

# **DRAFT**

# **Franklin County**

# **River Accesses**

Colter's Landing Access

Mayers Landing Access

Redhorse Access

Reiker Ford Access

Union Access

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

### **FY 2017-2026**



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## OVERVIEW

Area Name	Area Number	Year Acquired	Acreage	County	Administrative Responsibility	Maintenance Responsibility
Colter's Landing Access	7506	1975	6	Franklin	Forestry	Forestry
Mayers Landing Access	7920	1979	6.6	Franklin	Forestry	Forestry
Redhorse Access	7931	1979	42.9	Franklin	Forestry	Forestry
Reiker Ford Access	7507	1975	10.9	Franklin	Forestry	Forestry
Union Access	6508	1965 <sup>1</sup>	10.3	Franklin	Forestry	Forestry

<sup>1</sup> Union Access is owned by the City of Union and leased to the Department through a 99-year lease agreement (expires 2064).

### Statements of Purpose:

#### A. Strategic Direction

These areas are managed to provide public fishing access to the Meramec River (Redhorse Access), Boeuf Creek (Colter's Landing Access), and Bourbeuse River (Mayers Landing Access, Reiker Ford Access, Union Accesses) for boat and bank anglers.

#### B. Desired Future Condition

The desired future conditions of these accesses are developed landscapes that promote public recreation on the Meramec River, Boeuf Creek, and Bourbeuse River.

#### C. Federal Aid Statement

- Colter's Landing Access, Mayers Landing Access, Redhorse Access: N/A
- Reiker Ford Access: This area, or a portion thereof, was acquired with Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration funds to restore and manage sport fish, conserve, and restore sport fish habitat (or a buffer to protect that habitat) and provide public access for sport fishing.
- Union Access: This area, or a portion thereof, was developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars to provide land or facilities for public outdoor recreation.

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

### I. Special Considerations

Area Name	Priority Areas	Natural Areas
Colter's Landing Access	None	None
Mayers Landing Access	Bourbeuse River Fisheries Priority Watershed	None
Redhorse Access	None	None
Reiker Ford Access	Bourbeuse River Fisheries Priority Watershed	None
Union Access	Bourbeuse River Fisheries Priority Watershed	None

### II. Important Natural Features and Resources

Area Name	Species of Conservation Concern	Caves	Springs
Colter's Landing Access	None	None	None
Mayers Landing Access	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None	None
Redhorse Access	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None	None
Reiker Ford Access	Yes <sup>1</sup>	None	None
Union 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	Privy	Parking Area #
Colter's Landing Access	1	1	1
Mayers Landing Access	1	None	1
Redhorse Access	1 <sup>1</sup>	None	1 <sup>1</sup>
Reiker Ford Access	0	None	1
Union Access	1	None	1

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

**IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations**

<b>Area Name</b>	<b>Deed Restrictions</b>	<b>Federal Interest</b>	<b>Easements</b>	<b>Cultural Resources</b>	<b>Endangered Species</b>	<b>Boundary Issues</b>
Colter’s Landing Access	None	Yes <sup>2</sup>	None	None	None observed	None
Mayers Landing Access	None	Yes <sup>3</sup>	None	Yes <sup>7</sup>	Yes <sup>9</sup>	None
Redhorse Access	None	Yes <sup>3</sup>	Yes <sup>6</sup>	None	Yes <sup>8</sup>	None
Reiker Ford Access	None	Yes <sup>4</sup>	Yes <sup>6</sup>	None	Yes <sup>8</sup>	None
Union Access	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes <sup>5</sup>	None	None	Yes <sup>9</sup>	None

<sup>1</sup> Union Access is owned by the City of Union and leased to the Department for a period of 99 years (expires 2064).

<sup>2</sup> Federal funds were used in the development of this area, or a portion thereof. The Department must maintain the developed project throughout its useful life. 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>3</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>4</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>5</sup> This land must provide land/facilities for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. 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>6</sup> County road easement runs through property.

<sup>7</sup> Records kept with the Missouri Department of Conservation (the Department) environmental compliance specialist. Managers should follow best management practices for Cultural Resources found in the Department Resource Policy Manual.

<sup>8</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.

<sup>9</sup> Endangered Species are not known from this site, but are found in the surrounding area. Area managers should consult annually with the natural history biologist.

## MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

### V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

There are few wildlife or forestry resources on these small areas. Area maintenance is provided by staff within Forestry Division through the use of litter and mowing contracts.

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

- 1) Maintain adequate riparian corridors.
- 2) Prevent soil erosion.
- 3) Control invasive species.

**Management Objective 1:** Maintain a wooded riparian corridor at least 100 feet wide.

**Strategy 1:** Consider forest management activities, if needed, only to correct forest health issues to maintain the existing riparian corridors. (Forestry)

**Management Objective 2:** Prevent soil erosion due to infrastructure, heavy public use, or flood events.

**Strategy 1:** Ensure roads and road-side drainages are managed to reduce runoff, sedimentation, and erosion. (Forestry, Design and Development)

**Strategy 2:** Clear flood debris as soon as possible following flood events. (Forestry, Design and Development)

**Strategy 3:** Plant vegetation or place rock, as needed, in areas where soils become unnaturally exposed. (Forestry)

**Management Objective 3:** Promote resource management that deters the establishment of invasive plant species; and treat invasive species as time allows.

**Strategy 1:** Assess and determine the extent of invasive species. (Forestry)

**Strategy 2:** If warranted and as time allows, implement practices to control invasive species. Look for opportunities to utilize volunteers for control efforts through Stream Team, Adopt-an-Access, and other groups. (Forestry, Outreach and Education)

### VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

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

- 1) Stabilize stream banks.

**Management Objective 1:** Maintain stream bank stability.

**Strategy 1:** As warranted, develop stream bank stabilization strategies to address specific erosion situations. (Fisheries)

## VII. Public Use Management Considerations

### **Challenges and Opportunities:**

- 1) Stream shift has impacted the river access at the Mayers Landing Access boat ramp.
- 2) The road location on Reiker Ford Access leaves the gravel bar susceptible to illegal off-road traffic. Options for restricting vehicular access are limited due to frequent flooding.
- 3) Maintain clean, safe, and user-friendly access for public use along Boeuf Creek and the Meramec and Bourbeuse rivers. All accesses are subject to periodic flooding and the associated maintenance challenges.
- 4) Prevent vandalism from occurring, catch violators, and repair damage from vandalism.
- 5) Keep the public informed of opportunities, regulations, and/or activities on these areas.
- 6) Maintain quality public area experiences: Encourage and enhance legitimate outdoor recreational opportunities for these high use areas. Public use of any Department area involves the establishment and enforcement of appropriate management regulations. Address issues concerning regulations as soon as possible.
- 7) Consider improvements or changes to access parking that will accommodate intended public use, but not put additional workloads on staff.
- 8) Provide fishing opportunities at each access as well as hunting opportunities at Redhorse Access.

**Management Objective 1:** Maintain suitable public access at each of the access areas.

**Strategy 1:** Ensure existing infrastructure is maintained regularly to Department standards and Federal Aid requirements for areas. Access maintenance for areas with concrete boat ramps must follow the Motor Boat Access Maintenance Standards. (Forestry)

**Strategy 2:** Clean ramps, parking lots, and roads of flood debris as soon as possible after flood events occur. (Forestry, Design and Development)

**Strategy 3:** Promote Adopt-an-Access. (Forestry, Outreach and Education)

**Management Objective 2:** Reduce vandalism at area accesses.

**Strategy 1:** Encourage open and timely communication between Forestry staff, Conservation Agents, adjoining neighbors, and local law enforcement concerning observed unlawful activities. (Forestry, Protection)

**Strategy 2:** Determine and implement best methods to deter vandalism. If necessary, conduct patrol operations with Protection, Forestry, and Fisheries staffs. (Protection, Forestry, Fisheries)

**Strategy 3:** Install barriers or vegetation to restrict illegal vehicular access from the parking lot, ramp, or roads. (Forestry)

**Management Objective 3:** Provide information to the public about these areas.

**Strategy 1:** Keep Conservation Atlas entries up-to-date for all access areas (including information about closures) to inform the public. (Forestry)

**Strategy 2:** Install and/or maintain signs on roadways leading to the areas as needed. (Forestry)

**Strategy 3:** Keep regulations and area information on bulletin boards posted so the public is aware of them and they are clearly visible. (Forestry)

**Strategy 4:** Promote use of the areas through media sources and advertise Outreach and Education programs held on these areas. (Outreach and Education)

**Management Objective 4:** Maintain safe areas for riverway recreational pursuits.

**Strategy 1:** Maintain a high level of law enforcement presence through patrols by Protection Division and other local law enforcement agencies. Respond to and follow up with information provided by other agencies, the public, and neighbors. (Protection, Forestry)

**Strategy 2:** Collect information to assist Protection in enforcement efforts on access areas. (Forestry, Fisheries)

**Management Objective 5:** Provide fishing and hunting opportunities.

**Strategy 1:** Maintain standard Department signs pertaining to fishing and hunting regulations. (Forestry)

**Strategy 2:** Conduct patrols to enforce area regulations. (Protection)

**VIII. Administrative Considerations**

**Challenges and Opportunities:**

- 1) Ensure that flood events and related infrastructure changes are well documented for potential Federal Aid reimbursement purposes, as required under federal funding guidelines.

- 2) Provide opportunities for the public to access the area for appropriate recreational activities.
- 3) Maintain identifiable boundaries for area users and to avoid conflict with adjoining property owners.

**Management Objective 1:** Keep all flood-related activities documented and on file at local Area Manager’s office.

**Strategy 1:** Provide Federal Aid information, as needed, to document all staff hours, maintenance activities, flooding costs, etc., as needed for reimbursement purposes. (Forestry, Design and Development)

**Management Objective 2:** Follow Department policy concerning activities allowable through Special Use Permits.

**Strategy 1:** Refer to the Department’s Resource Policy Manual for policies concerning issuing special use permits. If appropriate, avoid issuing special use permits during expected periods of high public use, if user conflicts are likely; or restrict the amount of area to be used. (Forestry)

**Management Objective 3:** Maintain visible area boundaries for all access areas.

**Strategy 1:** Mark boundaries at least every five years, or as necessary, to prevent user/landowner conflicts by visitors trespassing onto adjoining private property. (Forestry)

## MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE

Strategies are considered ongoing unless listed in the following table:

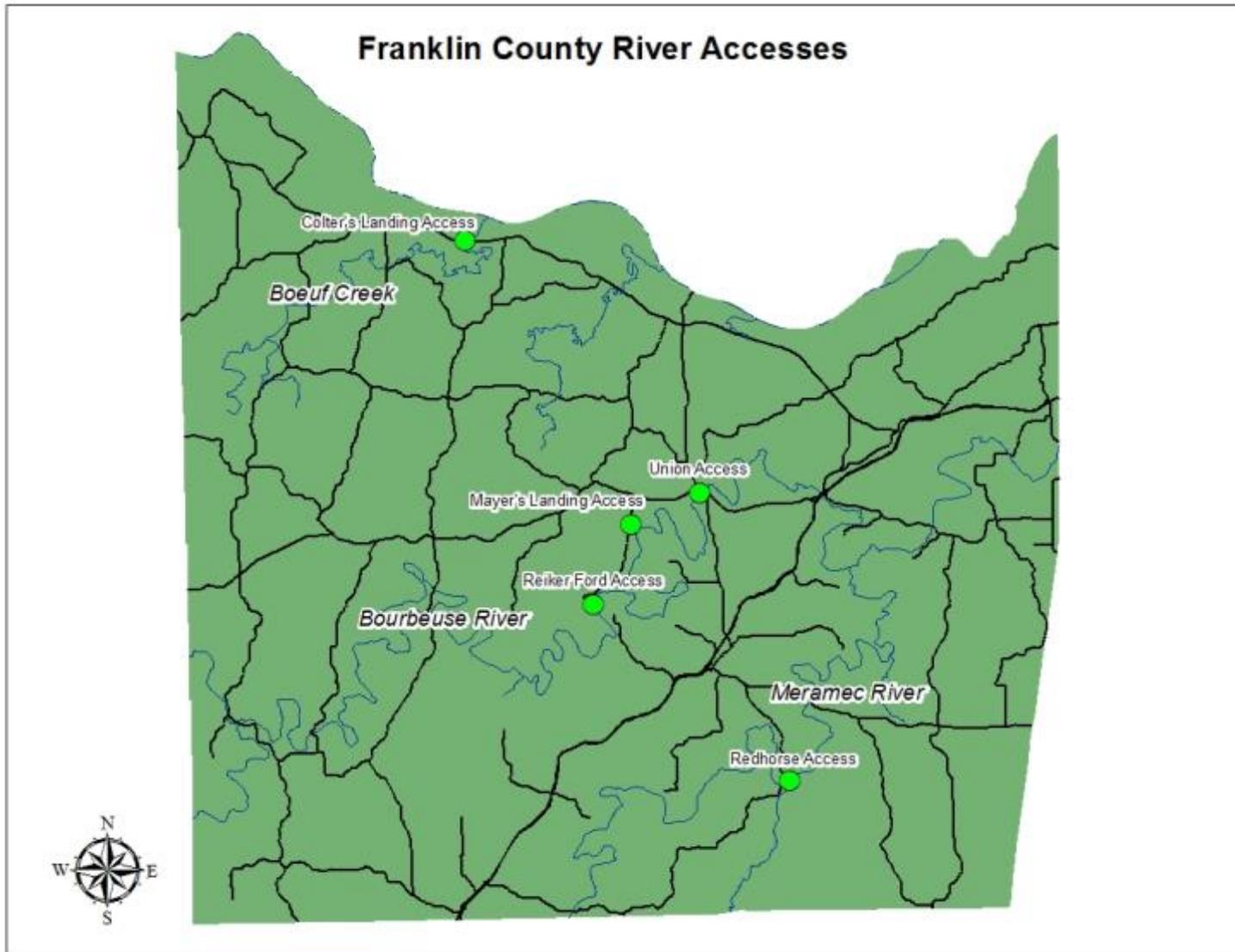
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<b>Administrative Considerations</b>										
<i>Objective 3</i>										
Strategy 1				X					X	

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Appendix 1. Map of all river access



## Appendix 2. Colter's Landing Access Area Background

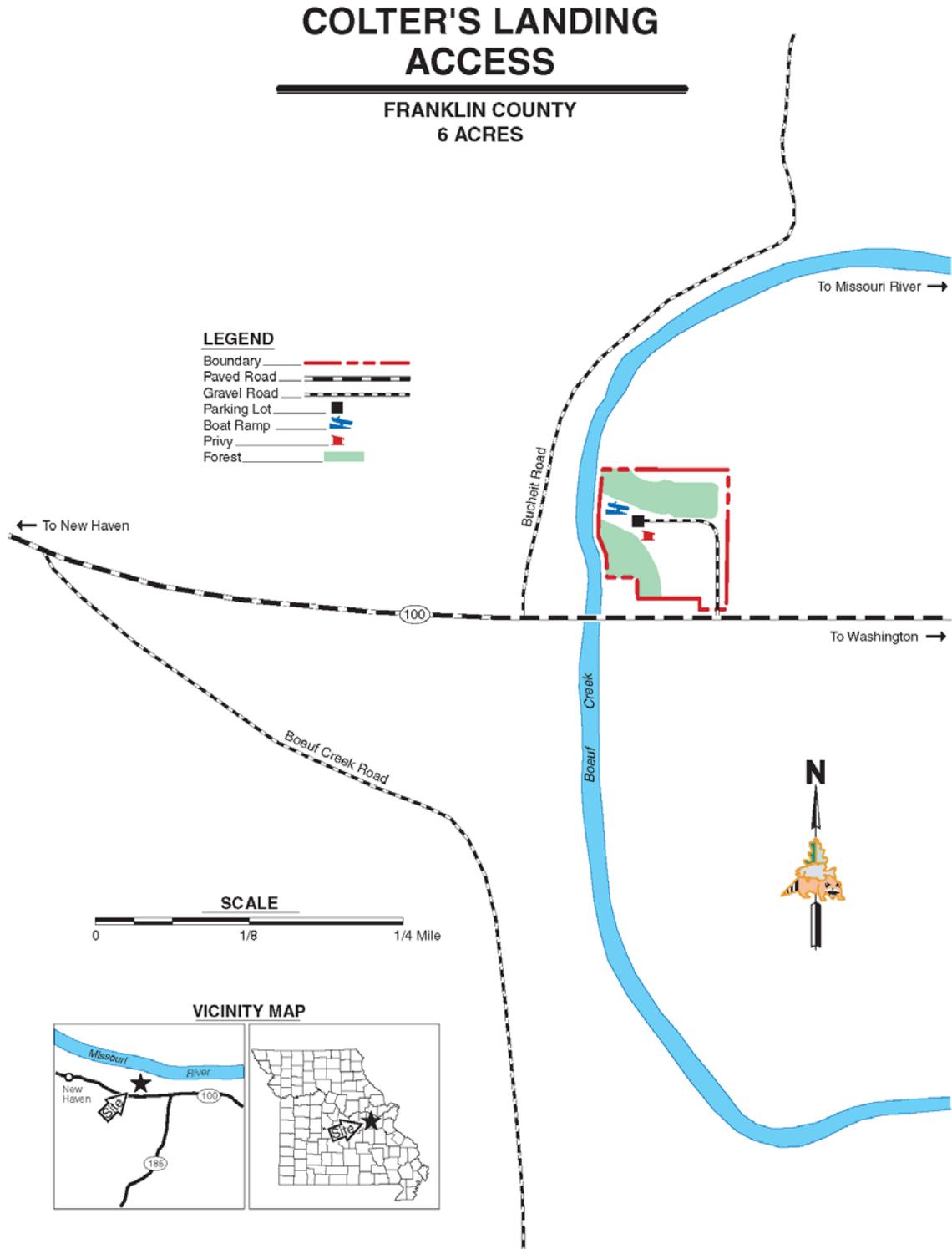
Colter's Landing Access is located along Boeuf Creek, 1.4 miles upstream from the Missouri River. It provides boat access to the river. Bank anglers also have a small length of bank that provides access to Boeuf Creek. The area was purchased from willing sellers in 1975 and has provided significant public use since that time. The area includes a small amount of bottomland forest and grassland.

Area Location: Colter's Landing Access is located 7 miles west of Washington on Highway 100.

### Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Grassland	4		67
Forest	2		33
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>100</b>
Stream Frontage		0.08	

### Appendix 3. Map of Colter's Landing Access



#### Appendix 4. Mayers Landing Access Area Background

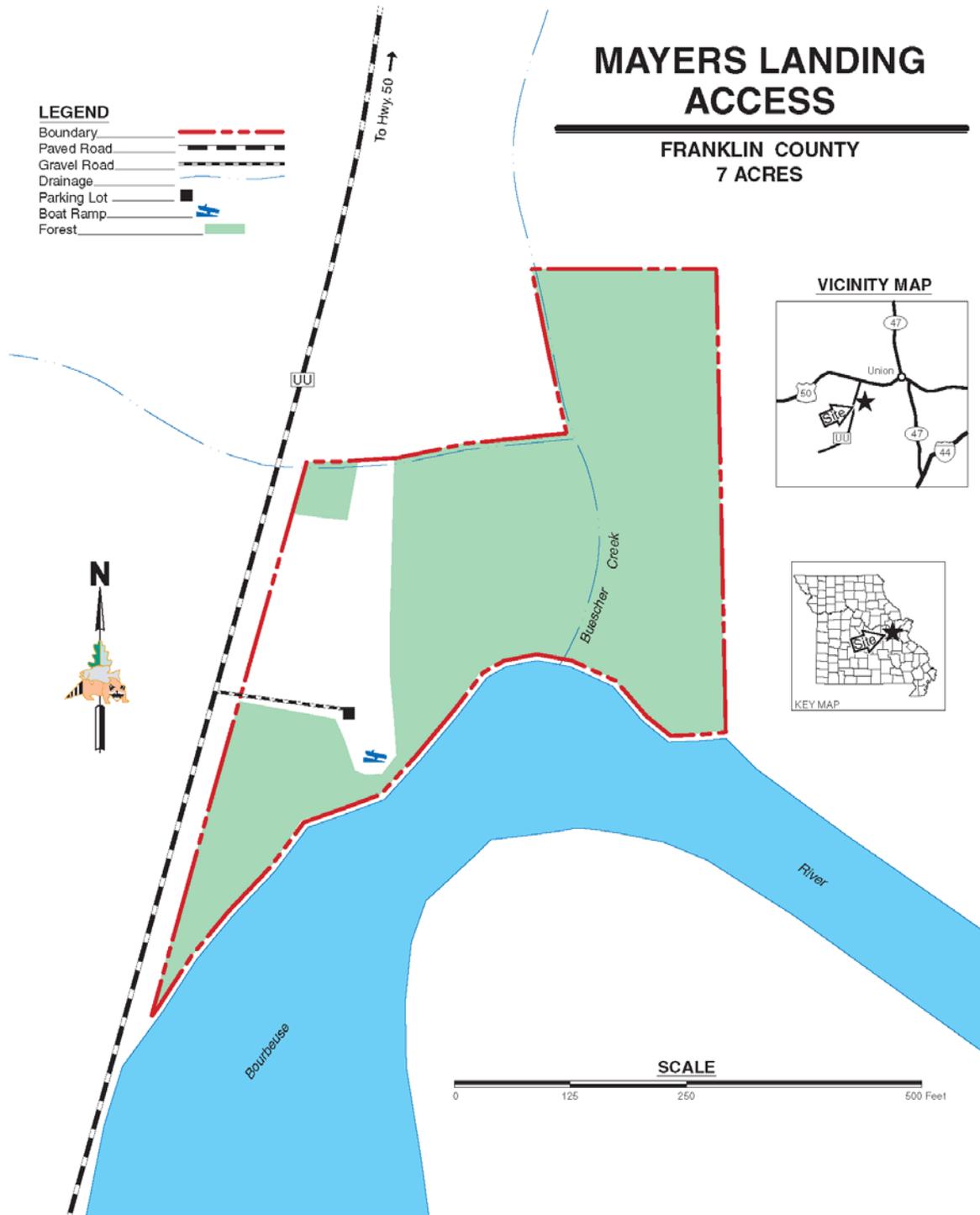
Mayers Landing Access is located along the Bourbeuse River and provides access to the river. The area was purchased from willing sellers in 1979 and has provided significant public use since that time. The area includes a small amount of bottomland forest and grassland.

Area Location: To get to Mayers Landing Access from Union, take Highway 50 west 1 mile, then Route UU south 1 mile.

#### Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest	4.6		57
Grassland	2		43
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.6</b>		<b>100</b>
Stream Frontage		0.1	

### Appendix 5. Map of Mayers Landing Access



**Appendix 6. Redhorse Access Area Background**

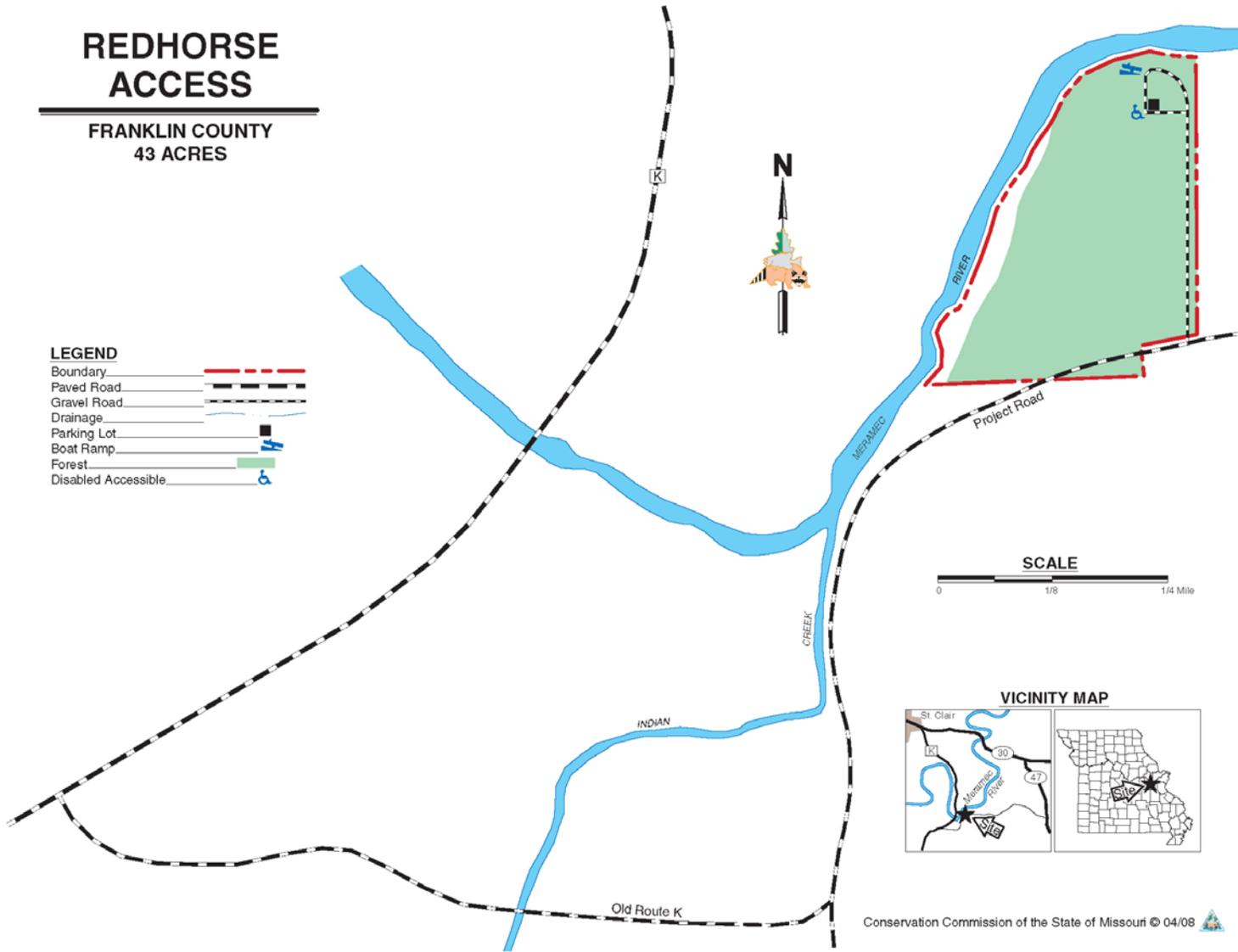
Redhorse Access is located along the Meramec River and provides boat access to the river. Bank anglers also have access to a gravel bar for fishing. The area was purchased from willing sellers in 1979 and has provided significant public use since that time. The area is forested with a variety of bottomland tree species.

Area Location: To get to Redhorse Access from St.Clair, take Route K south. After crossing the Meramec River bridge, take Old Route K east across Indian Creek, then Project Road north about 0.75 mile.

**Current Land and Water Types:**

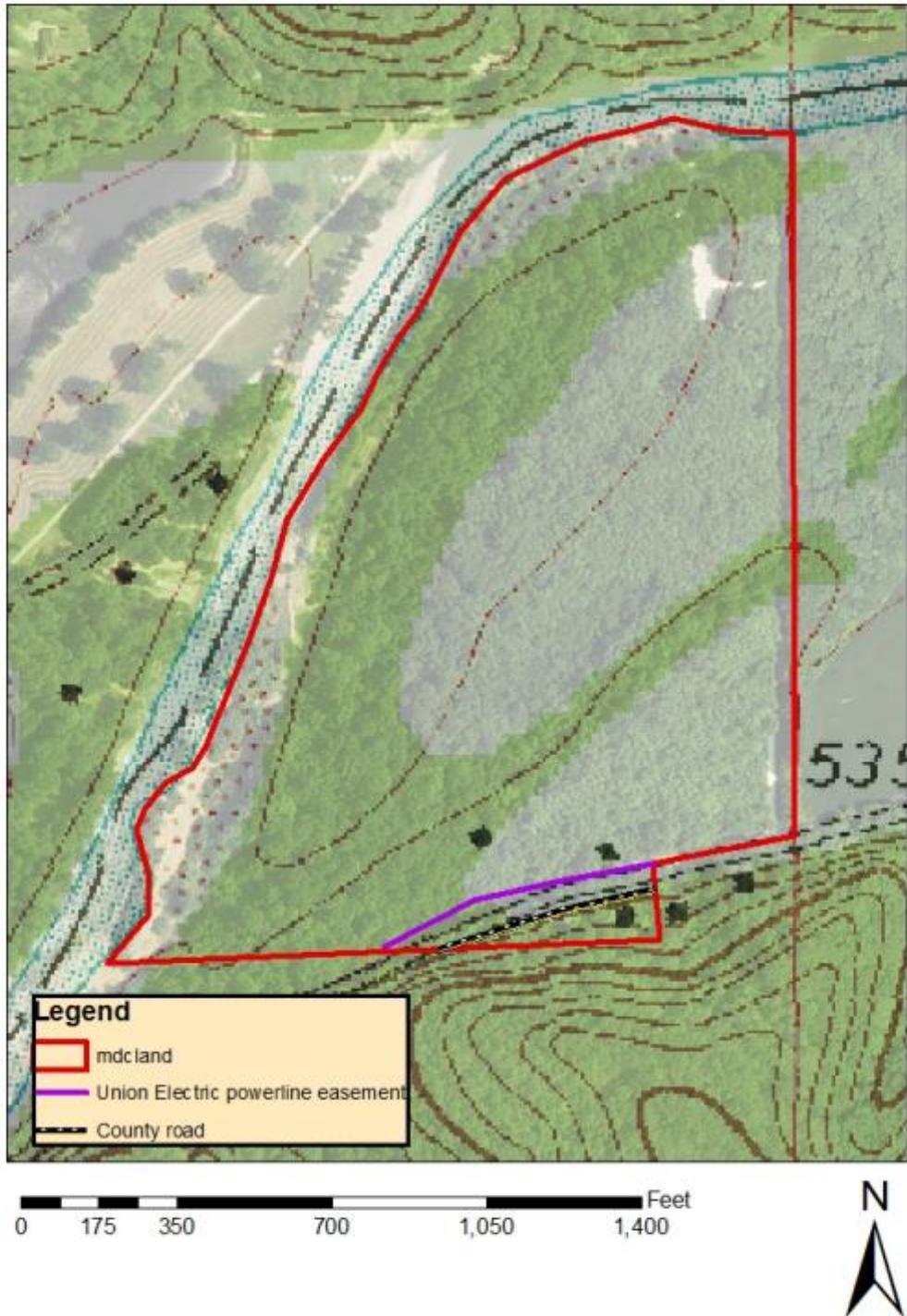
<b>Land/Water Type</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>% of Area</b>
Forest	42		100
Other (Gravel bar)	0.91		<1
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.91</b>		<b>100</b>
Stream Frontage		0.5	

Appendix 7. Map of Redhorse Access



**Appendix 8. Redhorse Access Easement Map**

**Redhorse Access Easements**



### Appendix 9. Reiker Ford Access Area Background

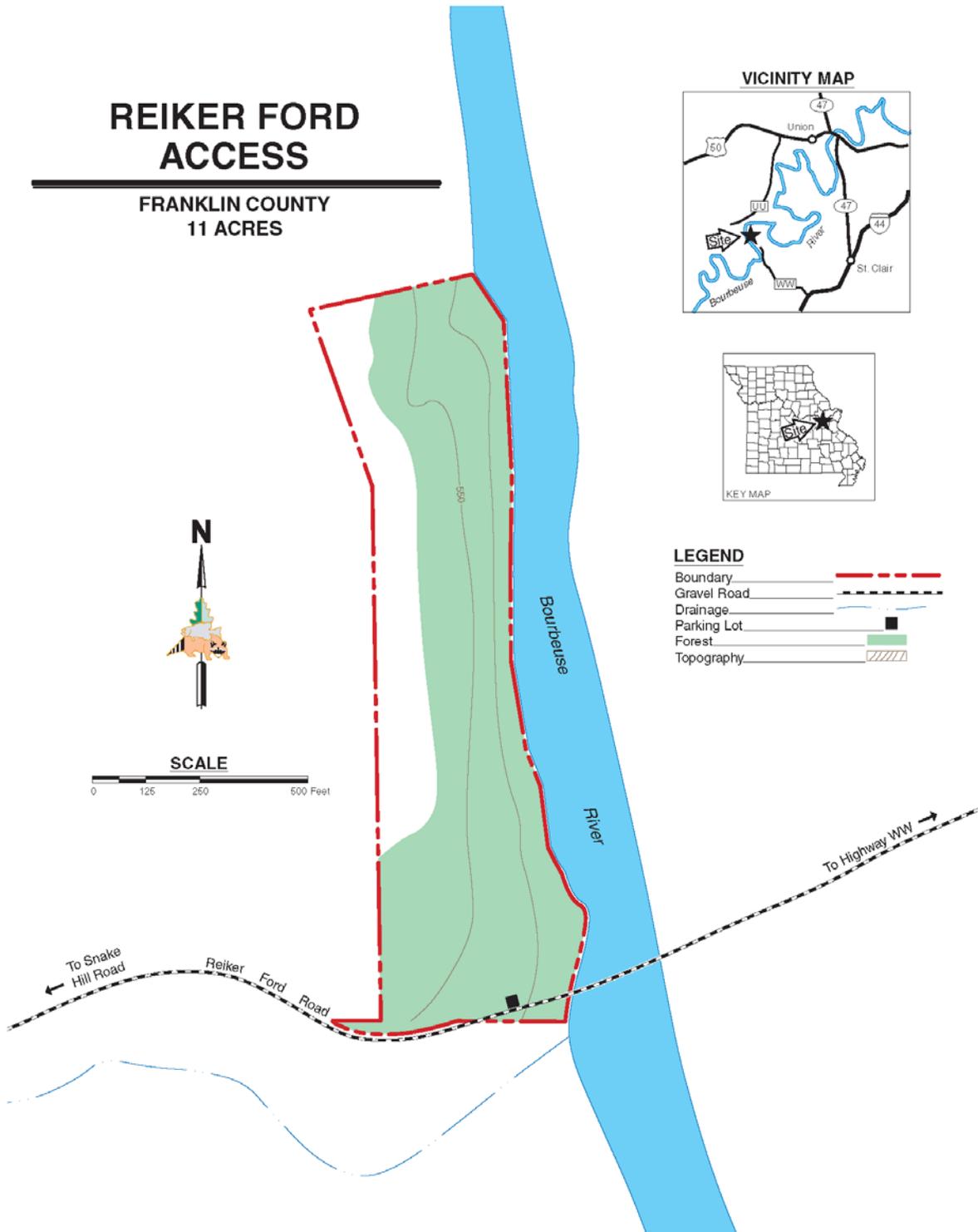
Reiker Ford Access is located along the Bourbeuse River and provides canoe and bank fishing access to the river. The area was purchased from willing sellers in 1975 and has provided significant public use since that time. The area is forested with a variety of bottomland tree species.

Area Location: To get to Reiker Ford Access from Union, take Highway 50 west 1 mile, Route UU south 5 miles, Snake Hill Road south 0.5 miles, and Reiker Ford Road east to the area.

#### Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest	11		100
Stream Frontage		0.5	

### Appendix 10. Map of Reiker Ford Access



### Appendix 11. Union Access Area Background

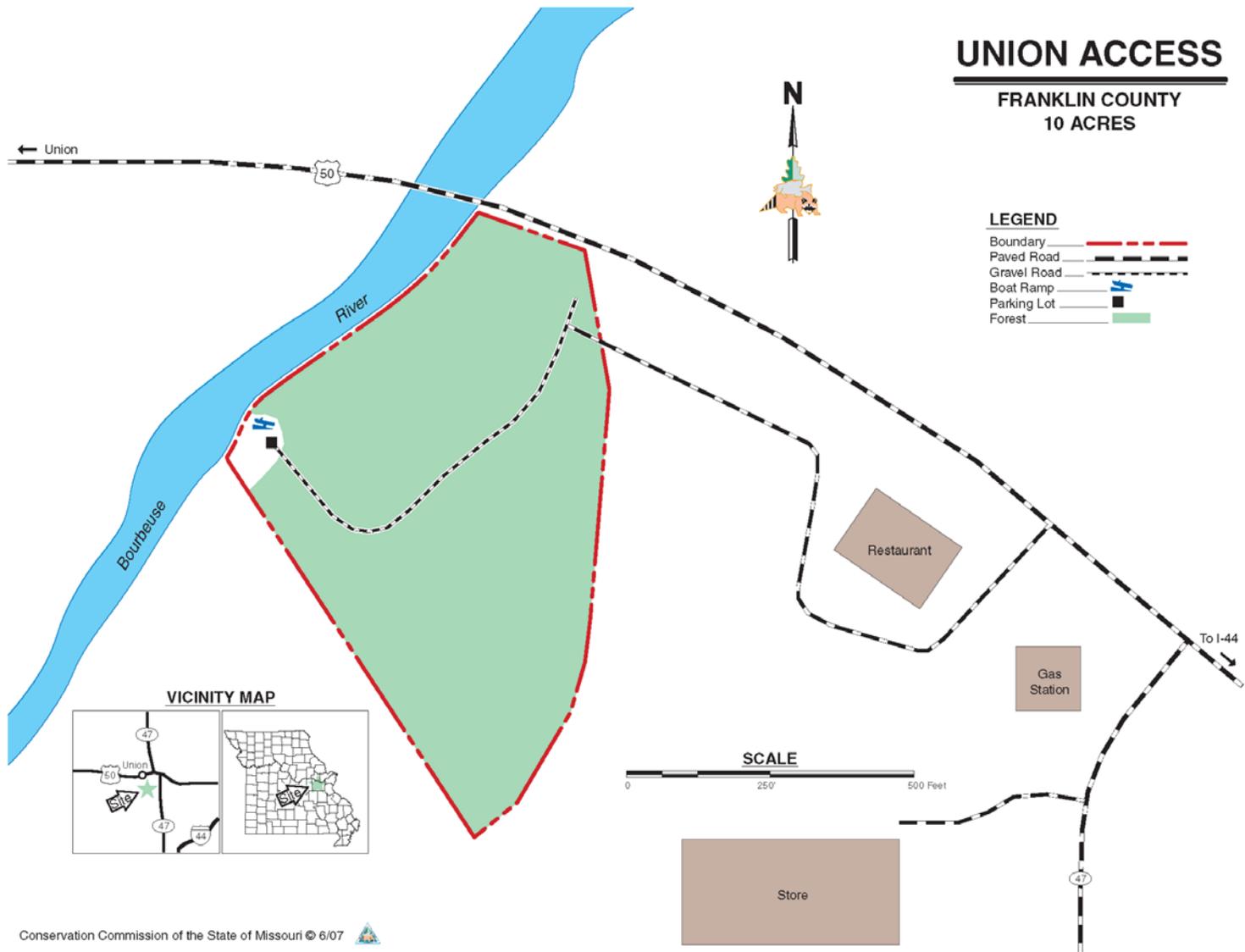
Union Access is located along the Bourbeuse River and provides boat and bank fishing access to the river. The area is leased from the City of Union and provides significant public use opportunities. The area is forested with a variety of bottomland tree species.

Area Location: Union Access is located in Union off Highway 50, near the intersection of Highway 47.

#### Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest	10.3		100
Stream Frontage		0.1	

### Appendix 12. Map of Union Access



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