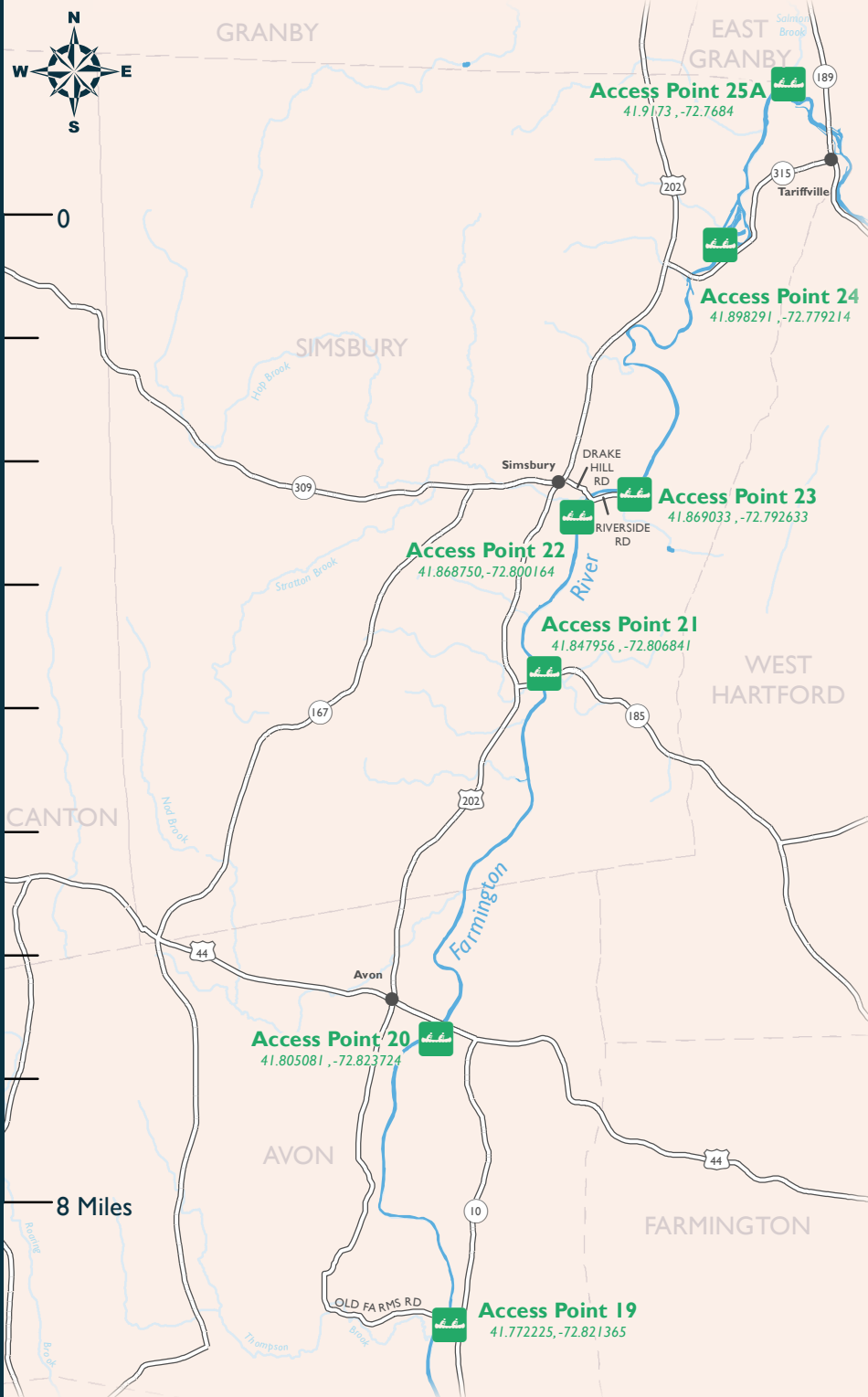


FARMINGTON RIVER

RECREATION AREA #5



Lower
Farmington River
and Salmon Brook
WILD & SCENIC



Boating Information

Distance	16 Miles
Access Points	19-25
Difficulty	Flatwater
Towns	Farmington, Avon, & Simsbury, CT
Tributaries	Thompson Brook, Roaring Brook, Nod Brook Hop Brook, Stratton Brook

PUT-IN: Access Point 18

Rt.4 Bridge, Farmington, CT (See Area #4 Map)
Directions: Traveling from Rt. 179 bridge in Collinsville, follow Rt. 179 south 1.1 miles. Park along the long turn-off on the left.

Access Point 19

Old Farms Rd Bridge, Avon, CT

Directions: Traveling east on Old Farms Rd, take the right across from the Fisher Meadows Recreation Area just before the bridge to Rt. 10. There is a parking lot next to the bridge.

Access Point 20

Alsop Meadows (Rt.44 Bridge), Avon, CT

Directions: From jct. Rt. 44/10 (bottom of Talcott Mountain) go south on Rt. 10 (Waterville Road) for 0.1 miles, then turn right on Nassau Way. Continue straight past a gate on a gravel road for 0.2 miles to a parking lot with another gate. There are 2 access spots at this location. It is important to check them out as a take-out or a put-in location BEFORE you set up your shuttle

Access Point 21

Rt. 185 Bridge, Simsbury, CT

Directions: Travel north 3.1 miles on Rt. 10 from jct. Rt. 44/10 in Avon center. Turn right at Rt. 185. Just over the bridge, there are two access points. Taking an immediate left, you will follow a dirt road down into a pleasant park with the renowned Gifford Pinchot Sycamore Tree. Turning right just after the bridge onto Nod Road, take an immediate right into a parking area alongside the river.

Access Point 22

Hopbrook Landing, Simsbury, CT

Directions: Just north of jct. Rt. 10/167 in Simsbury, turn right onto Drake Hill Road and take the next right on Old Bridge Road toward the Flower Bridge. To the right of the Flower Bridge, the access point is near the confluence of Hop Brook and the Farmington River.

Access Point 23

Riverside Road, Simsbury, CT

Directions: Just north of jct. Rt. 10/167 in Simsbury, turn right onto Drake Hill Road, cross the river and turn left onto Riverside Road. Go 0.3 miles to small access area on left.

Access Point 24

Richard E Curtiss Memorial Park, River Road, Simsbury, CT

Directions: From jct. Rt. 10/167 in Simsbury, travel 2.1 miles north on Rt. 10. Turn right onto Rt. 315 and go 0.3 miles, taking a left through the park entrance. Park at the loop turnaround next to the river.

TAKE OUT: Access Point 25A

Tariffville Park, Simsbury, CT

Directions: From Rt. 10 north in Simsbury, take Rt. 315 east for 1.5 miles. Go up the hill and continue straight onto Winthrop Street in the Tariffville section of Simsbury. Turn left onto Main Street and go .2 miles. Then take a 90° right turn just before the "Hayes Landing" sign into the Park. At the Tariffville Memorial Park sign, take a 90° left turn and continue for another 0.4 miles on an old paved narrow road to a loop turn around next to the river. There is a very good sandy beach take out here, as the river makes a 180° turn. The confluence with Salmon Brook is on the opposite bank. Walk to the sandy beach to become familiar with this take out. Downstream the river gets much harder. You do not want to miss it!

Description: This stretch of the river is entirely flatwater with ample access points thus affording paddling trips of different lengths of time depending on the rate of the river's flow. The fastest race time for this section is around 2 hours but for a summertime recreational paddler, the trip will take closer to 4-5 hours. The river winds through the floodplain which was once all agricultural and is now a mix of golf courses, homes, and farms.