

MONTAUK STATE PARK (Missouri Trout Parks)

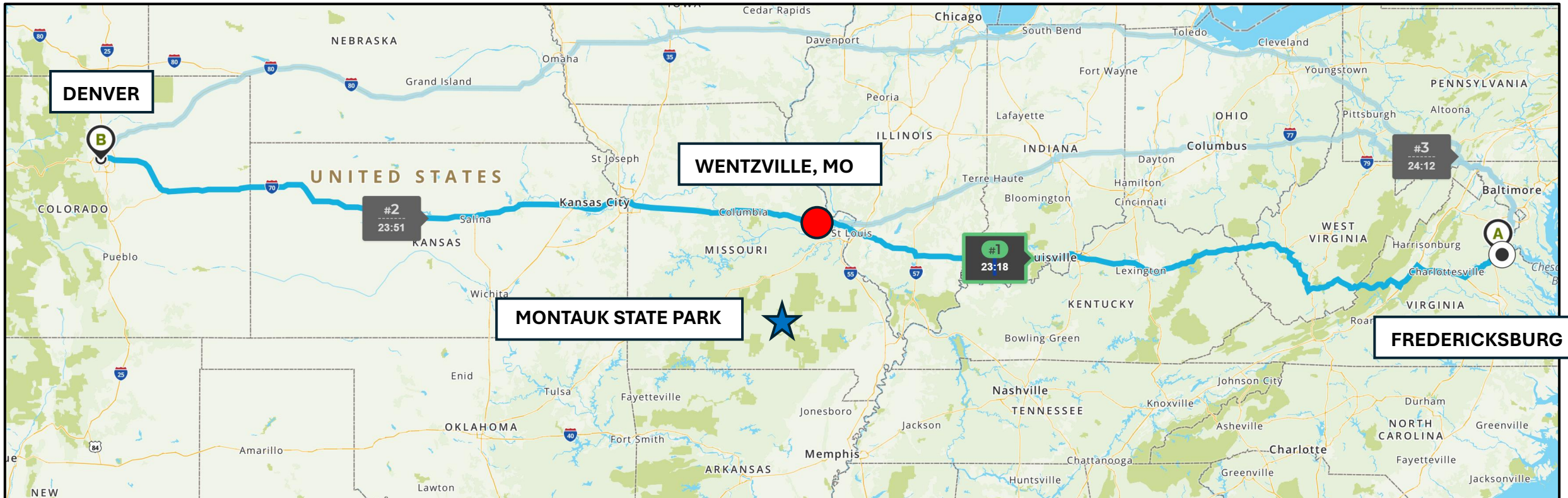
TRIP REPORT



WHY MONTAUK STATE PARK?

(1) Recommended by S.C. affiliate

(2) Near the traditional mid-point overnight stop to / from Colorado



MISSOURI STATE PARKS TROUT PARKS

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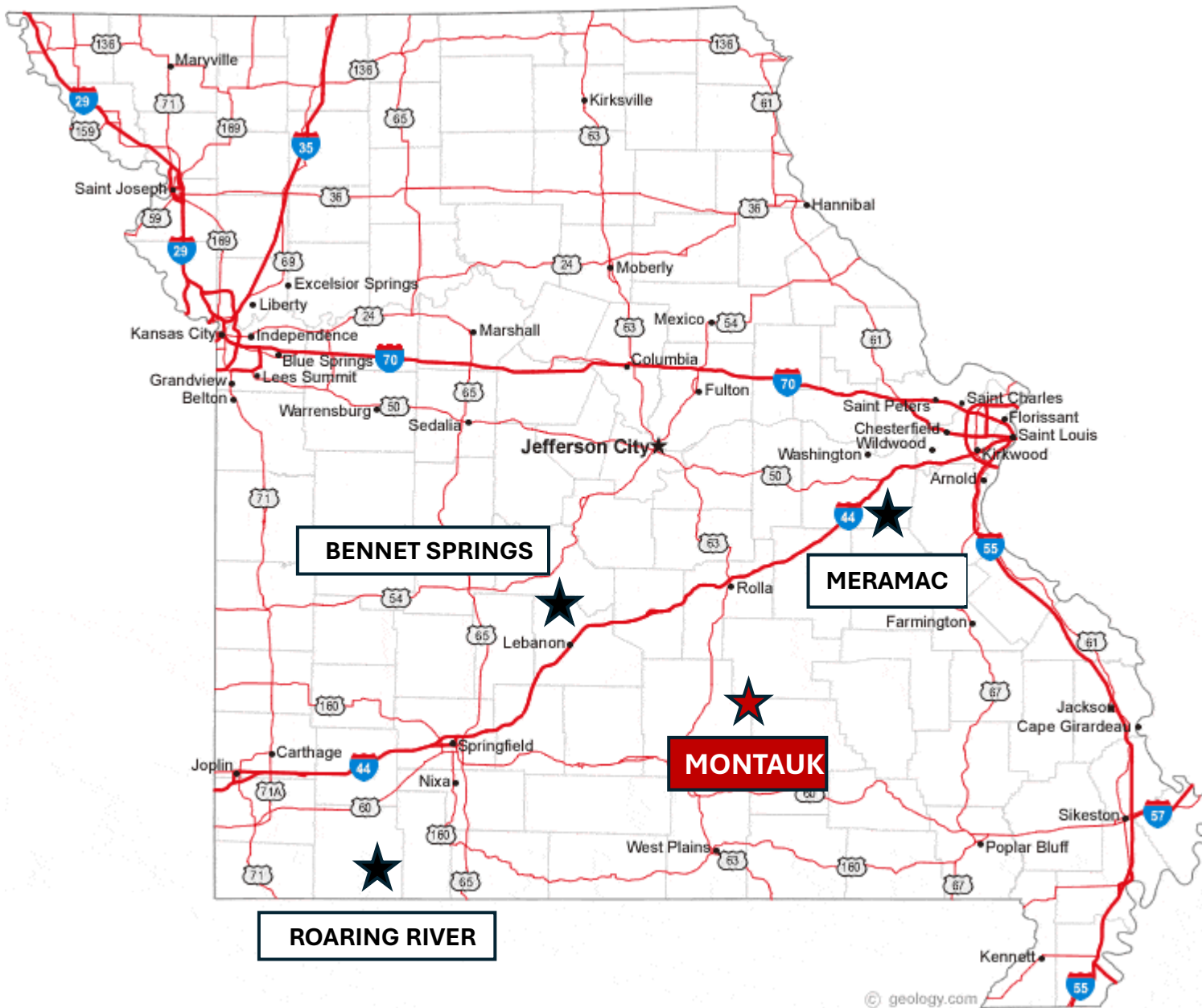
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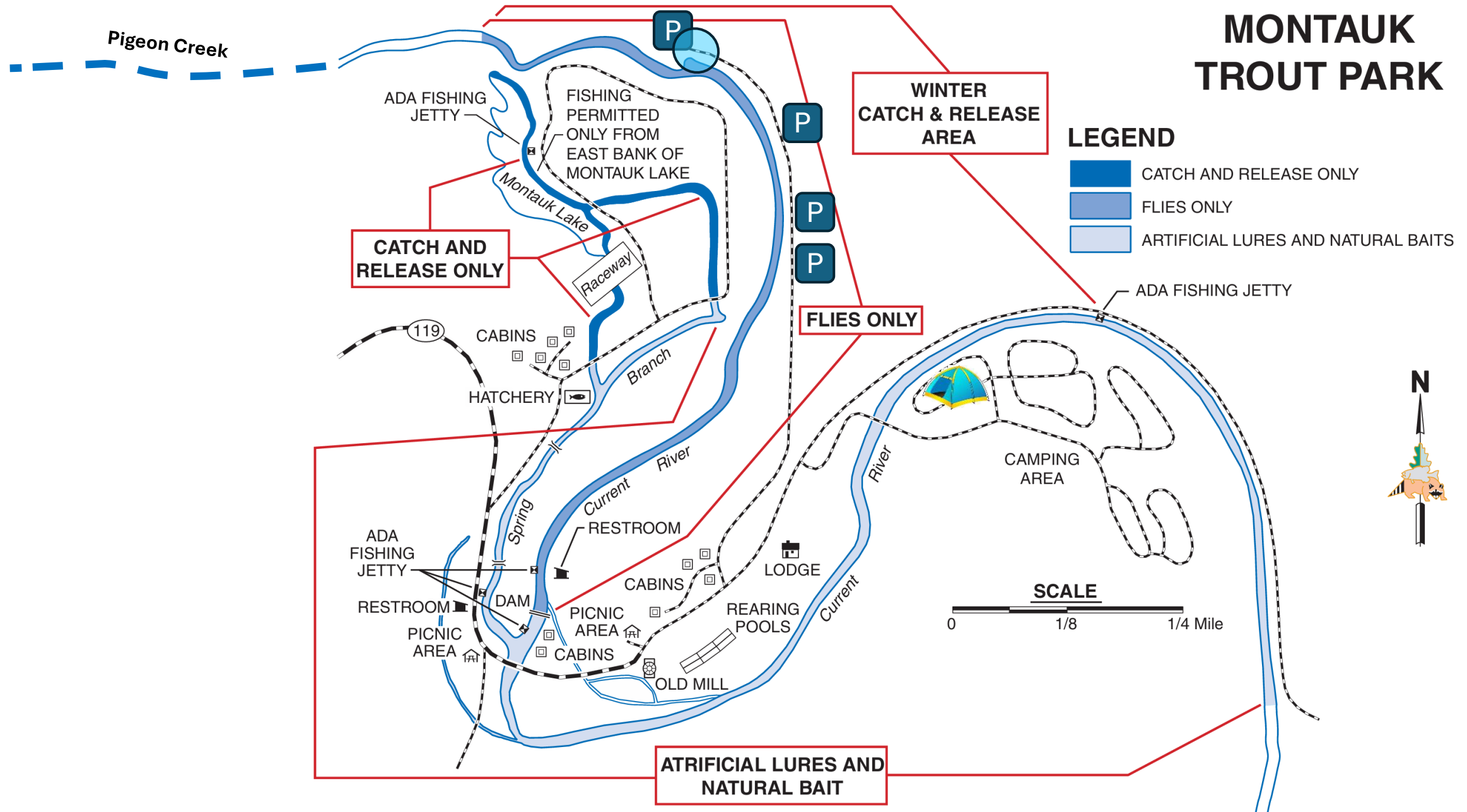
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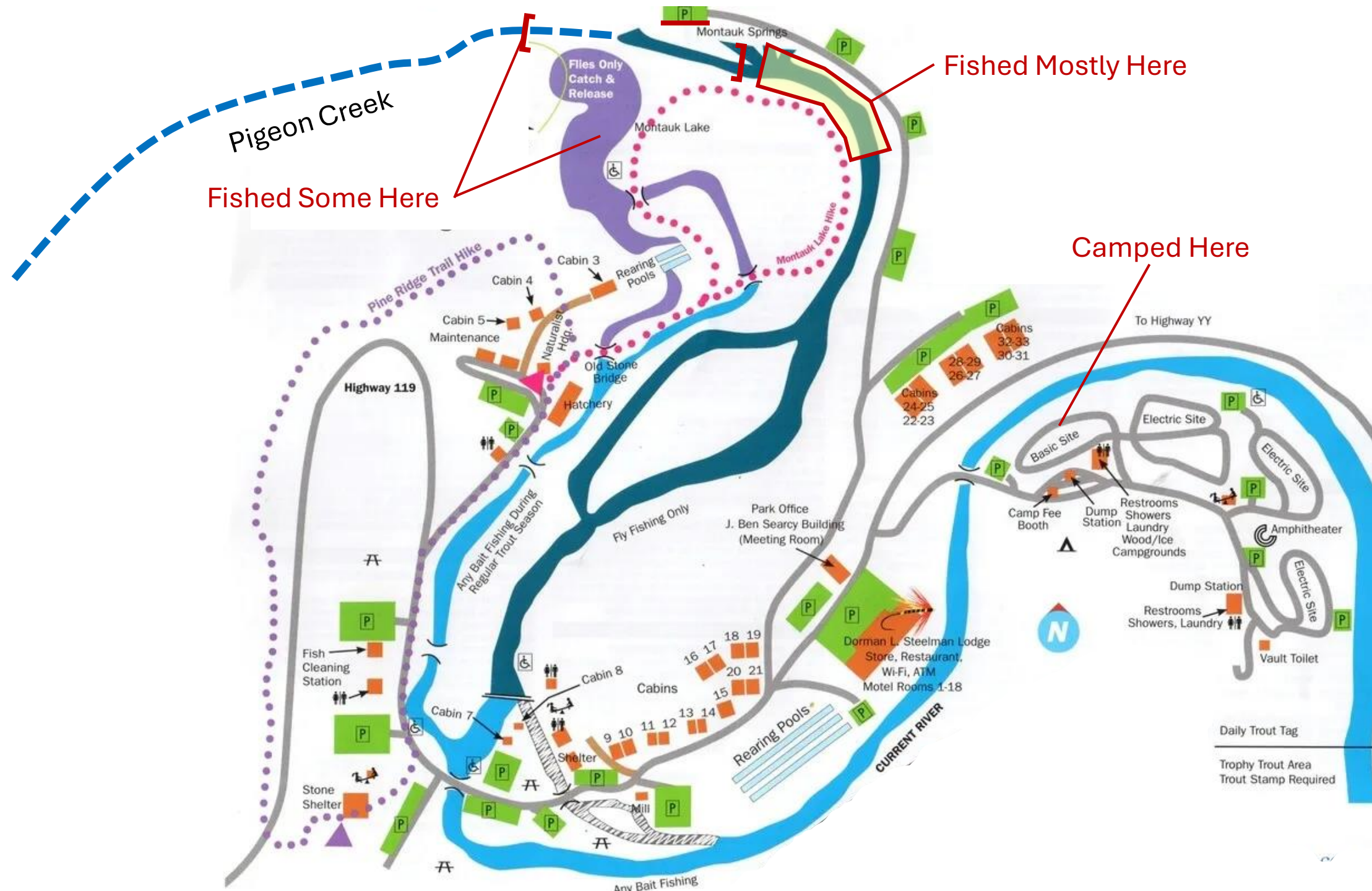
ROARING RIVER

Cold water streams supported by
on-site hatcheries

Harvest and catch & release sections
(C&R only during off-season Nov-Feb)







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Lodging Options



Hotel



Cabins



RV Sites



or the ever-popular and inexpensive tent sites

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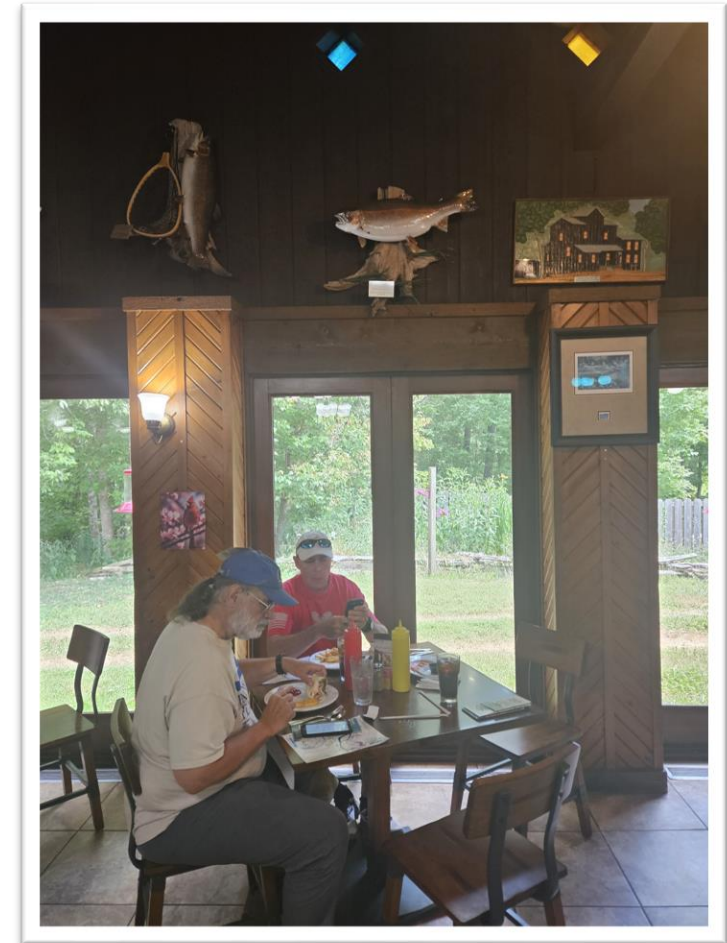
Campground Bath House w/ toilets, showers, washers/dryers



MSP Stock Photo
(not our bath house)

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On site restaurant complete with full trout decorations



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Separate Lunch Counter, Coffee Bar, Ice Cream shop



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3 miles of spring fed trout stream + spring fed lake



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With spring holes near the upper sections



A 10' deep spring hole



Crystal clear water near springs

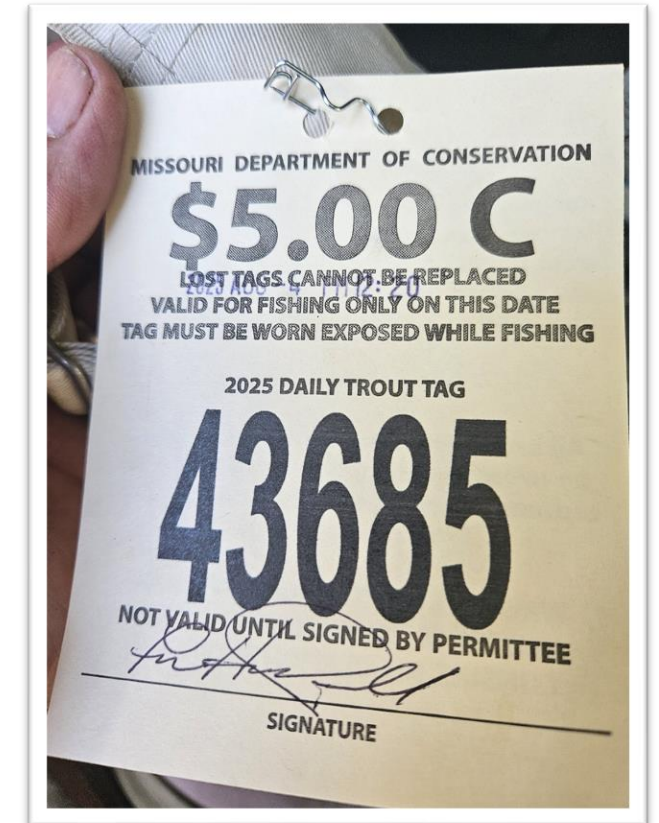
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LICENSES & PERMITS

Non-Resident Fishing License: \$9 / day

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Daily Trout Park permit: \$5 / day *



* Don't need a separate state trout stamp if fishing the Park

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12-18" Trout with some real beasts in the lower sections

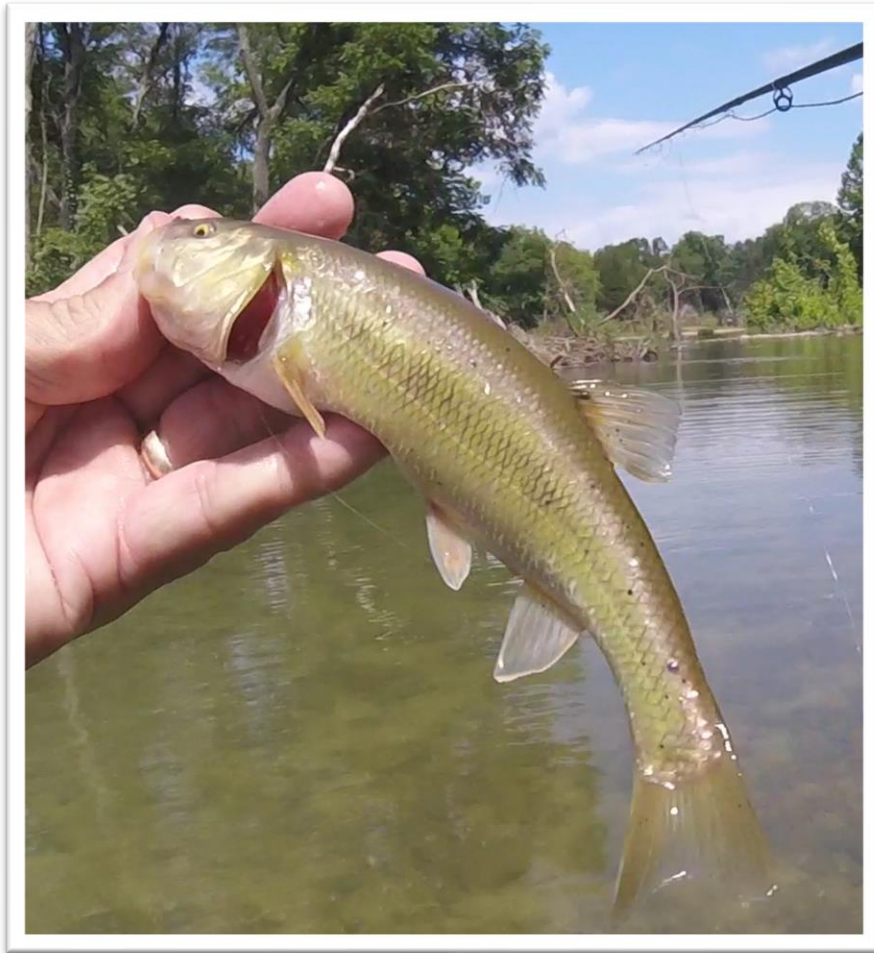


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With some warm water fish in the upper sections



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Productive flies and techniques



Standard dries drifted along seams

* Morning BWO hatch to rival anywhere



Small streamers

Swings, small strips, or tight lined

* Mohair leech with multi-color collar / flash



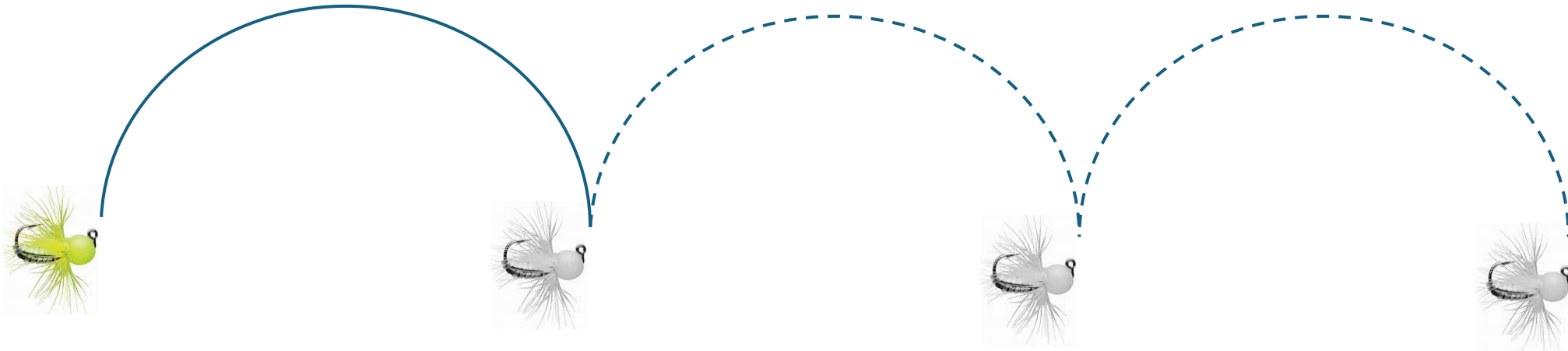
Very few strikes on nymphs under indicators / dries – fish would move / spook as nymphs came near

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Unique Local Technique that Worked



Jigging Flies



Cast slightly downstream, let sink, slight jigging motion with rod tip as fly swings across stream

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Some Unique Rules

- (1) Different sections of stream (all lures, flies only, catch & release)
 - - Marked on Park map, not well marked on the stream

- (2) What constitutes a fly
 - - Rubber / plastic components not allowed?
 - - Confirm what's allowed at camp store fly shop

- (3) Fishing Times: Varies by season, but announced with a siren

ANGLER ASSESSMENT

POSITIVES (+)

Along route to / from Colorado
Cost - \$20 camp site / \$30 license / \$5 rod fee
Spring fed, (mostly) crystal clear water
Off-season / weekday crowds manageable
Restaurant and Coffee / Ice Cream Bar
It's a trout focused camp

NEGATIVES (-)

Very Little Fishing Etiquette
Length of (trout) water



Great bang for the buck, but wouldn't want to be there during peak season or on weekends

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