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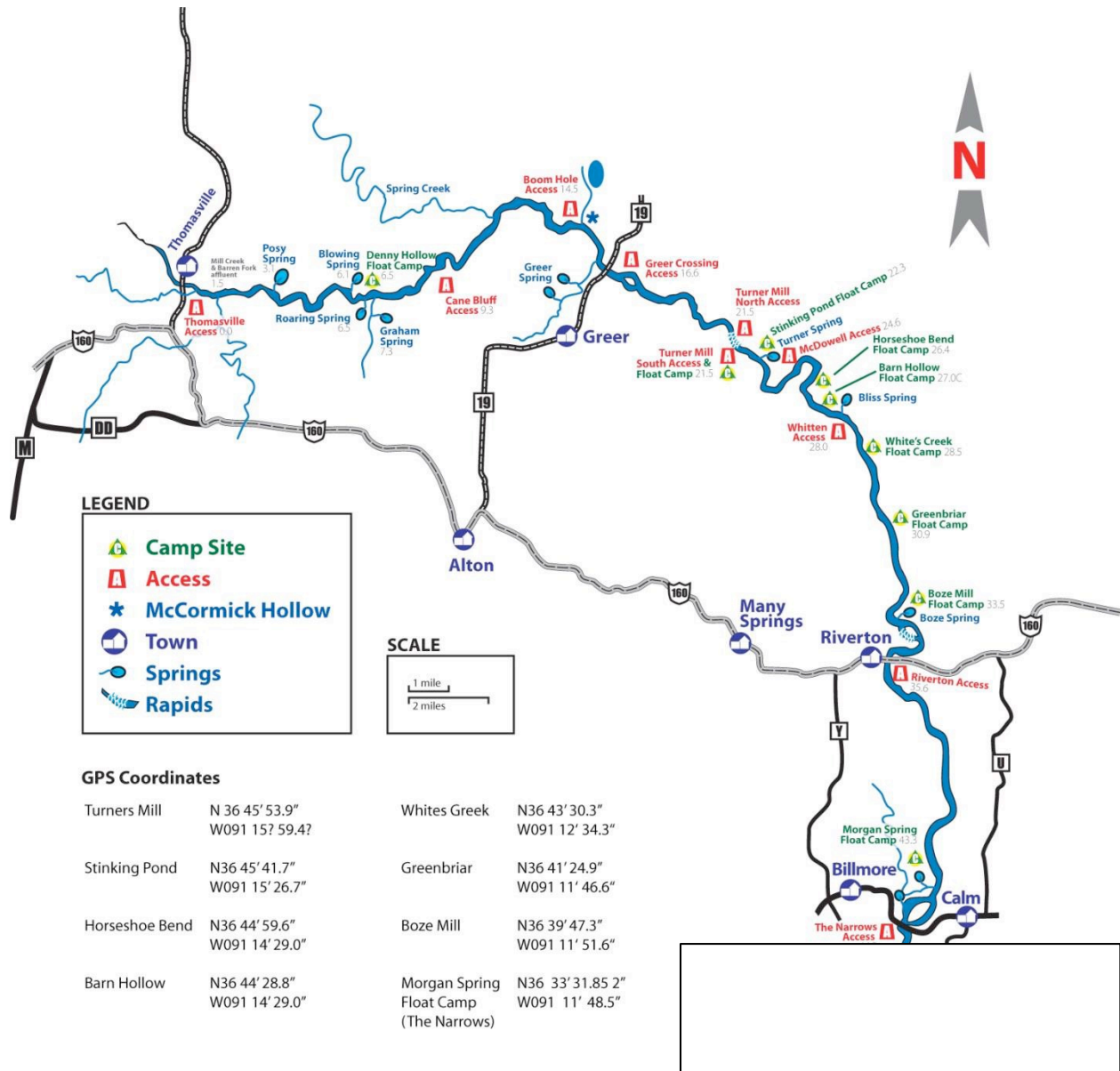
Easement Issue, Eleven Point National Scenic River, 07.07.2015

- The Eleven Point is one of the seven original units of the National Wild and Scenic River System, as passed by Congress in 1968, in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542.
- This Scenic River is managed by the Mark Twain National Forest.
- The Eleven Point National Scenic River is a narrow corridor along both sides of the river, as per the attached maps. Beginning in the 1970's, about half of the lands within this corridor were acquired in fee, with the USFS acquiring strict scenic easements on the remaining privately-owned land.
- In the 8.7 mile stretch of river from Highway 160 at Riverton down to Highway 142 at the Narrows, almost all of the river protection is provided by easements.
- These easements were mostly acquired in 1979 from one owner at a cost of \$825,855, a sum estimated at almost \$2.9 million in 2015 dollars.
- Since 1979, these easements have protected the unroaded and scenic condition of the river.
- Because of ongoing development pressures on other streams, and even on other stretches of the Eleven Point, this is the last eight-mile stretch of floatable river in Missouri that is reliably free of motorized vehicular intrusions, quiet, and representing a recreational resource not available on other Ozark rivers.
- Maintaining the roadless character of the lower Eleven Point is a major priority for Missouri conservationists and national conservation organizations as well, all of whom recognize and understand the value of this resource and the investment that has been made to protect it.
- New state parks in this area would provide additional protection for the watershed of the river, and retain the inherent biodiversity of the restored landscape; there is also the risk that new park development could impact the quiet, non-roaded resource.
- Development within the new park must be located away from the river and its protected corridor.
- The state should emphasize the primitive nature of the existing float experience; utilize the nearby access provided by the Forest Service at the Riverton Bridge and the Narrows at the Highway 142 bridge; and interpret the history of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System along with a coordinated state and federal partnership in river management and protection.

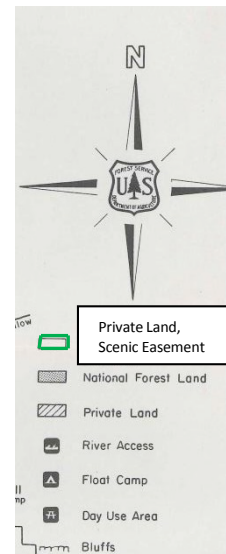
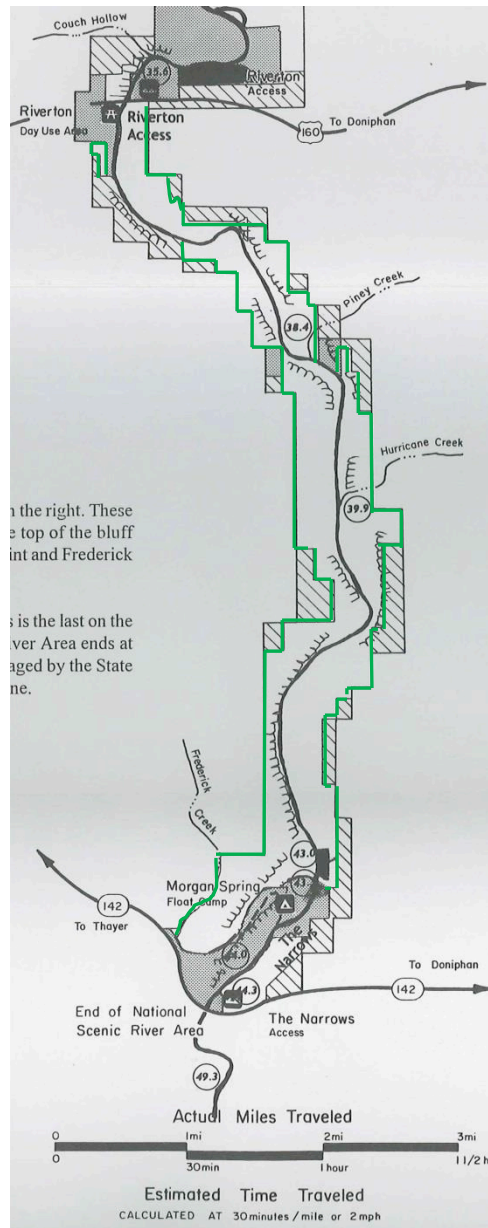


The Eleven Point National Scenic River below Highway 160.





Map taken from [missouriscenicrivers.com](http://missouriscenicrivers.com) depicting the 44 miles of the Eleven Point National Scenic River. The ten access points are each shown here in red.



The map above illustrates the configuration of the public easements held by the US Forest Service on private lands (outlined here in green) between Riverton at Highway 160 and the Narrows further south on Highway 142. This is taken from a larger map included as part of a brochure (not dated) entitled Eleven Point Scenic River, Travel Guide and published by the US Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest.