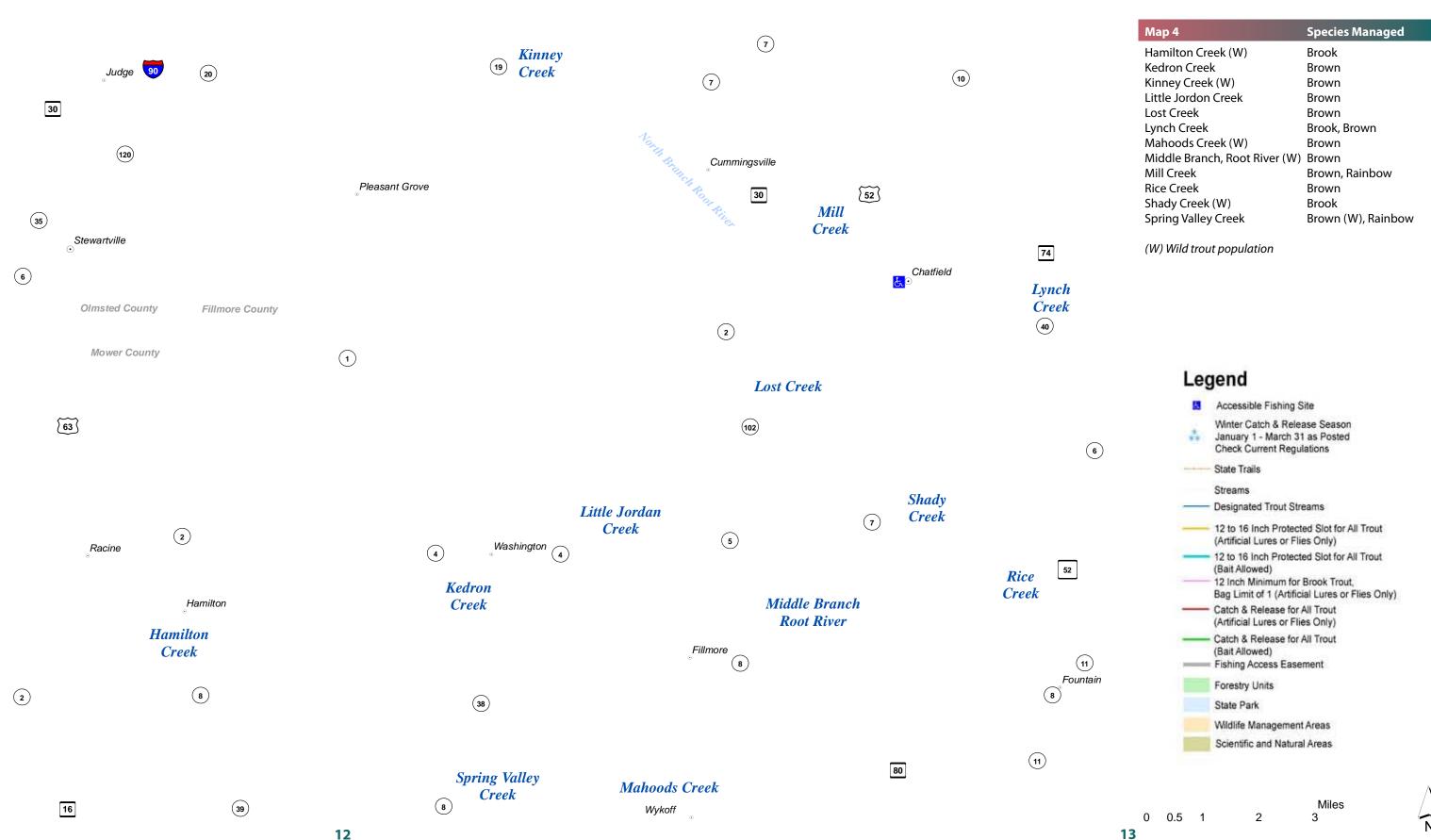
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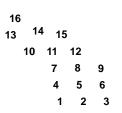
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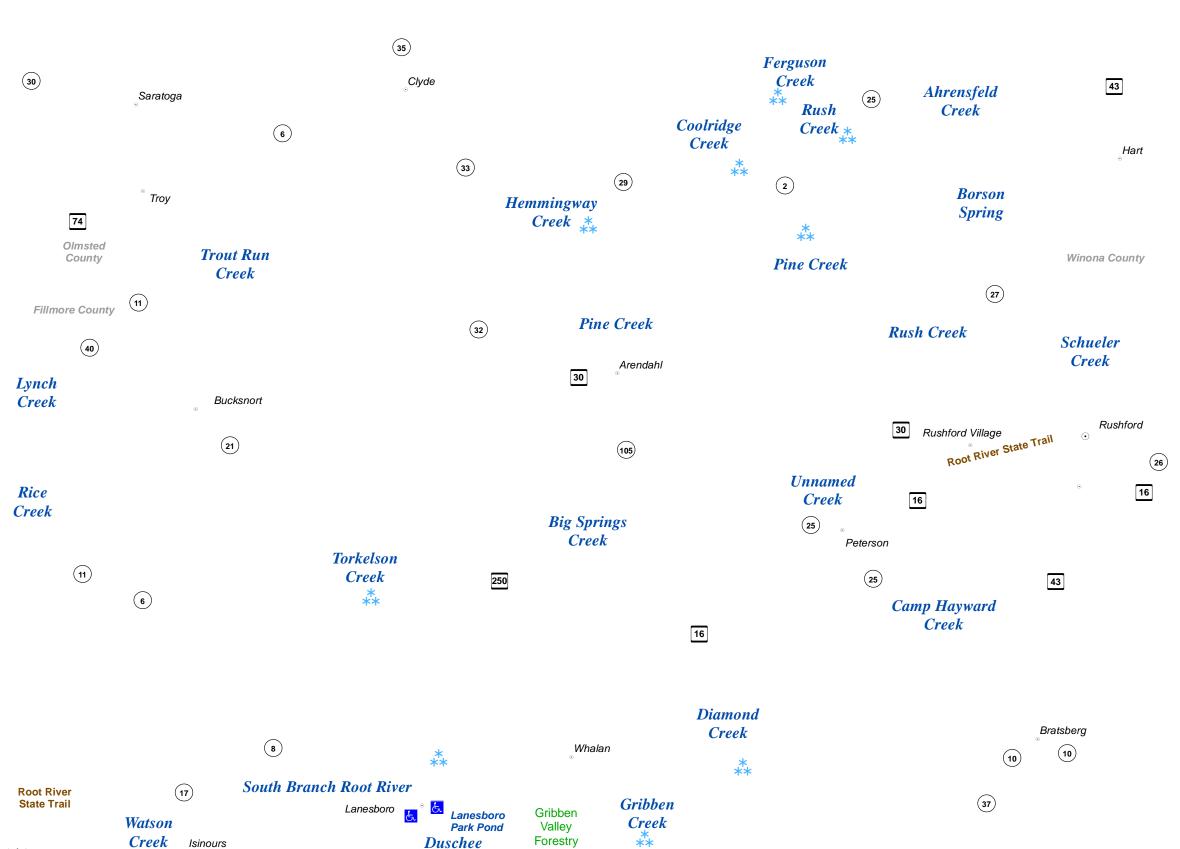
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| Map 5 | Species Managed |
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| Ahrensfeld Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Big Springs Creek (W) | Brown |
| Borson Spring | Brown |
| Camp Hayward Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Coolridge Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Diamond Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Duschee Creek | Brown, Brook, Rainbow |
| Gribben Creek (W) | Brown |
| Hemmingway Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Lanesboro Park Pond | |
| (Sylvan Park) | Rainbow |
| Pine Creek | Brown, Brook |
| Rush Creek | Brown, Rainbow |
| Schueler Creek (W) | Brown |
| South Branch Root River | Brown, Rainbow |
| Torkelson Creek (W) | Brown |
| Trout Run Creek (W) | Brown |
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| Rice Creek | Brown |
| Watson Creek | Brown |
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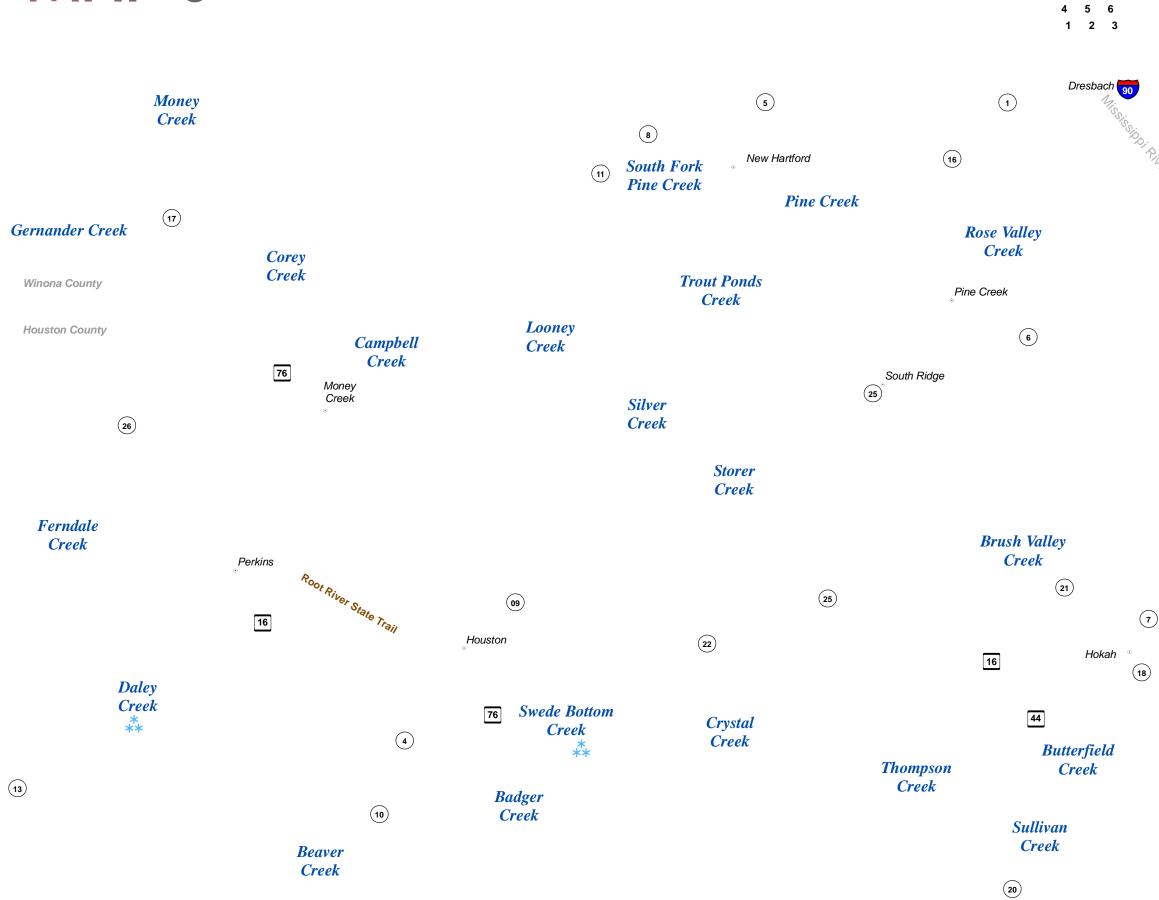
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| Map 6 | Species Managed |
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| Badger Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Beaver Creek | Brown |
| Brush Valley Creek (W) | Brown |
| Butterfield Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Campbell Creek (W) | Brook |
| Corey Creek (W) | Brook |
| Crystal Creek (W) | Brown |
| Daley Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Ferndale Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Gernander Creek (W) | Brook |
| Money Creek (W) | Brown |
| Pine Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Rose Valley Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Silver Creek (W) | Brook |
| South Fork Pine Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Storer Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Sullivan Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Swede Bottom Creek (W) | Brook |
| Thompson (Dexter) Creek | Brook, Brown |
| Trout Ponds Creek (W) | Brook |

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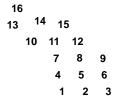
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| 6. | Accessible Fishing Site |
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| | State Trails |
| | Streams |
| | Designated Trout Streams |
| _ | 12 to 16 Inch Protected Slot for All Trout (Artificial Lures or Flies Only) |
| _ | 12 to 16 Inch Protected Slot for All Trout (Bait Allowed) |
| | 12 Inch Minimum for Brook Trout, Bag Limit of 1 (Artificial Lures or Flies Only) |
| _ | Catch & Release for All Trout (Artificial Lures or Flies Only) |
| _ | Catch & Release for All Trout |
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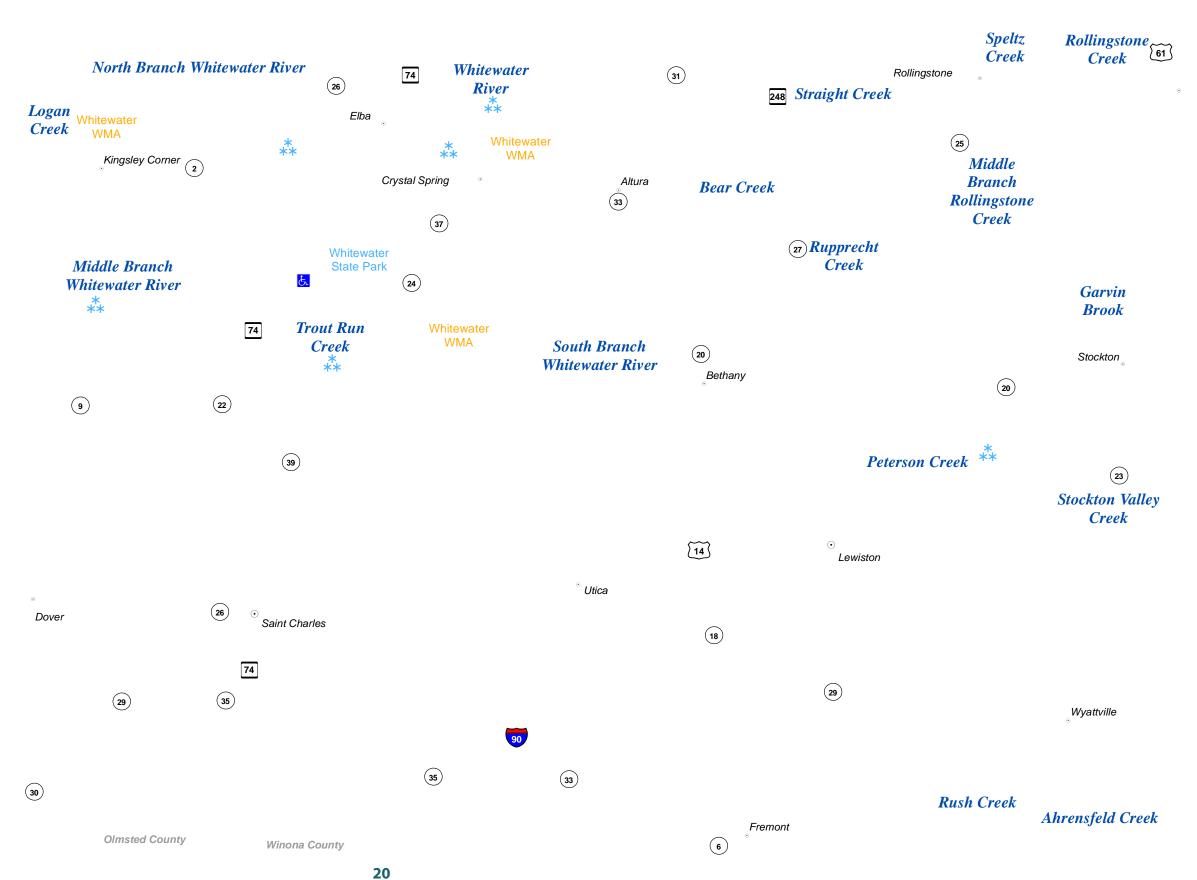
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| Map 8 | Species Managed |
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| Ahrensfeld Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Bear Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Garvin Brook (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Logan (W) | Brown |
| Middle Branch Rollingstone | |
| Creek (W) | Brown |
| Middle Branch Whitewater | Brown, Brook, Rainbow |
| North Branch Whitewater | Brown (W), Rainbow |
| Rollingstone Creek (W) | Brown |
| Rupprecht Creek (W) | Brown |
| Rush Creek | Brown, Rainbow |
| South Branch Whitewater | Brown (W), Rainbow |
| Speltz Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Stockton Valley Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Straight Creek (W) | Brown |
| Trout Run Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Whitewater River | Brown (W), Rainbow |
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| Map 9 | Species Manage |
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| Cedar Valley Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Dakota Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| East Burns Valley Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Gilmore Creek (W) | Brown |
| Little Pickwick Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Miller Valley Creek (W) | Brook |
| Money Creek (W) | Brown |
| Pickwick Creek (W) | Brown |
| Pleasant Valley Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Stockton Valley Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| West Branch Money Creek (W) | Brown |
| West Burns Valley Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
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| E. | Accessible Fishing Site |
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| | - Catch & Release for All Trout (Artificial Lures or Flies Only) |
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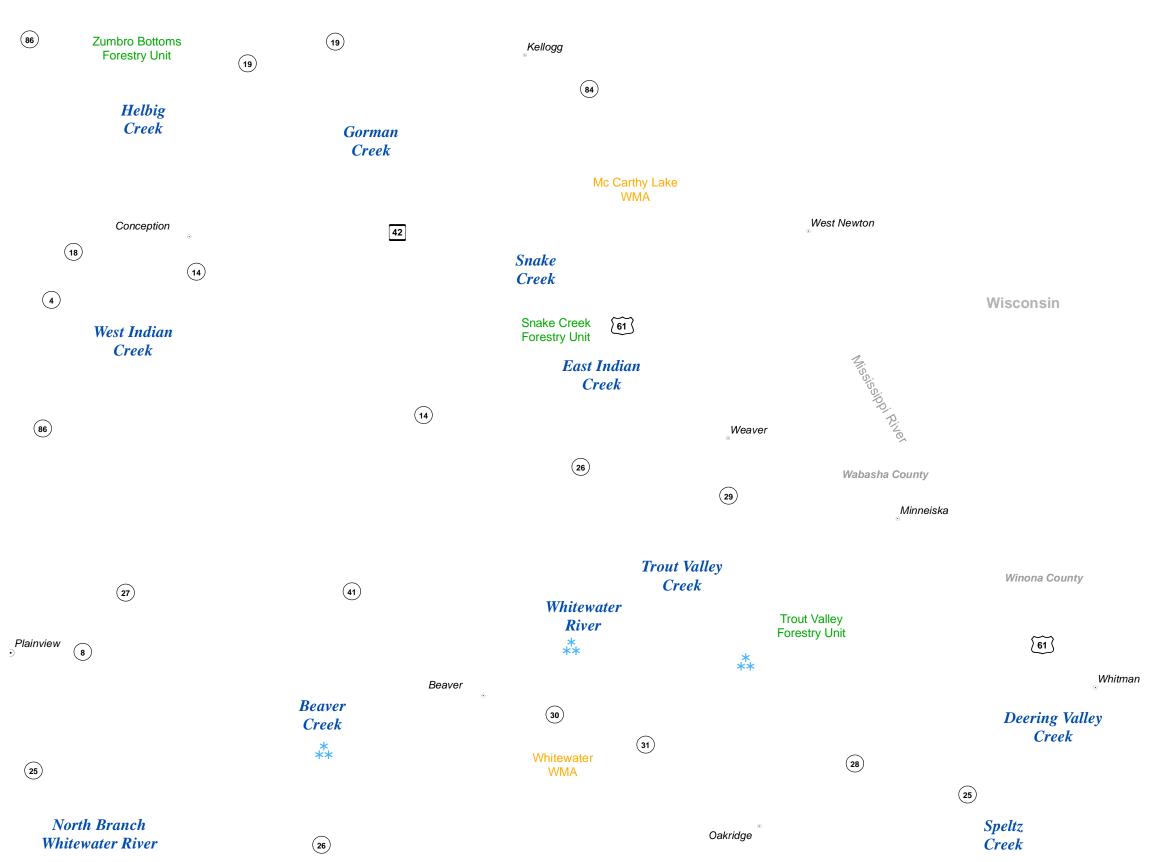
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| Map 12 | Species Managed |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Beaver Creek (W) | Brown |
| Deering Valley Creek (W) | Brown |
| East Indian Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Gorman Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| Helbig Creek (W) | Brook |
| Snake Creek (W) | Brook |
| Speltz Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Trout Valley Creek (W) | Brook, Brown |
| West Indian Creek (W) | Brown |
| Whitewater River | Brown (W), Rainbow |
| North Branch Whitewater | |
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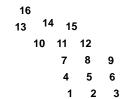
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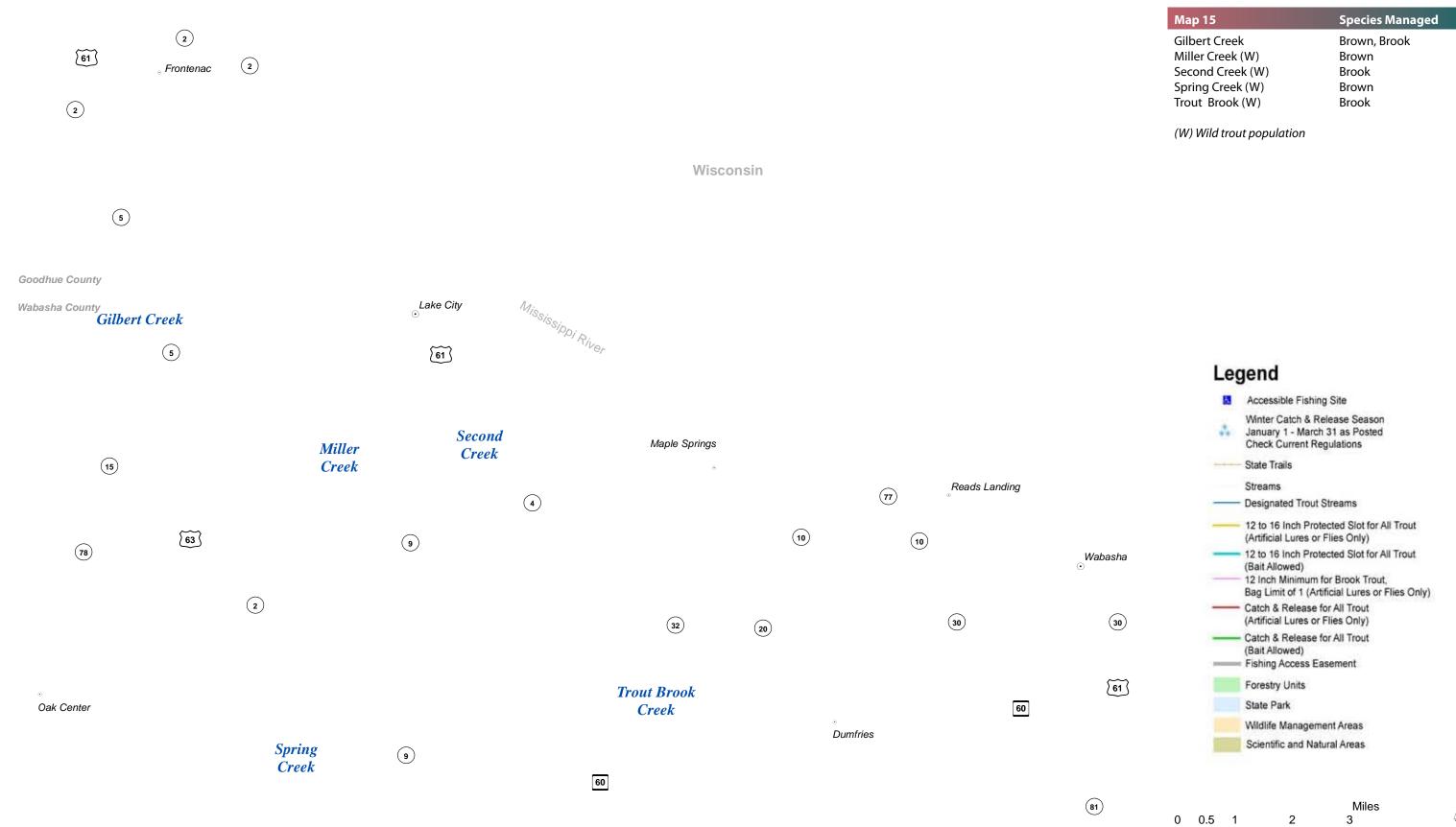
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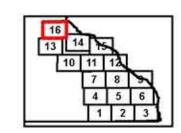


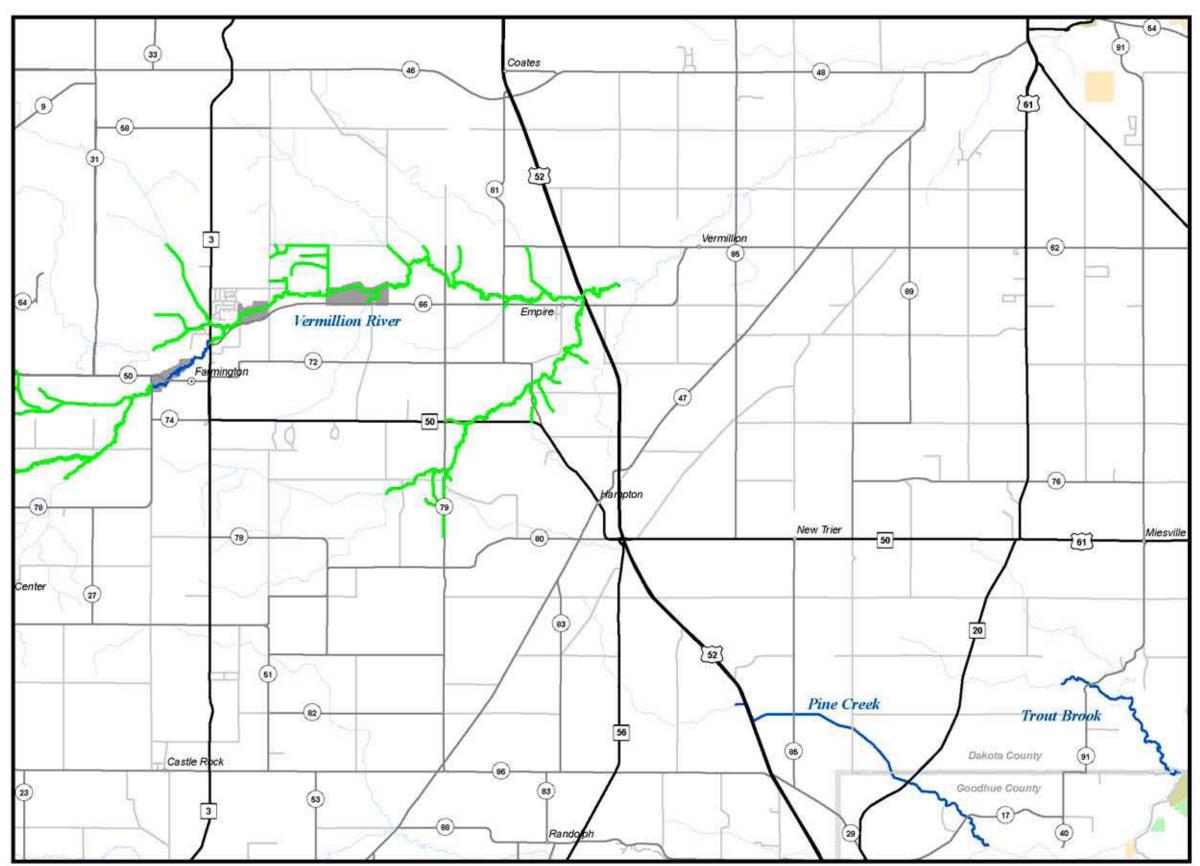


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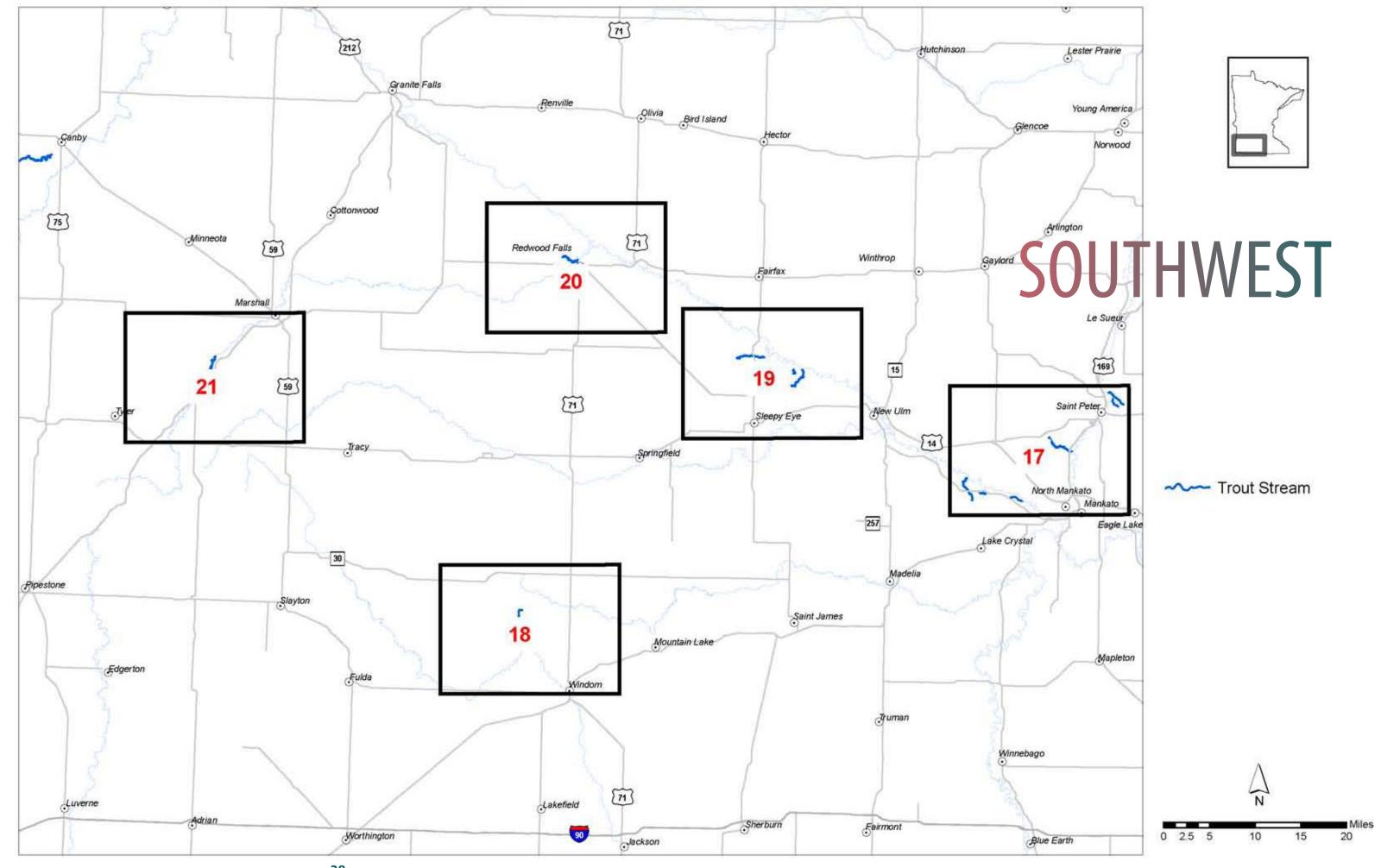


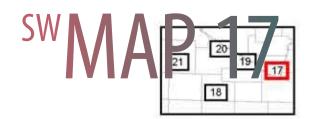


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| Pine Creek (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Trout Brook (W) | Brown, Brook |
| Vermillion River | Brown, Rainbow |

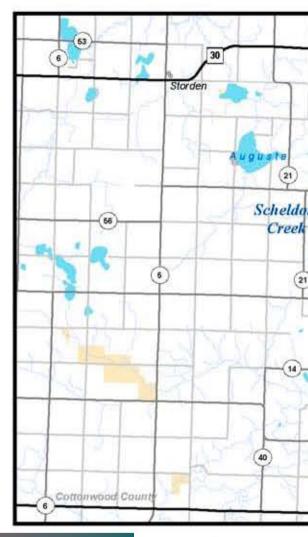
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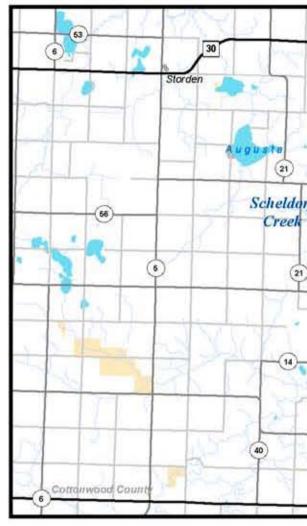




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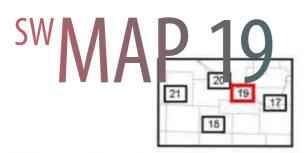


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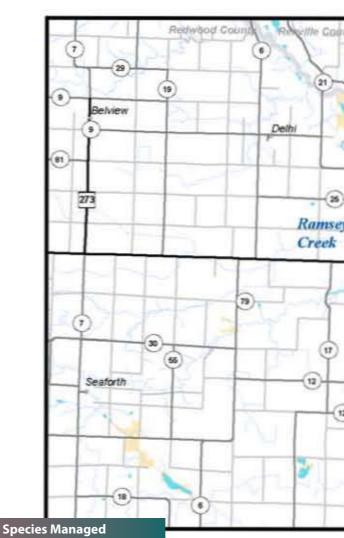
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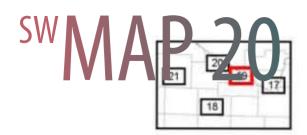




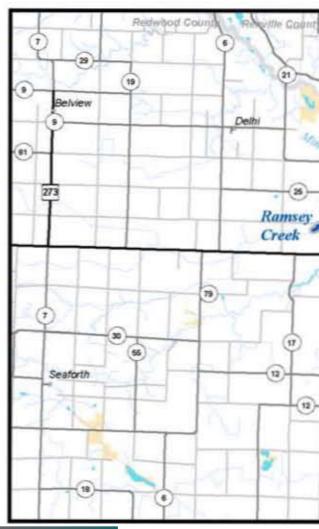




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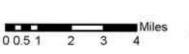
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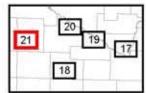
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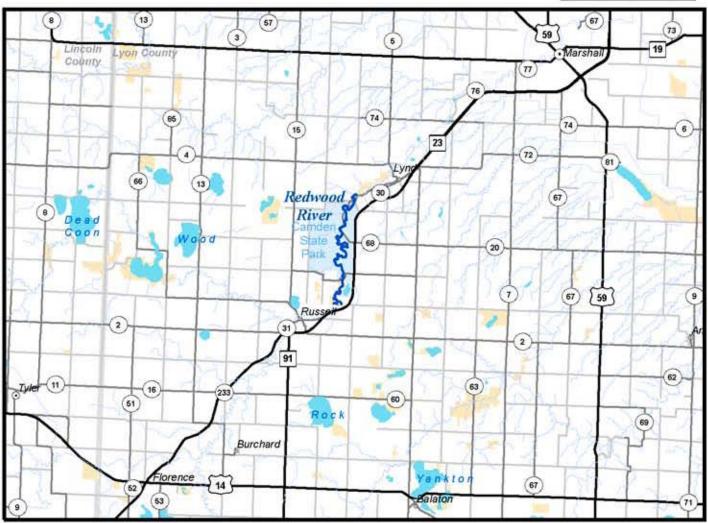
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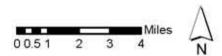
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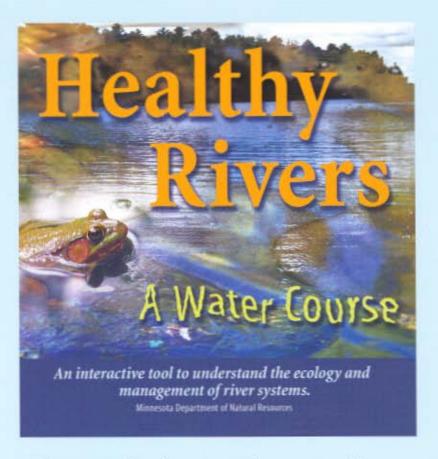




Streams
Designated Trout Streams
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Map 21Species ManagedRedwood RiverBrown, Rainbow





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