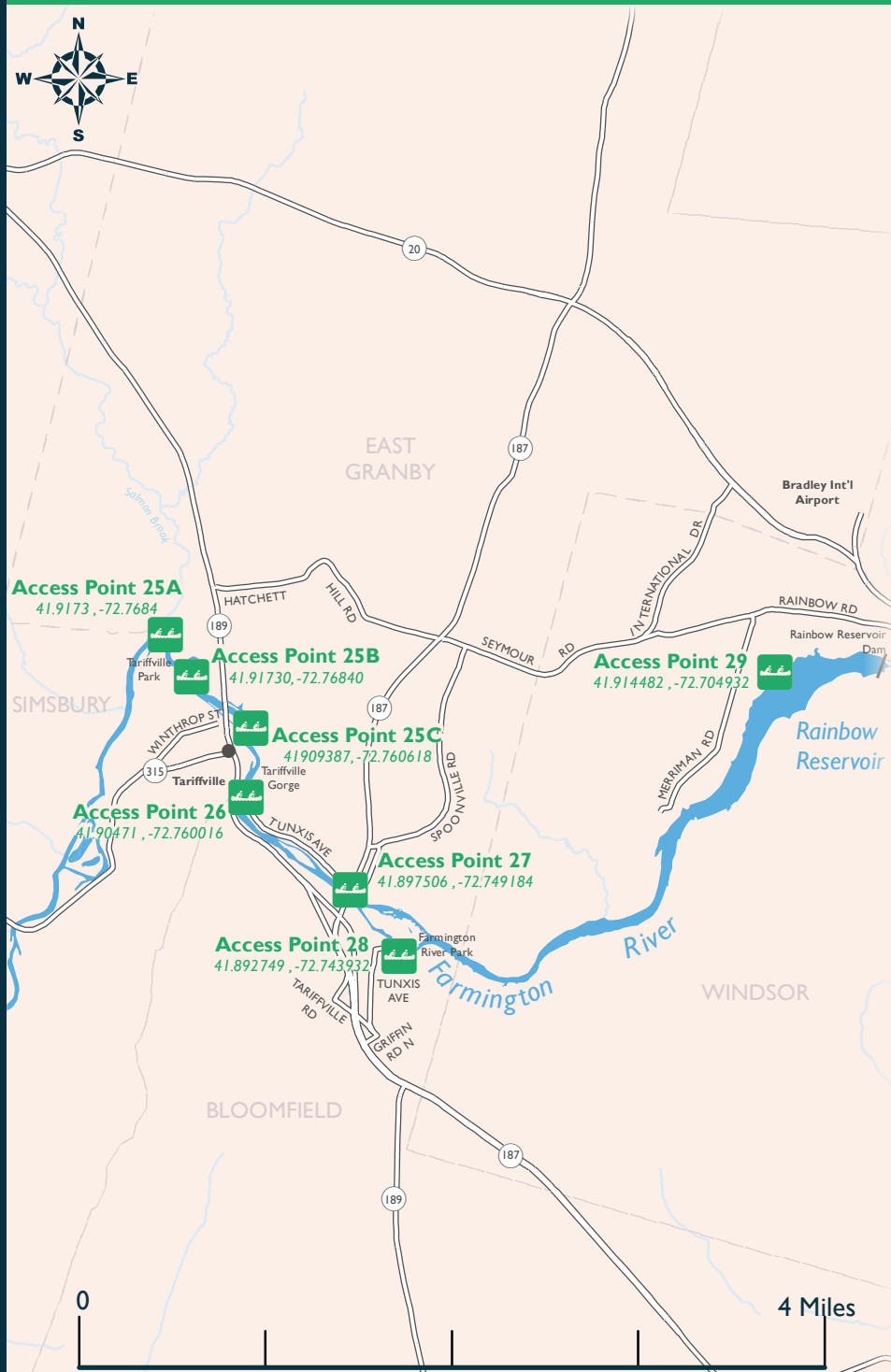


FARMINGTON RIVER

RECREATION AREA #6



Lower
Farmington River
and Salmon Brook
WILD & SCENIC



Boating Information

Distance	5 Miles
Access Points	25-29
Difficulty	Class II, III, IV
Towns	Simsbury, East Granby, Bloomfield, Windsor, CT
Tributaries	Salmon Brook

PUT-IN : Access Points 25(A, B, C) EXPERTS ONLY, Tariffville Park, Simsbury, CT
Directions: There are 2 locations for Access Pt 26, about 0.4 miles apart.

For 25A: From Rt. 10 north in Simsbury, take Rt. 315 east for 1.5 miles. Go up hill and continue straight onto Winthrop Street in the Tariffville section of Simsbury. Turn left onto Main Street and go 0.2 miles. After the left turn onto Main Street 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 the second loop turn around next to the river (turn right at the first one). There is a very good sandy beach put-in here, as the river makes a 180° turn. The confluence with Salmon Brook is on the opposite bank. This put-in is for those boaters that want to warm up on 0.5 miles of Class I and 2, before the expert section begins.

For 25B: From Rt. 10 north in Simsbury, take Rt. 315 east for 1.5 miles. Go up hill and continue straight onto Winthrop Street in the Tariffville section of Simsbury. Turn left onto Main Street and go 0.2 miles. Then take a 90° right turn just before the "Hayes Landing" sign into the Park. At the Tariffville Memorial Park sign, bear right to the short loop turnaround. Park here and the put-in is a short path near a former bridge site.

For 25C: Follow Rt. 315 to Rt. 189. Turn left and very shortly turn into the Mill. Proceed to the back of the Mill, where access just prior to the Gorge can be made at the gazebo.

PUT-IN : Access Point 26 EXPERTS ONLY, Tariffville Gorge, East Granby, CT
Directions: This access point is just upstream of the beach at Tariffville Gorge on river left. From Simsbury, take Rt. 10 to Rt. 315 east to Rt. 189 south to Rt. 187 north. After crossing the Farmington River on Rt. 187, take the first right turn onto Spoonville Road. Then take an immediate right turn. At the bottom of the hill, the road makes a sharp right turn onto Tunxis Avenue and proceed under the Rt. 187 bridge to the end of the cul-de-sac. There are 4 put-in locations from here, based on water level and skill level, if the gauge is above 1.5, many carry up 0.3 miles on a trail that parallels the river. Below 1.5, many put in just below the abutments (follow the trail off the old road to the bridge site). Two other put-ins are found down a wide trail past the concrete blocks. This trail ends at the Sandy Beach which is next to the Lower Hole, a favorite white water play spot. As this wide trail levels off, turn right to a launch site above this set of rapids.

PUT-IN : Access Point 27 ALL PADDLERS, Rt. 187 Bridge, East Granby, CT
Directions: From Simsbury, take Rt. 10 to Rt. 315 east to Rt. 189 south to Rt. 187 north. After crossing the Farmington River on Rt. 187, take the first right turn onto Spoonville Road. Then take an immediate right turn. At the bottom of the hill, the road makes a sharp right turn onto Tunxis Avenue and proceed to a point under the Rt. 187 bridge where you will find the put-in which also doubles as a take-out for the Tariffville Gorge.

Access Point 28, Farmington River Park, Bloomfield, CT
Directions: Going south on Rt. 189, exit to Tariffville Rd and turn left on Tunxis Ave. Going north on Rt. 189, exit to Griffin Rd N, take the first left turn onto Tariffville Rd and immediately turn right onto Tunxis Ave. From Tunxis Ave, turn right to enter Farmington River Park.

TAKE-OUT : Access Point 29, Rainbow Reservoir Boat Launch, Windsor, CT
Directions: From Simsbury, take Rt. 10 to Rt. 315 east to Rt. 189 south to Rt. 187 north. From Rt. 187, north of the Farmington River bridge, turn right onto Seymour Road and then make a right onto Rainbow Road. Then turn right onto Merriman Road. The access to the state boat launch is .2 mile on your left. From Rt. 91, take Rt. 20 east (Bradley Field exit) and turn right onto Hamilton Road exit, then left at end of exit onto Hamilton Road and finally right onto Rainbow Road for 1.1 miles and left onto Merriman Road. Access to the state boat launch is .2 mile on your left. This area and the reservoir can have heavy motorboat traffic including speedboats and water skiers, yet offers good fishing.

Note: The Gorge can be a very dangerous segment to paddle. Running it for the first several times should be done in the company of experienced Gorge paddlers.

Description: The Gorge is one of the rapids in New England that can be run year round. The many great routes through the Gorge make it a very popular place to practice intermediate and expert maneuvers.