

# **DRAFT**

# **Ripley & Oregon County**

# **River Accesses**

Greenville Ford Access  
Myrtle Access  
George and Vida Martin Access

## **Ten-Year Area Management Plan**

### **FY 2018-2027**



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## OVERVIEW

Area Name	Area Number	Year Acquired	Acres	County	Administrative Responsibility	Maintenance Responsibility
Greenville Ford Access	7012	1970	3	Ripley	Forestry	Forestry
Myrtle Access	8434	1984	29	Oregon	Forestry	Forestry
George and Vida Martin Access	9804	1998	8	Oregon	Forestry	Forestry

### Statements of Purpose:

#### A. Strategic Direction

The Greenville Ford Access, Myrtle Access, and the George and Vida Martin Access provide fishing access and recreational opportunities on the Little Black River, Eleven Point River, and Warm Fork Spring River.

#### B. Desired Future Condition

The desired future landscape conditions of Greenville Ford Access, Myrtle Access, and George and Vida Martin Access are developed landscapes that promote recreation.

#### C. Federal Aid Statement

- Greenville Ford Access and Myrtle Access: These areas or portions thereof, were acquired with Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration funds to restore and manage wildlife, conserve, and restore suitable wildlife habitat and provide public access for hunting or other wildlife-oriented recreation.
- George and Vida Martin Access: N/A

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

### I. Special Considerations

Area Name	Priority Areas	Natural Areas
Greenville Ford Access	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None
Myrtle Access	Yes <sup>2</sup>	None
George and Vida Martin Access	None	None

<sup>1</sup>Little Black Forest and Woodland Conservation Opportunity Area, Little Black River Stream Reach Conservation Opportunity Area, Upper Little Black Priority Forest Landscape, Upper Little Black Fisheries Priority Watershed

<sup>2</sup>Eleven Point River Stream Reach Conservation Opportunity Area, Priority Forest Landscape, Eleven Point River Stream Black Bass Special Management Area

**II. Important Natural Features and Resources**

Area Name	Species of Conservation Concern	Caves	Springs
Greenville Ford Access	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None	None
Myrtle Access	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None	None
George and Vida Martin Access	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None	None

<sup>1</sup>Species of conservation concern are known from this area. Area managers should consult the Natural Heritage Database annually and review all management activities with the natural history biologist.

**III. Existing Infrastructure**

Area Name	Concrete Ramp	Boat Slide	Parking Area #	Privy	Other
Greenville Ford Access	None	None	1	None	1 picnic table
Myrtle Access	1	None	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	5 camping areas, 6 picnic tables
George and Vida Martin Access	None	None	1	None	N/A

<sup>1</sup>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible

**IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations**

Area Name	Deed Restrictions	Federal Interest	Ease-ments	Cultural Resources	Endangered Species	Boundary Issues
Greenville Ford Access	None	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None	None known	None observed	None
Myrtle Access	None	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None	None known	Yes <sup>3</sup>	None
George and Vida Martin Access	None	Yes <sup>2</sup>	None	None known	None observed	None

<sup>1</sup>Uses of land acquired with federal funds may not interfere with the purpose for which it was acquired. Closures to sport fishing must be based on the recommendations of the state fish and wildlife agency for fish and wildlife management purposes. Federal funds may also be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses may be acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.

<sup>2</sup>Federal funds may be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses may be acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.

<sup>3</sup>Endangered species are known from this area. Area managers should consult the Natural Heritage Database annually and review all management activities with the natural history biologist.

## MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

### V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

#### *Greenville Ford Access*

Management centers on providing bank access to the Little Black River and preventing activities from compromising stream bank integrity. There are few wildlife or forestry resources on this small 3-acre area.

#### *Myrtle Access*

This area consists of approximately 10 acres of bottomland forest and 19 acres of upland forest. Most of the uplands are white oak and shortleaf pine stands that were planted in the 1990s.

#### *George and Vida Martin Access*

Management centers on providing bank access to the Warm Fork Spring River and preventing activities from compromising stream bank integrity. There are few wildlife or forestry resources on this small 8-acre area.

#### **Challenges and Opportunities:**

- 1) Protect and maintain natural vegetation within the flood plain.
- 2) Protect water quality and habitats for species of conservation concern and endangered species.

**Management Objective 1:** Maintain a healthy forested riparian corridor.

**Strategy 1:** Maintain appropriate tree stocking levels as recommended in the Missouri Department of Conservation's (the Department's) *Watershed and Stream Management Guidelines for Lands and Waters Managed by Missouri Department of Conservation* (2009). (Forestry)

**Strategy 2:** Manage forested acreage in the flood plain as old growth. (Forestry)

### VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

#### **Challenges and Opportunities:**

- 1) Protect water quality and associated habitat for species of conservation concern and endangered species.

**Management Objective 1:** Protect water quality.

**Strategy 1:** Minimize sedimentation to streams and tributaries from land management practices, roads, or parking lots, as recommended in the

Department's *Watershed and Stream Management Guidelines for Lands and Waters Managed by Missouri Department of Conservation* (2009) and the Department's *Missouri Watershed Protection Practice Recommended Practices for Missouri Forests: 2014 Management Guidelines for Maintaining Forested Watersheds to Protect Streams* (2014). (Forestry, Design and Development)

**Strategy 2:** Continue regular area cleanup and monitor for disturbances. (Forestry)

**Strategy 3:** Minimize equipment use and management activities within the flood plains. (Forestry, Design and Development)

## VII. Public Use Management Considerations

### *Greenville Ford*

Public use facilities consist of a parking lot and a picnic table. There is not a boat ramp, but the area is used by canoeists. Most visitors use the area for bank fishing and river access.

### *Myrtle Access*

Area facilities include a concrete boat ramp, ADA-accessible parking lot, ADA-accessible privy, six picnic tables, and five camping sites. Two of the camp sites provide tent-only primitive camping; three of the camp sites provide gravel pads with fire rings and picnic tables. Primary public use of the area is launching boats from the boat ramp.

### *George and Vida Martin Access*

Area facilities include a small parking lot. Most visitors use the area for bank fishing and river access.

### **Challenges and Opportunities:**

- 1) Provide for quality river access and recreational opportunities.

**Management Objective 1:** Maintain suitable public access at each area.

**Strategy 1:** Conduct annual area maintenance activities on the facilities that will provide for a clean and safe user experience. (Forestry)

**Strategy 2:** Continue the area maintenance contract for mowing and trash pickup at Greenville Ford Access. (Forestry)

**Strategy 3:** Continue regular patrols of the areas, especially during periods of heavy use. (Protection)

**Strategy 4:** Continue to maintain signage. (Forestry)



## **APPENDICES**

### **References:**

Missouri Department of Conservation. (2009). *Watershed and stream management guidelines for lands and waters managed by Missouri Department of Conservation*. Jefferson City, MO: Missouri Department of Conservation.

Missouri Department of Conservation. (2014). *Missouri watershed protection practice recommended practices for Missouri forests: 2014 management guidelines for maintaining forested watersheds to protect streams*. Jefferson City, MO: Conservation Commission of the State of Missouri.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1. Vicinity Map for George and Vida Martin and Myrtle Accesses

Appendix 2. Vicinity Map for Greenville Ford Access

Appendix 3. Greenville Ford Access Area Background

Appendix 4. Map of Greenville Ford Access

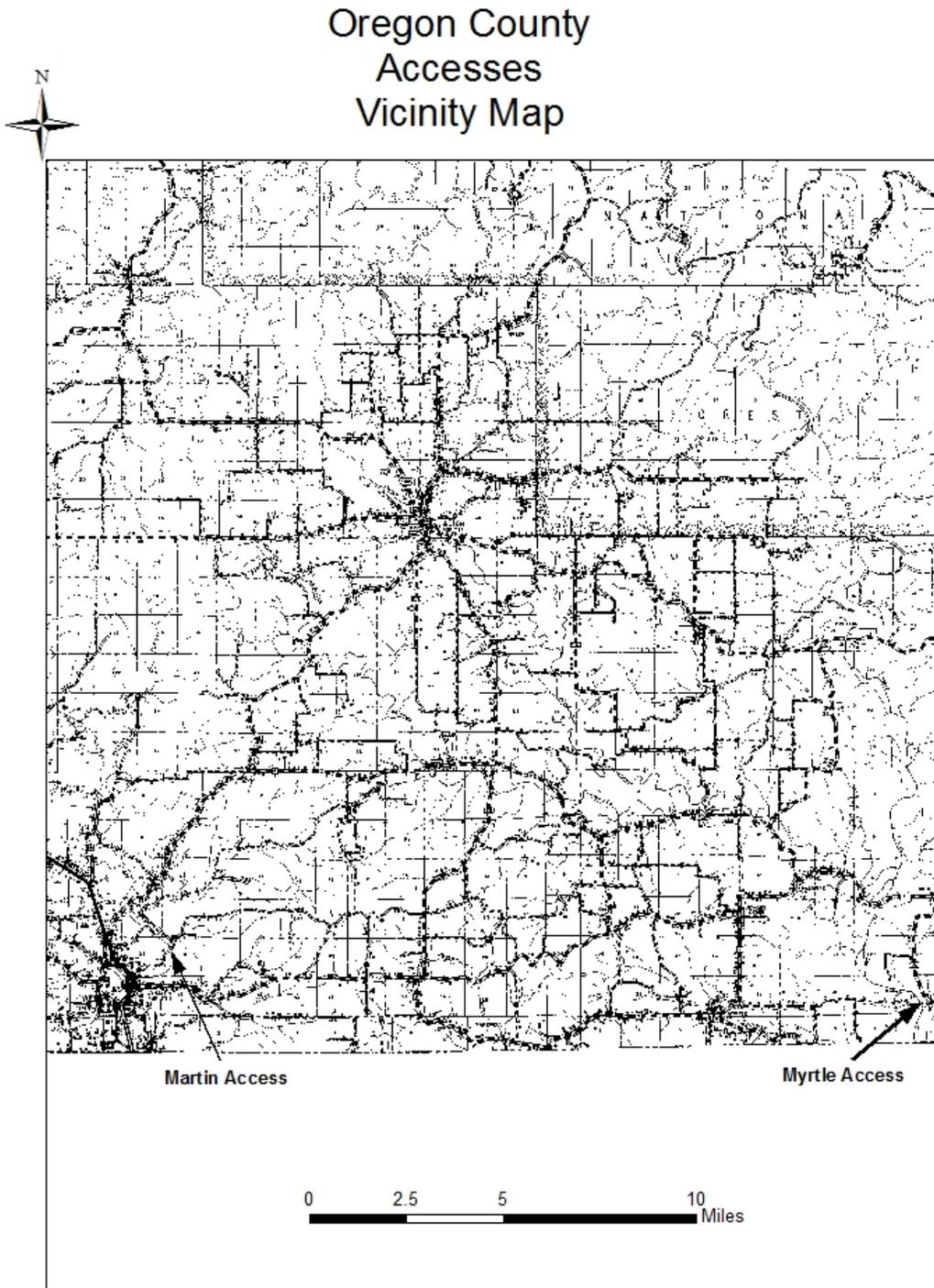
Appendix 5. Myrtle Access Area Background

Appendix 6. Map of Myrtle Access

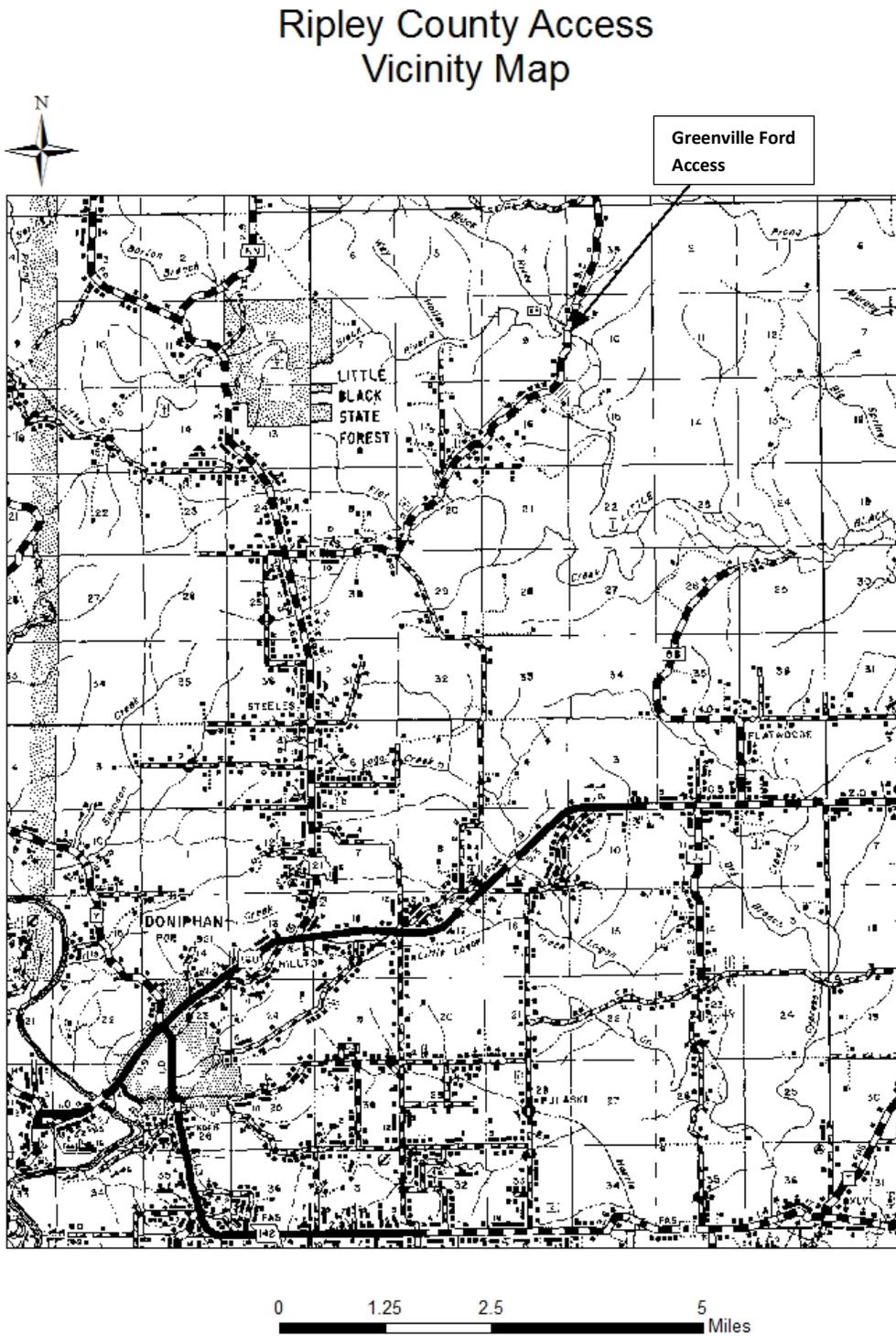
Appendix 7. George and Vida Martin Access Area Background

Appendix 8. Map of George and Vida Martin Access

**Appendix 1. Vicinity Map for George and Vida Martin and Myrtle Accesses**



Appendix 2. Vicinity Map for Greenville Ford Access



**Appendix 3. Greenville Ford Access Area Background**

Greenville Ford Access is located where Highway K crosses the Little Black River in northeast Ripley County. A small gravel bar under the bridge is used for accessing the river and bank fishing. There is light use of the area for launching canoes.

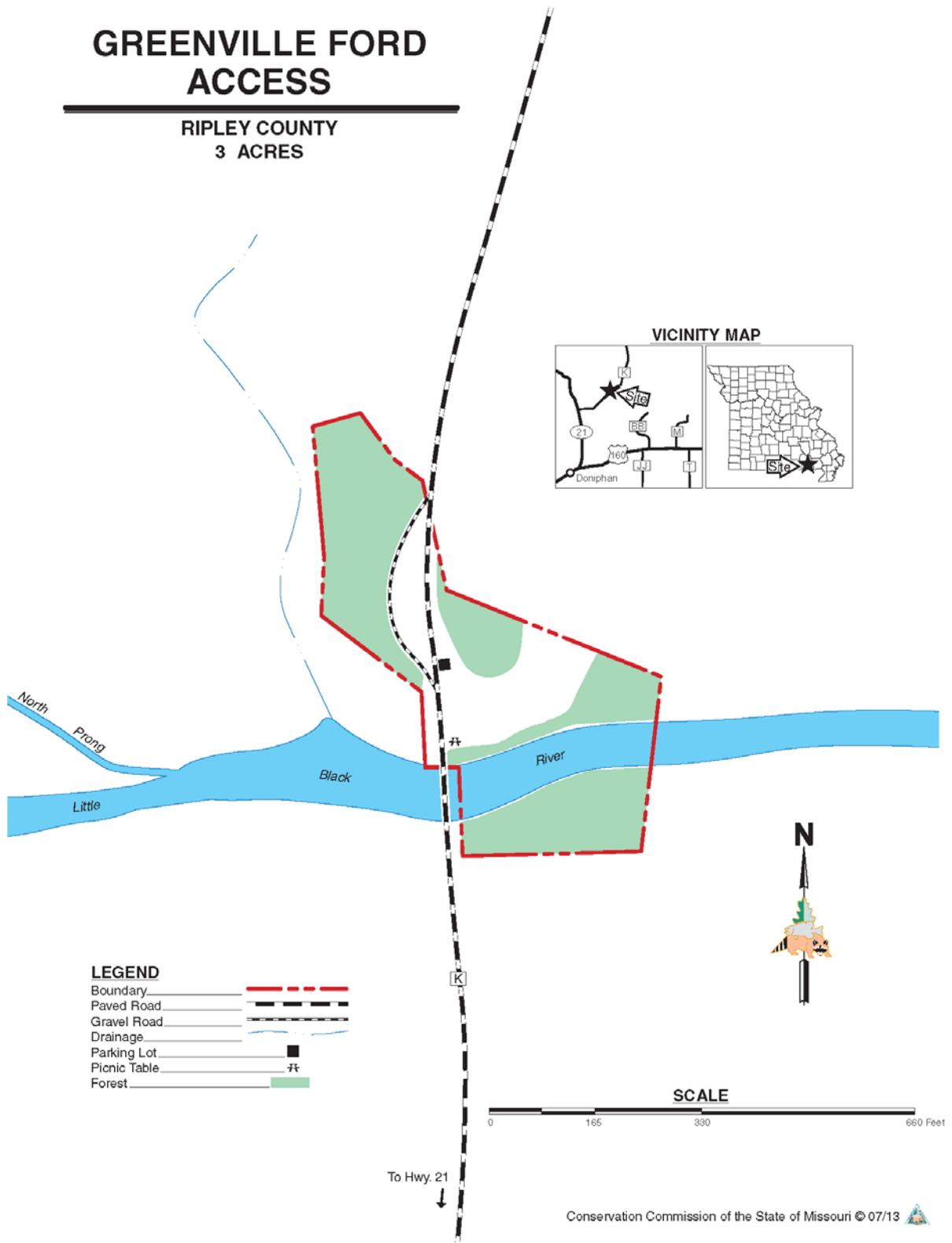
Legal Description: Sections 9 and 10, Township 24 North, Range 3 East, Ripley County

Area Location: On Highway K, approximately 4 miles east of Highway 21, northeast of Doniphan, Missouri.

**Current Land and Water Types:**

<b>Land/Water Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>% of Area</b>
Forest	2		67
Open Land	1		33
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>100</b>
Stream Frontage – Little Black River		0.1	

Appendix 4. Map of Greenville Ford Access



**Appendix 5. Myrtle Access Area Background**

Myrtle Access is located on the Eleven Point River in southeast Oregon County. Launching boats at the concrete boat ramp is the main use of the area. The area is also used by campers and picnickers. There is some bank fishing adjacent to the ramp; densely vegetated banks make bank fishing difficult on the rest of the area.

Legal Description: Section 34, Township 22 North, Range 2 West, Oregon County

Area Location: On County Road H-278, approximately 5 miles east of Myrtle, Missouri

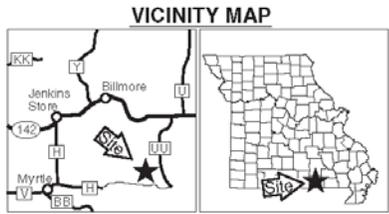
**Current Land and Water Types:**

<b>Land/Water Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>% of Area</b>
Forest	29		100
Stream Frontage – Eleven Point River		0.25	

Appendix 6. Map of Myrtle Access

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**LEGEND**

Boundary	
Gravel Road	
Unimproved Road	
Parking Lot	
Privy	
Boat Ramp	
Disabled Accessible	
Picnic Area	
Primitive Camping Area	
Designated Camping	
Forest	
Topography	

**Appendix 7. George and Vida Martin Access Area Background**

The George and Vida Martin Access were donated to the Missouri Department of Conservation by Dan and Maureen Cover of Thayer in honor of her parents. The main use of the area is accessing the river near gravel bar near the county road. Most of the forested bank is not easily accessible.

Legal Description: Section 28, Township 22 North, Range 5 West, Oregon County

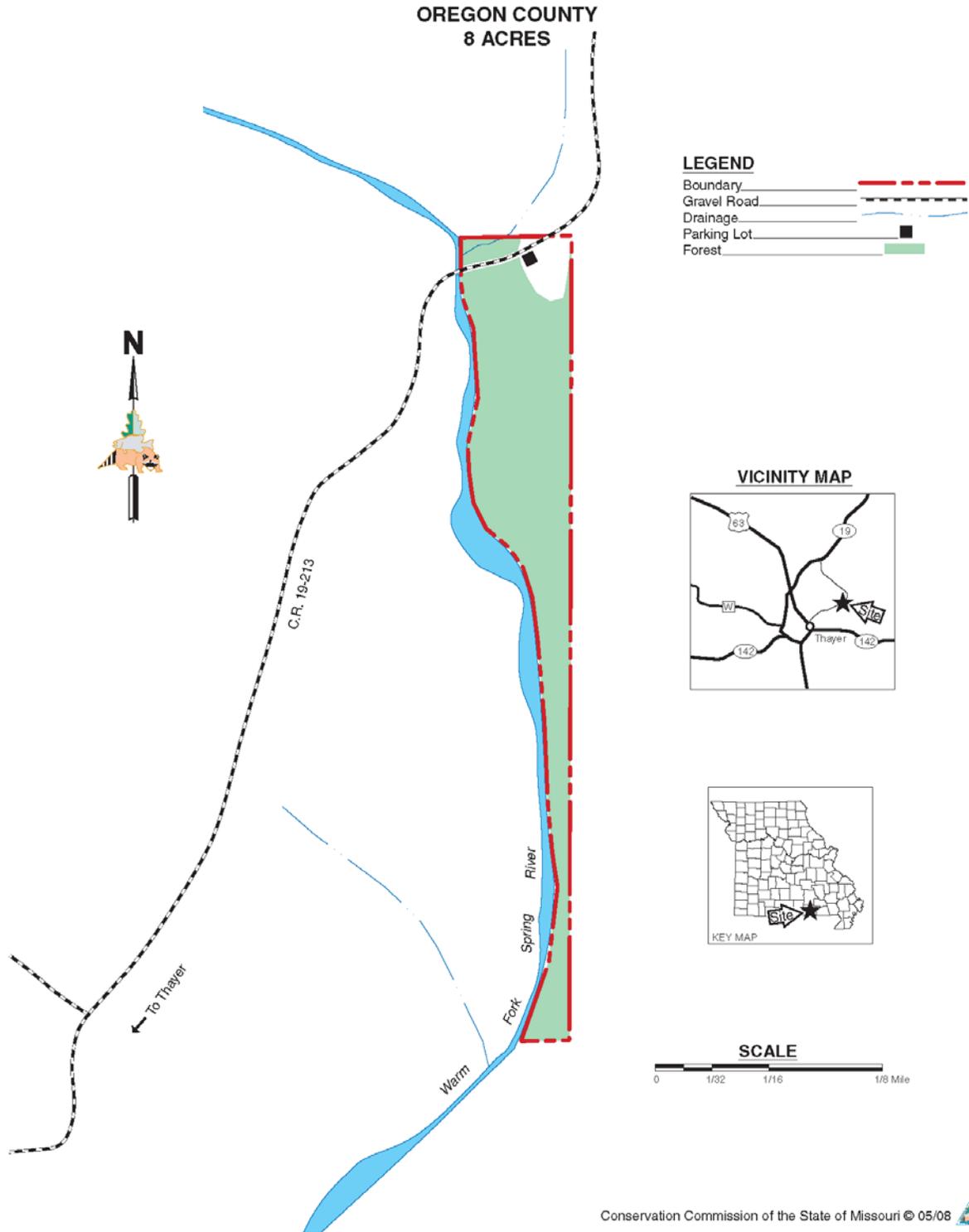
Area Location: On County Road 19-213, approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Thayer, Missouri

**Current Land and Water Types:**

<b>Land/Water Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>% of Area</b>
Forest	8		100
Stream Frontage – Warm Fork Spring River		0.5	

Appendix 8. Map of George and Vida Martin Access

# GEORGE AND VIDA MARTIN ACCESS



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