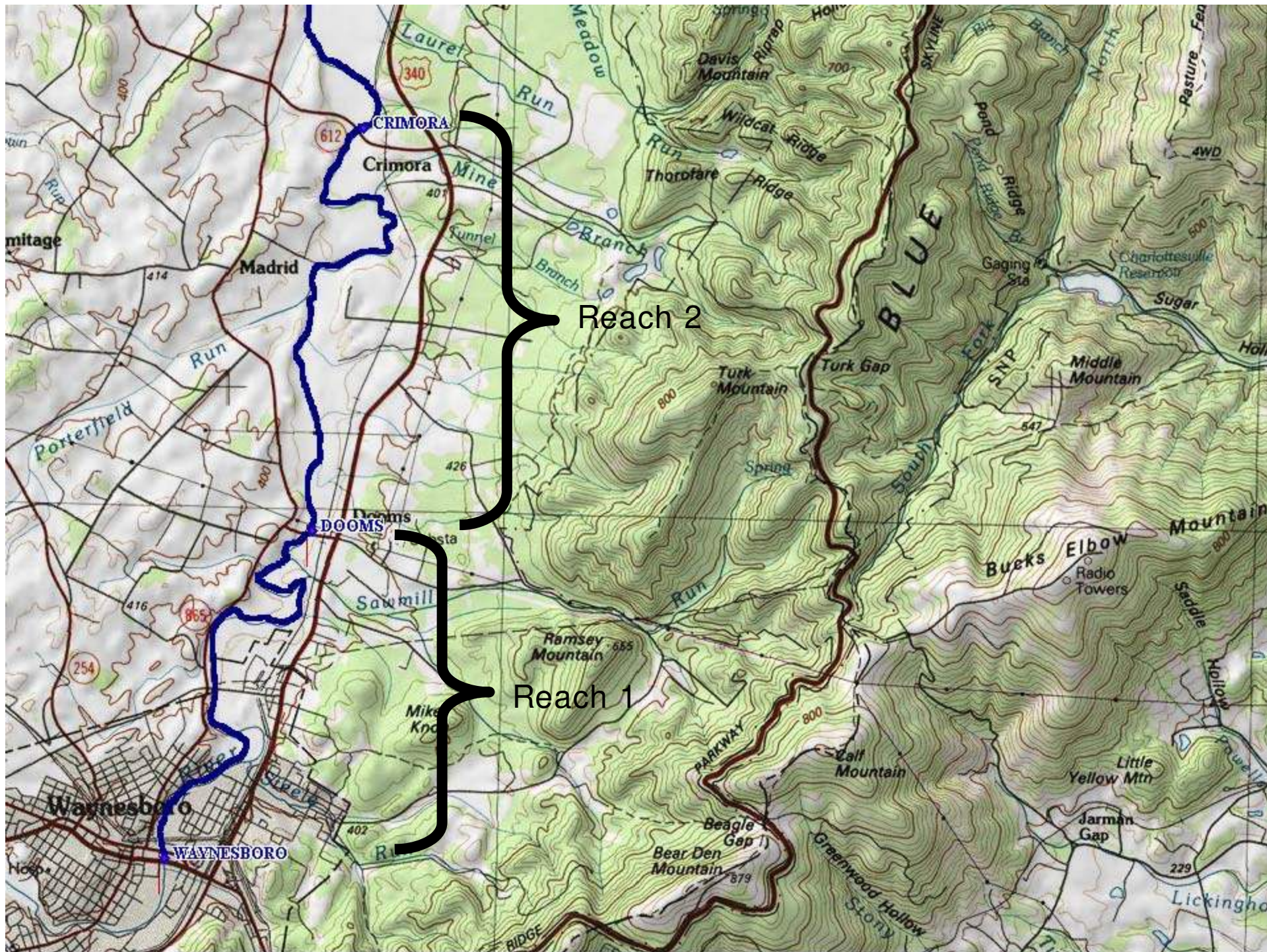
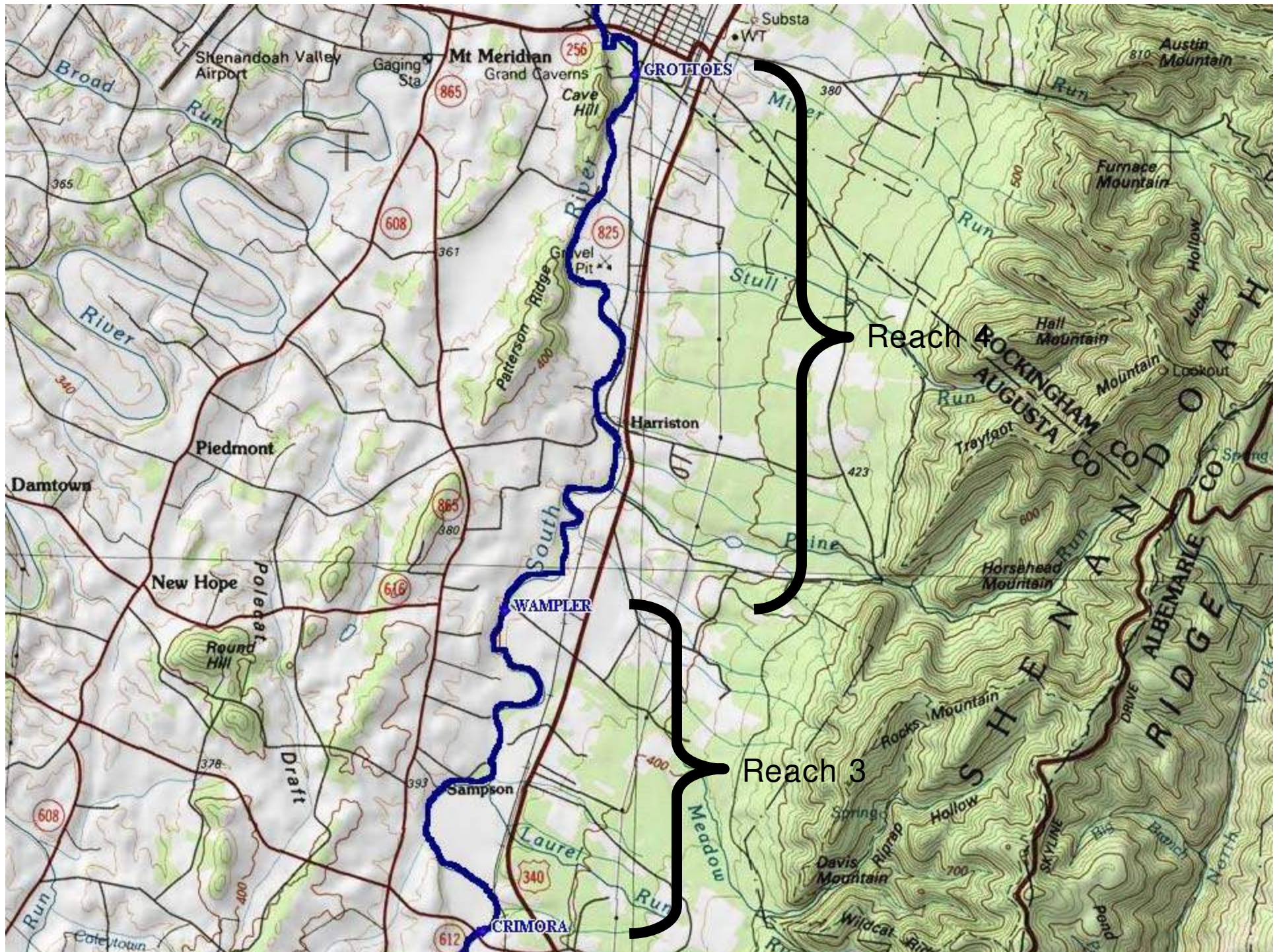
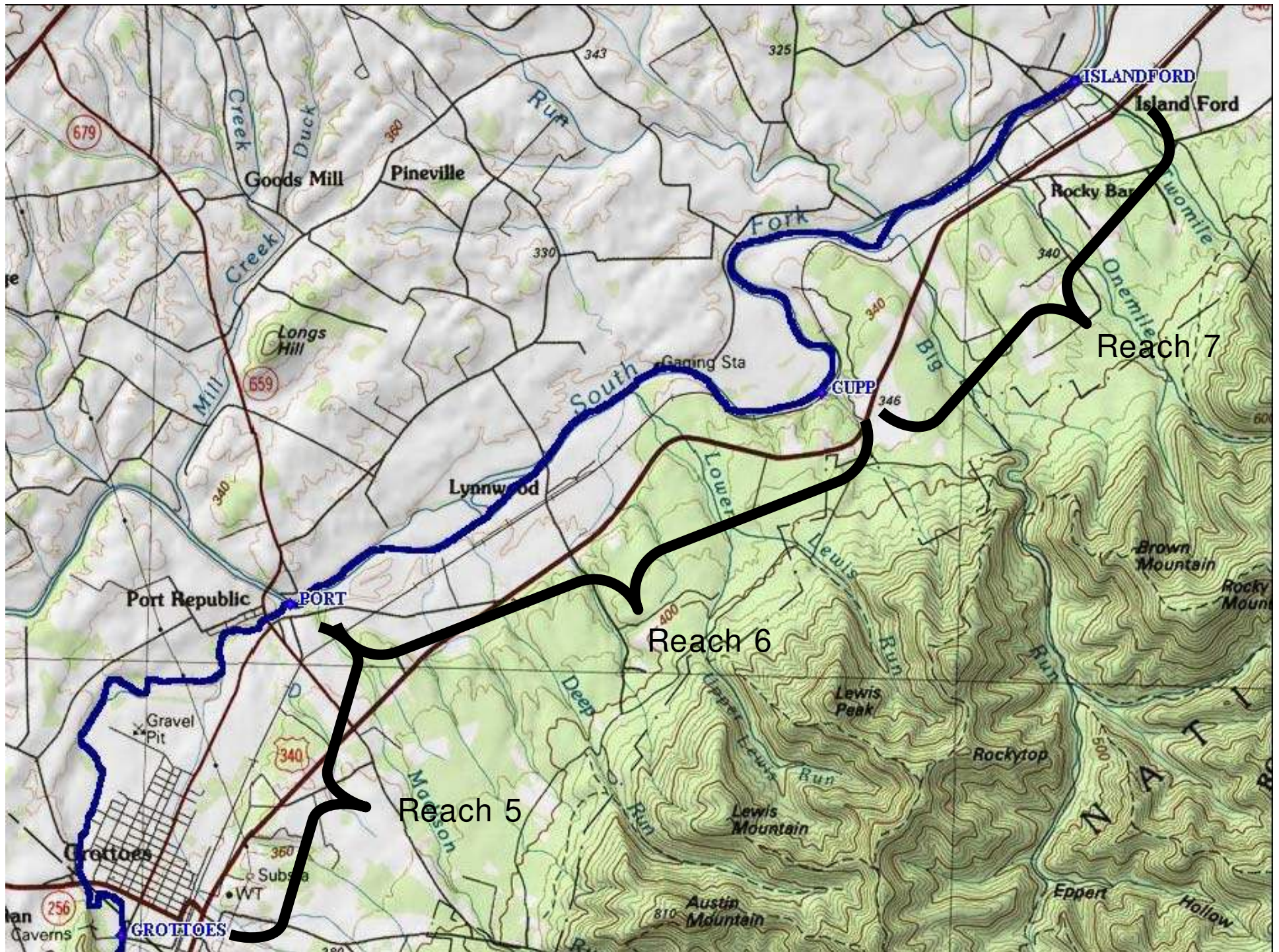


2005 South River Creel Survey









SOUTH RIVER ACTIVITY SURVEY

Interview Form

Hello. We're conducting a scientific survey to find ways to improve the fishing and recreation on the South River. Can we ask you a few questions?

Date _____ Interview Number _____ River Reach _____

Clerk Name _____ Weather Conditions _____

GPS: Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Time survey started _____ Time survey ended _____

Number in Party _____ Time Period AM MD PM (circle one)

Males in Party

Age	African-Am	Caucasian	Hispanic	Asian	Other
<16					
17-35					
36-50					
50-65					
>65					

Females in Party

Age	African-Am	Caucasian	Hispanic	Asian	Other
<16					
17-35					
36-50					
50-65					
>65					

If any fish were kept, identify them and count them (only measure SMB)

Species	Length (inches)	Number
Smallmouth bass		
Smallmouth bass		
Smallmouth bass		
Smallmouth bass		
Smallmouth bass		

Fishing Survey

Fishing from: Bank Wading Boat/canoe/kayak (circle one)

Is this a completed trip? Yes No (circle one)

- What time did you start fishing today? _____ (military time)
- What type of fish are you hoping to catch? (a) smallmouth bass (b) trout (c) panfish/sunfish/bream/rockbass/redeye/crappie (d) catfish (e) anything (f) other _____
- Are you: (a) spin fishing? (b) bait casting? (c) fly fishing? (d) combination?
- Are you fishing with: (a) natural bait? (b) artificial lures/flyes? (c) both?
- What do you do with the fish you catch? (a) keep (ask questions under "if keep") (b) release (ask questions under "if release") c. combination (ask questions under both "if keep" and "if release")

If Keep...

- Do you eat the fish you keep? (a) yes (b) no
- In general, how many fish from the South River do you eat each month? (a) _____ sunfish/bream (b) _____ trout (c) _____ rock bass (d) _____ musky (e) _____ largemouth bass (f) _____ catfish (g) _____ smallmouth bass (h) _____ other
- Do you share your catch with family or friends? (a) yes (b) no
- Do you know that there is a fish advisory on this river? (a) yes (b) no
- How do you know about the advisory? (a) posted signs (b) word of mouth (c) newspaper (d) radio (e) other _____
- Do you know what the advisory is in this river? (a) answered correctly (b) answered incorrectly

If Release...

- Do you know that there is a fish advisory on this river? (a) yes (b) no
- How do you know about the advisory? (a) posted signs (b) word of mouth (c) newspaper (d) radio (e) other _____
- Do you know what the advisory is in this river? (a) answered correctly (b) answered incorrectly
- How many fish have you released today? (a) _____ sunfish/bream (b) _____ trout (c) _____ rock bass (d) _____ musky (e) _____ largemouth bass (f) _____ catfish (g) _____ smallmouth bass (h) _____ other

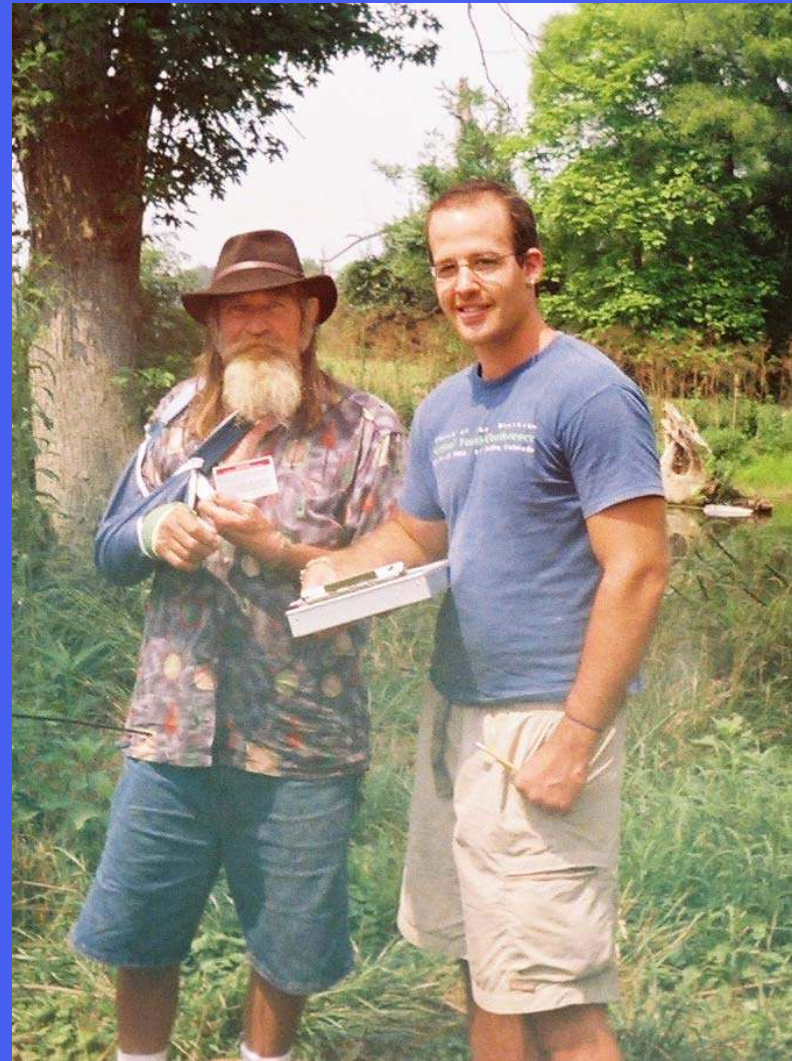
- 6k. *Why did you release these fish?* (a) catch-and-release angler (b) health advisory (c) too small (d) already limited out (e) other _____
7. *Why do you like to fish the South River?* (a) quality of fishing (b) scenery (c) close to home (d) all of the above (e) other _____
8. *In what other areas of the river do you fish?* (a) don't fish in other areas (b) other _____
9. *What do you not like about South River?* (a) quality of fishing (b) too crowded (c) pollution (d) other _____
10. *How much will your party spend on this trip today? (round dollars)*
(a) gas _____ (b) food _____ (c) bait/tackle _____ (d) lodging _____
(e) canoe rental _____ (f) other _____
11. *How much of your expenditure was spent within 20 miles of the river?*
(a) all (b) most (c) none
12. *How many times per year do you fish on South River?*
(a) 1 – 5 (b) 6 – 10 (c) 11 – 20 (d) > 20
13. *Where are you from?* City/county _____ State _____
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Recreation Survey

1. *If you are not fishing, what activity best describes why you are on the river today?*
(a) wildlife watching (b) canoeing (c) kayaking (d) swimming (e) tubing
(f) other _____
2. *Why do you like to recreate in the South River?* (a) scenery (b) close to home
(c) both (d) other _____
3. *What do you not like about South River?* (a) too crowded (b) pollution
(c) other _____
4. *How much will your party spend on this trip today? (round dollars)*
(a) gas _____ (b) food _____ (c) lodging _____
(d) canoe rental _____ (e) other _____
5. *How much of your expenditure was spent within 20 miles of the river?*
(a) all (b) most (c) none
6. *How many times per year do you recreate on South River?*
(a) 1 – 5 (b) 6 – 10 (c) 11 – 20 (d) > 20
7. *Where are you from?* City/county _____ State _____

Fishing on the South River

- Many fish the South River because it is close to home.
-Also often mention the fact that it 'used to be' a good bass stream.
- Pollution, both 'macro' and 'micro' seem to be on everyone's minds.
- The amount persons spend on their trips varies greatly, but almost all is spent locally.
- Although some persons don't fish much, many fish the South River daily.



Recreating on the South River

- Most people recreating on the river are tubing or kayaking. Occasionally, we'll see a canoe or motor-powered john boat.
- Tubers are usually unaware of the advisory while those in boats know about it.
- Persons visiting from > 30 miles away seldom are aware of the advisory





In our down time....

