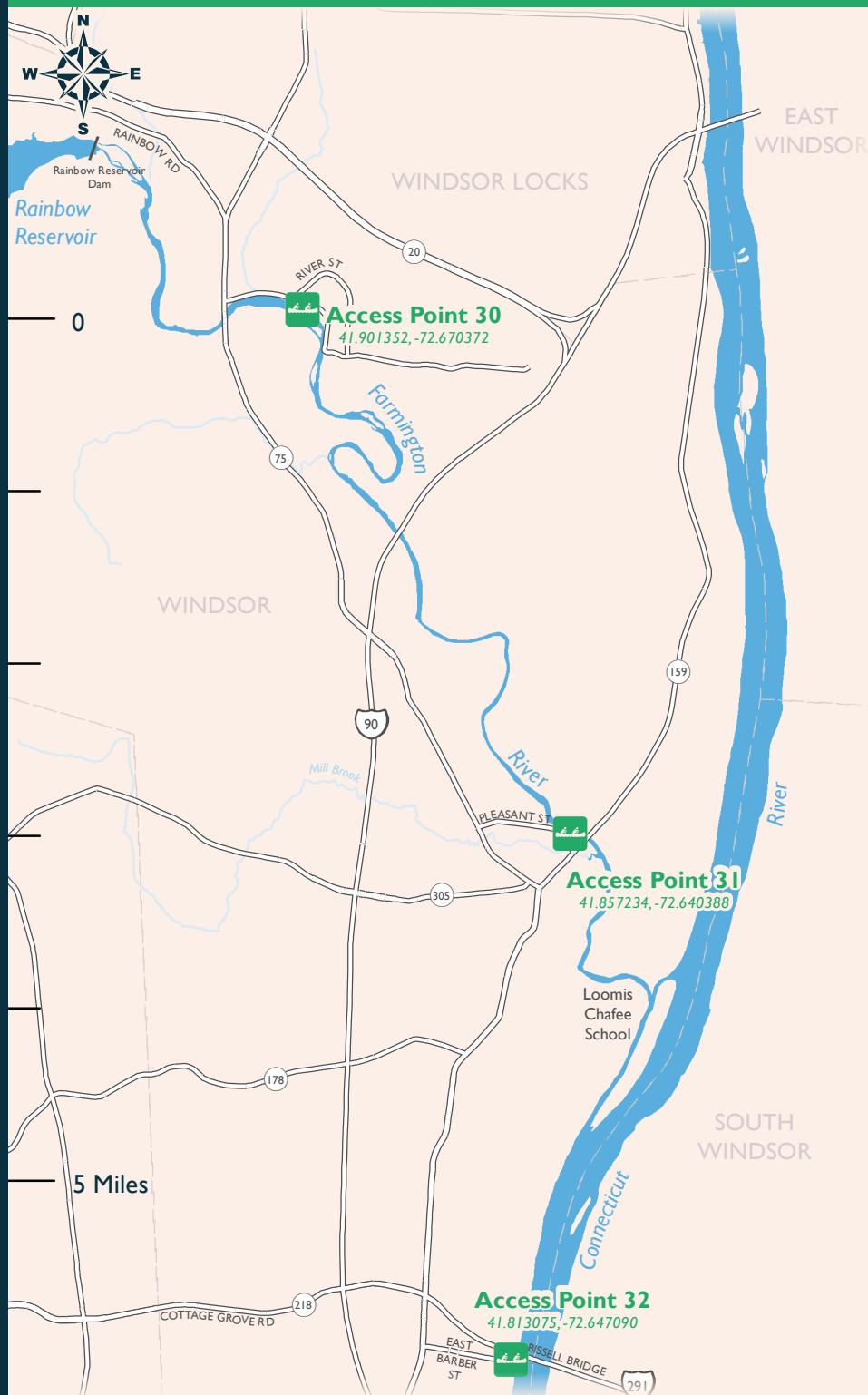


# FARMINGTON RIVER

## RECREATION AREA #7



Lower  
Farmington River  
and Salmon Brook  
WILD & SCENIC



### Boating Information

Distance	9 Miles
Access Points	30-32
Difficulty	Class II
Towns	Windsor, CT
Tributaries	Mill Brook

#### PUT-IN :Access Point 30, River Street Boat Launch,Windsor, CT

**Directions:** From Rt. 20, take Rt. 75 to the Poquonock section of Windsor. In the center of Poquonock at the traffic light, turn left onto River Street. Follow River Street for approximately .3 miles. Turn right into Strawberry Hills Park. During periods of low water, this area can be "scratchy." Better launching times may be around 12:00 p.m. when water is typically released from the reservoir. **NOTE:** If you wish to run the rapids: In Poquonock, turn right onto Niles Road and continue to Welch Park. At the back of this town park there is a difficult carry to access the river and no formal boat launch.

#### Access Point 31, Pleasant Street Park, Windsor, CT

**Directions:** This asphalt launch ramp is behind Bart's Bait and Sporting Goods Store on Rt. 159, located one mile north from jct. Rt. 75/305/159 in the center of Windsor. Note: Put in here only after 12:00 p.m. Due to the release from the hydro facility upstream, there typically is not enough water to boat here before noon.

#### TAKE-OUT :Access Point 32, East Barber Street Boat Launch,Windsor, CT

**Directions:** This take-out is on the Connecticut River just past the Bissell Bridge on river right. From Rt. 91, go east on Rt. 218. Follow Rt. 218 for 1.5 miles to Rt. 159. Go south on Rt. 159 for about .3 miles to East Barber Street. Turn left onto East Barber Street. The boat launch is at end of the street.

*Note: For safety, avoid paddling the Connecticut River section in high water or windy conditions. Use the Pleasant Street Park (Access Point 31) as a take-out to avoid the Connecticut River.*

**Description:** Rainbow is the name given to that portion of Poquonock (the northernmost village in Windsor) where the Farmington River makes its most graceful curve. Below Rainbow Dam, the water level is dependent on the schedule of water releases from the dam. There can be good paddling when the water level is high.