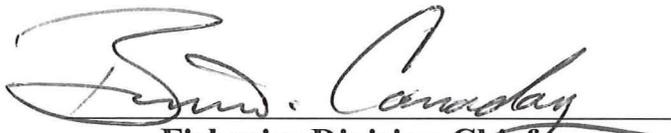


Loutre District Accesses

Hams Prairie Access
Loutre Lick Access
Moores Mill Access

Fifteen-Year Area Management Plan FY 2018-2032




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OVERVIEW

Area Name	Area Number	Year Acquired	Acreage	County	Administrative Responsibility	Maintenance Responsibility
Hams Prairie Access	8921	1989	28	Callaway	Fisheries	Wildlife
Loutre Lick Access	8008	1980	163	Montgomery	Wildlife	Wildlife
Moores Mill Access	7907	1979	101	Callaway	Wildlife	Wildlife

Statements of Purpose:

A. Strategic Direction

These areas are managed to provide public fishing access to the Loutre River and Auxvasse Creek for small boat, wade-angling, and bank-angling while protecting the streambanks from excessive erosion and maintaining healthy riparian corridors.

B. Desired Future Condition

The desired future conditions of Hams Prairie Access, Loutre Lick Access, and Moores Mill Access are areas that promote recreational with healthy riparian corridors.

C. Federal Aid Statement

NA

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

I. Special Considerations

Area Name	Priority Areas	Natural Areas
Hams Prairie Access	Yes ¹	None
Loutre Lick Access	Yes ¹	None
Moores Mill Access	None	None

¹Missouri River Hills Expanded Boundary – Forest and Woodland Conservation Opportunity Area; Missouri River Hills Expanded Boundary – Glade Conservation Opportunity; Priority Forest Landscape

II. Important Natural Features and Resources

Area Name	Species of Conservation Concern	Caves	Springs
Hams Prairie Access	Yes ¹	None	None
Loutre Lick Access	Yes ¹	None	None
Moores Mill	None observed	None	None

¹Species 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 #	Other
Hams Prairie Access	None	None	1	NA
Loutre Lick Access	None	1 ¹	1	1 campsite
Moores Mill Access	None	None	1	1 campsite

¹Gravel/mud canoe access approximately 100 feet from parking area

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

Area Name	Deed Restrictions	Federal Interest	Easements	Cultural Resources	Endangered Species	Boundary Issues
Hams Prairie Access	None	Yes ¹	Yes ²	None known	None observed	None
Loutre Lick Access	None	Yes ¹	None	None known	None observed	None
Moores Mill Access	None	Yes ¹	None	None known	None observed	None

¹Federal 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.

²There is a construction perpetual easement on 0.88 acres with Callaway County Road and Bridge for Auxvasse Creek Bridge. Upon completion of construction, temporary easements shall forever cease and terminate.

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Maintaining adequate riparian corridors
- 2) Preventing soil erosion

Management Objective 1: Maintain adequate riparian corridors to encourage a healthy and functioning stream.

Strategy 1: Maintain riparian corridors according to *the Watershed and Stream Management Guidelines for Lands and Waters Managed by Missouri Department of Conservation* (Missouri Department of Conservation, 2009). Establish and

maintain at least a 200-foot wooded corridor (100 feet on each side of stream) on all area streams.

Strategy 2: Where possible, enlist volunteers (e.g., Stream Teams, Master Naturalists, Boy Scout troops, etc.) to assist with planting trees and shrubs, where riparian corridors do not meet the recommended width. (Fisheries)

Strategy 3: Reduce mowing to allow succession to progress. (Wildlife)

Management Objective 2: Prevent soil erosion due to infrastructure.

Strategy 1: Ensure roads and road-side drainages are managed to reduce runoff, sedimentation, and erosion. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Preventing excessive streambank erosion

Management Objective 1: Ensure that the stream accesses demonstrate best watershed, riparian corridor, and stream management practices.

Strategy 1: Plan future public use facilities (privies, parking lots, etc.) so they have minimal impact on streams and riparian corridors. All facilities should be located outside of the riparian corridor, where feasible. (Fisheries, Wildlife)

Strategy 2: Boat slides should maintain a low bank profile to prevent back eddies and plunging currents. (Design and Development)

Strategy 3: Develop and implement management recommendations, as needed, for area streams with erosion problems. Maintain the area streambanks and facilities (e.g., boat ramps) by using best management practices (e.g., rip-rap, revetment, hard points, dikes, gradient structures, etc.) that are feasible and compatible with the purpose, goals, and objectives of this plan. (Design and Development, Fisheries)

Strategy 4: Inspect all streambank stabilization practices annually and undertake appropriate corrective and maintenance activities if deemed necessary. (Fisheries)

VII. Public Use Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Providing boat access along as much of the Loutre River and Auxvasse Creek as possible
- 2) Informing the public of recreational opportunities available at these areas
- 3) Maintaining areas in an inviting condition

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

Strategy 1: Maintain area parking lot and boat slide at Hams Prairie to ensure adequate access to Auxvasse Creek. (Fisheries)

Strategy 2: Explore partnering with volunteers to maintain the boat slide at Hams Prairie Access. (Fisheries)

Strategy 3: Maintain area parking lot and canoe/boat launching slide at Loutre Lick Access. (Wildlife, Design and Development)

Management Objective 2: Continue to inform the public of the opportunities at these areas.

Strategy 1: Maintain signage on all areas, as needed, in accordance with Department policy. (Wildlife, Fisheries)

Strategy 2: Work with regional media specialist to inform public of underutilized resources. (Fisheries, Outreach and Education, Wildlife)

Management Objective 3: Investigate ways to reduce maintenance required by the Missouri Department of Conservation (Department) at these areas, while maintaining them in an inviting condition.

Strategy 1: Explore utilizing volunteers (e.g., Stream Teams, Master Naturalists, Boy Scout troops, etc.) for minor area maintenance. (Fisheries)

Strategy 2: Replace wooden posts with large boulders to delineate the Hams Prairie Access parking lot, as needed. (Design and Development, Fisheries)

VIII. Administrative Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Consider acquisition of land, when available.
- 2) Investigate the acquisition of a suitable access site on the lower reach of the Loutre River.

Lands Proposed for Acquisition:

When available, adjacent land may be considered for acquisition from willing sellers. Tracts that improve area access, provide public use opportunities, contain unique natural communities and/or species of conservation concern, or meet other Department priorities, as identified in the annual Department land acquisition priorities, may be considered.

APPENDICES

Public Input Summary:

The draft Loutre District Accesses Area Management Plan was available for a public comment period Nov. 1–30, 2017. The Missouri Department of Conservation received comments from four respondents (Appendix A). The Loutre District Accesses Planning Team carefully reviewed and considered these ideas as they finalized this document. A brief summary of public input themes, including how they were incorporated or why they were not, can be found below. Rather than respond to each individual comment, comments are grouped into general themes and are addressed collectively.

Department responses to themes and issues identified through the Loutre District Accesses Management Plan public comment period.

The boat slide at the Loutre Lick Access is difficult to use. Suggests making the boat slide more accessible or replacing it with a concrete boat ramp.

The Loutre River at this location is narrow and shallow making it impractical to install a concrete boat ramp. This site was acquired as an access to the river for wade-fishing and very small boats and canoes.

Suggests planting a perennial food source for ducks in the ponds at Loutre Lick Access.

Waterfowl can utilize the existing aquatic vegetation along the river banks and in the small ponds that exist on the area.

Suggests liming the fields at Loutre Lick Access.

The fields are self-limiting over time as they are growing up in native woody vegetation.

Does not support using lead shot at these areas.

There is not a great deal of hunting that takes place on the area. It is unlikely that very much lead shot is being deposited on the area as a result.

Suggests selling Loutre Lick Access since it is difficult to access.

Loutre Lick Access is in a convenient location for access just south of Highway 70 along Highway N. It provides access to the headwaters of the Loutre River for people who enjoy wade-fishing or canoeing on the river. The Department has no plans to sell the access.

County Road 449 is incorrectly marked on the Appendix 4 map.

The Hams Prairie map has been corrected.

The Hams Prairie Access requires more law enforcement and better boundary line maintenance. Concerned with illicit activity at the area and trespassing from the access onto neighboring properties.

The boundary signage will be checked and replaced as needed. The work team that maintains the boundaries can be reached at 573-254-3330. For trespass and other illegal activities contact the Callaway County Sheriff's Office at 573-642-7291 or the Callaway County conservation agent at 573-239-8129.

Suggests selling Hams Prairie Access since the area is rarely used, offers poor fishing, and attracts illicit activity.

Ham's Prairie Access is in a convenient location for access to a large portion of the Auxvasse Creek for the people who enjoy fishing the river. Because of the county road right of way that exists at that location, the property would likely continue to be used for legal access to the river even if it were abandoned or sold. For trespass and other illegal activities contact the Callaway County Sheriff's Office at 573-642-7291 or the Callaway County conservation agent at 573-239-8129.

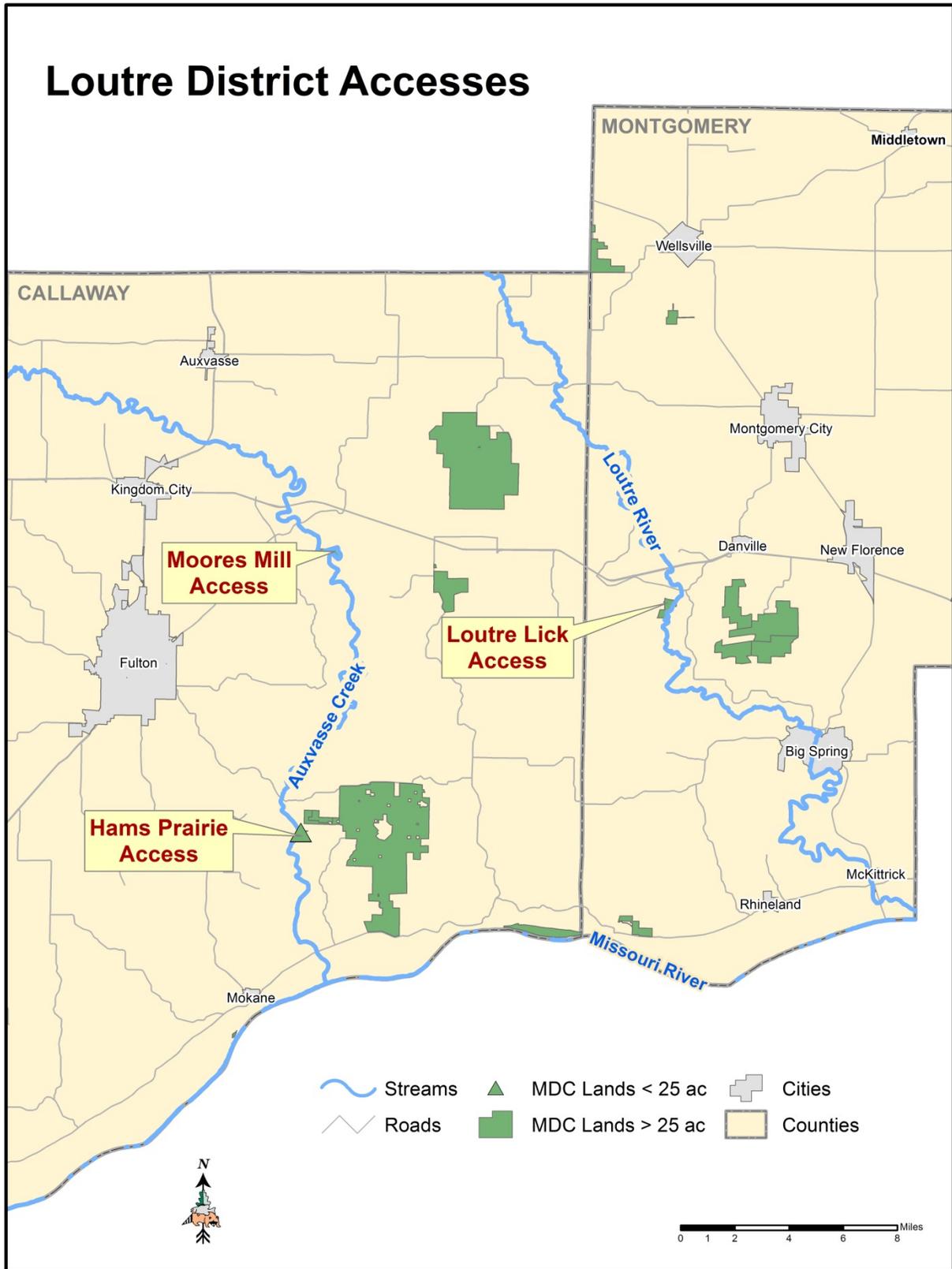
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Appendix 1. Loutre District Accesses Map



Appendix 2. Hams Prairie Access Area Background

In 1989, 28 acres were purchased on the Auxvasse Creek in Callaway County from Mr. Donald DeMeyer to be used as a public fishing access. The DeMeyer land parcel included 0.25 miles of stream frontage and is located approximately 5 miles upstream from its confluence with the Missouri River.

Development of the access began in early 1992 by constructing a parking lot and gravel road to Auxvasse Creek. The parking lot and gravel road are located on 2 acres south of County Road 428. The parking lot and road were upgraded in 2002 when the bridge over Auxvasse Creek was replaced and is still frequently used by anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. The other 26 acres north of the county road is forested.

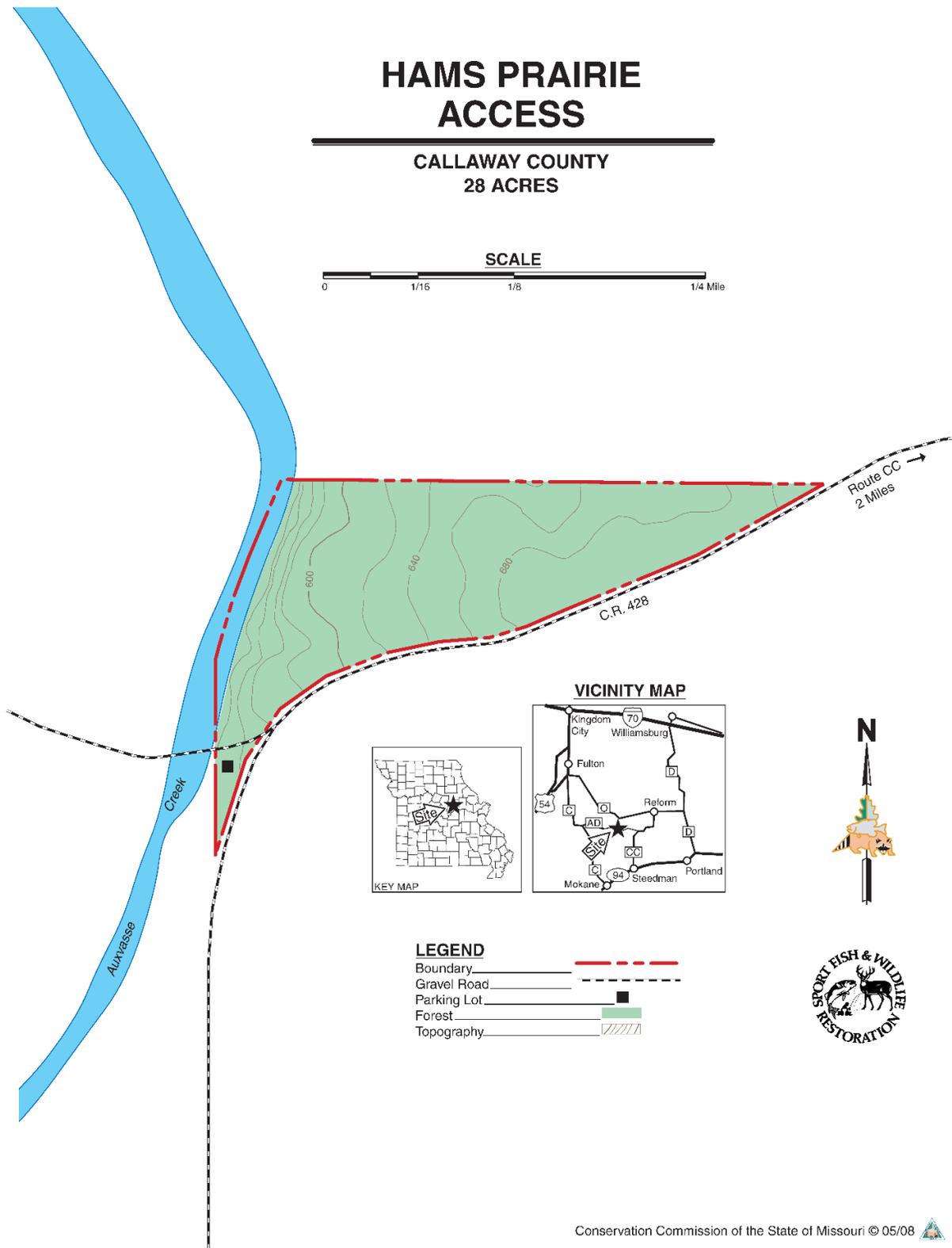
Legal Description: Township 46 North, Range 8 West, Section 17

Area Location: Hams Prairie Access is located approximately 2 miles west of Highway CC off County Road 428, southwest of Reform Conservation Area.

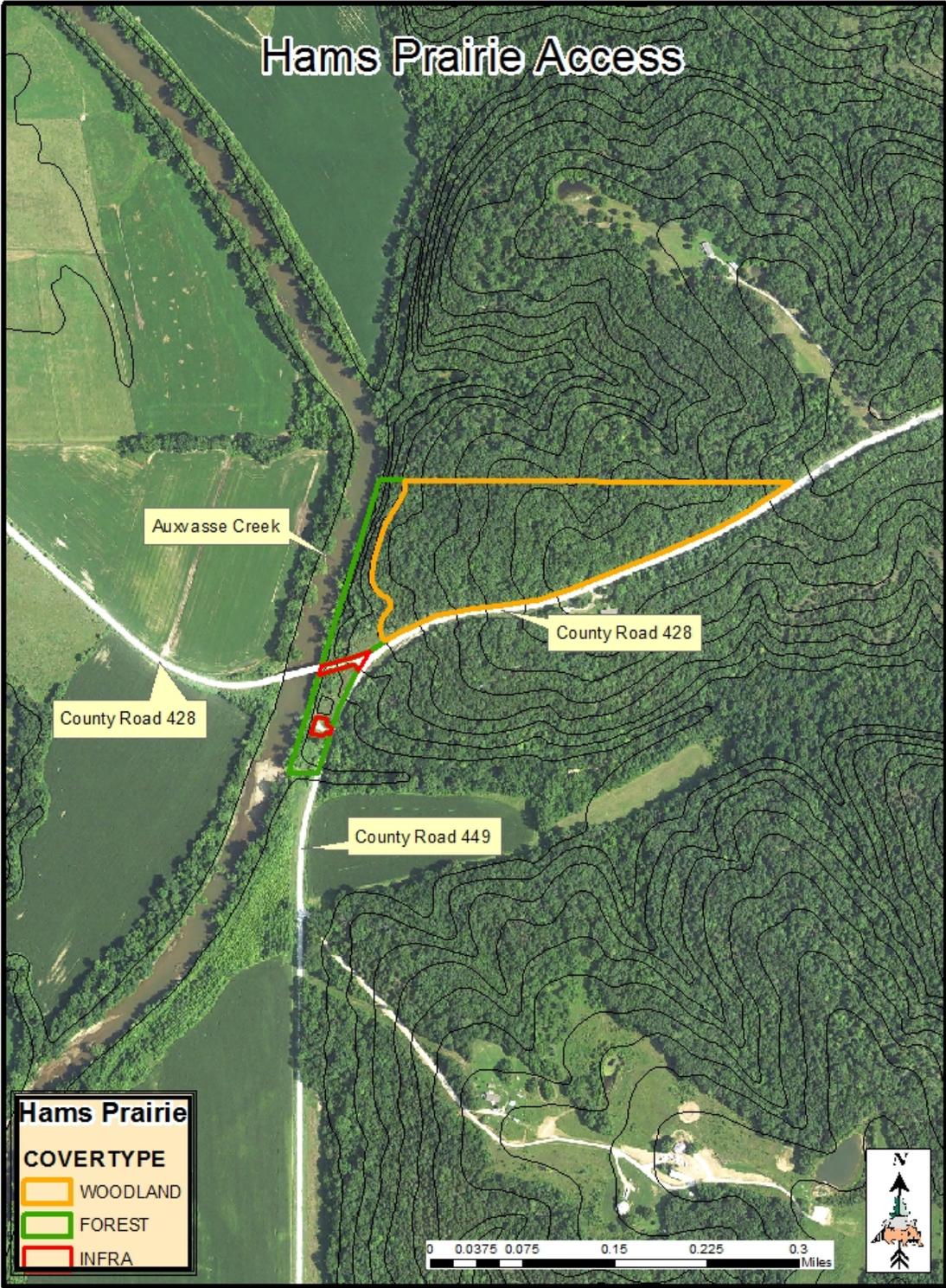
Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Woodland	20		72
Forest	6		21
Parking Lot/Gravel Road	2		7
Total	28		100
Stream Frontage		0.1	

Appendix 3. Hams Prairie Access Map



Appendix 4. Hams Prairie Access Aerial Map



Appendix 5. Loutre Lick Access Area Background

In 1980, 93 acres were purchased from Mr. Paul Sexton and 70 acres from Mr. and Mrs. Knoepflein along the Loutre River in Montgomery County. The land parcel included 0.7 miles of stream frontage and was the first public access to the Loutre River. The area provides opportunities for wade-fishing, bank-fishing, canoeists, hikers, bird watchers, hunters, and other nature enthusiasts. The area offers a canoe or small watercraft launching area to the river.

Legal Description: Township 47 North, Range 6 West, Sections 3 and 4; and Township 48 North, Range 6 West, Section 34

Area Location: Loutre Lick Access is in Montgomery County, approximately 1 mile southwest of Mineola, near Interstate-70.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest/Woodland	144		88
Old Field	17		11
Wetland	2		<1
Total	163		100
Stream Frontage		0.7	

Appendix 6. Loutre Lick Access Map

LOUTRE LICK ACCESS

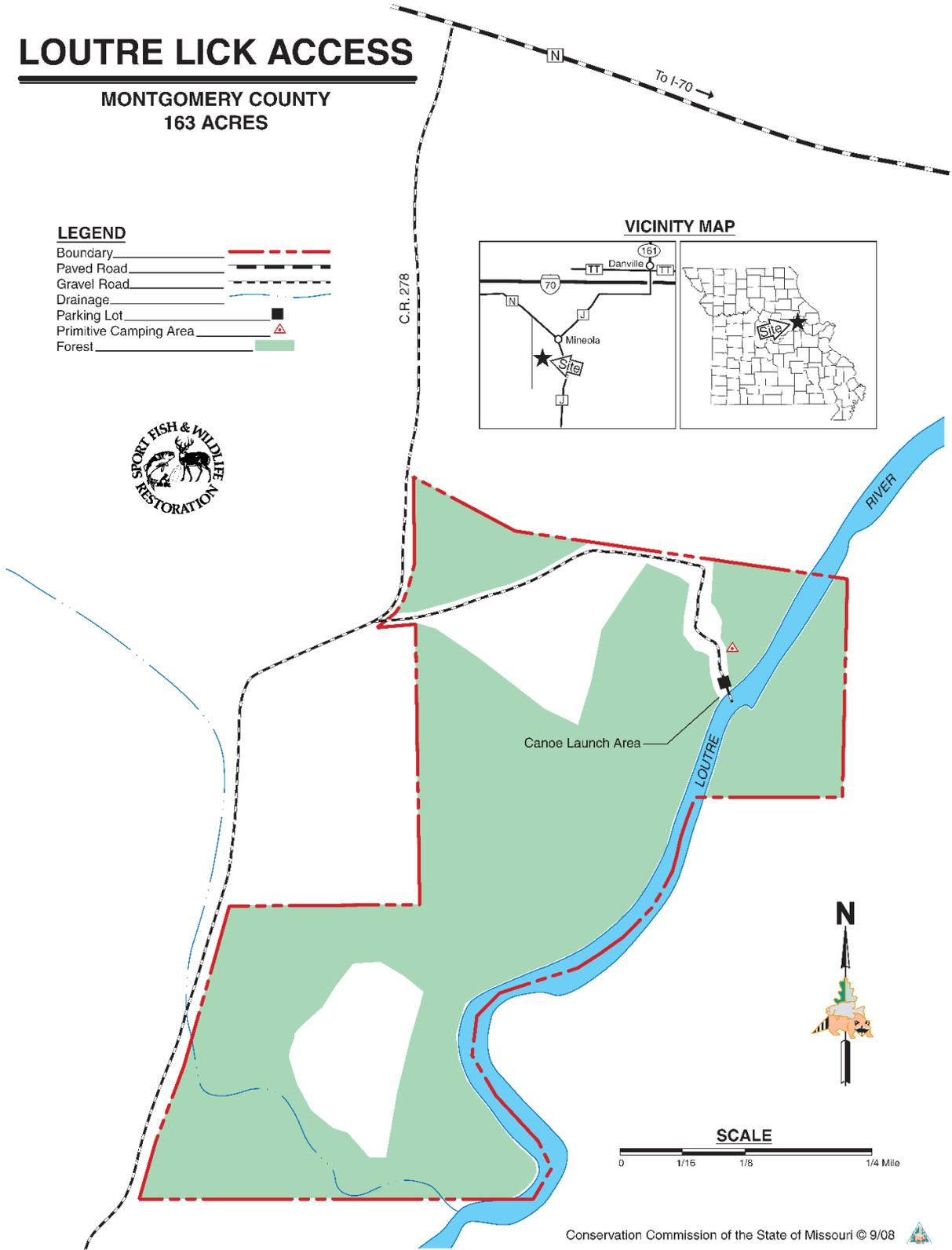
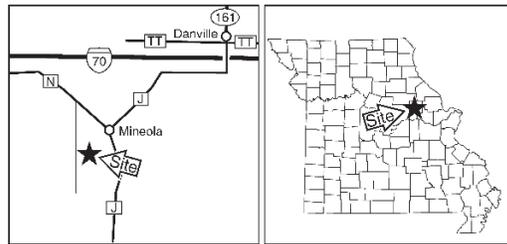
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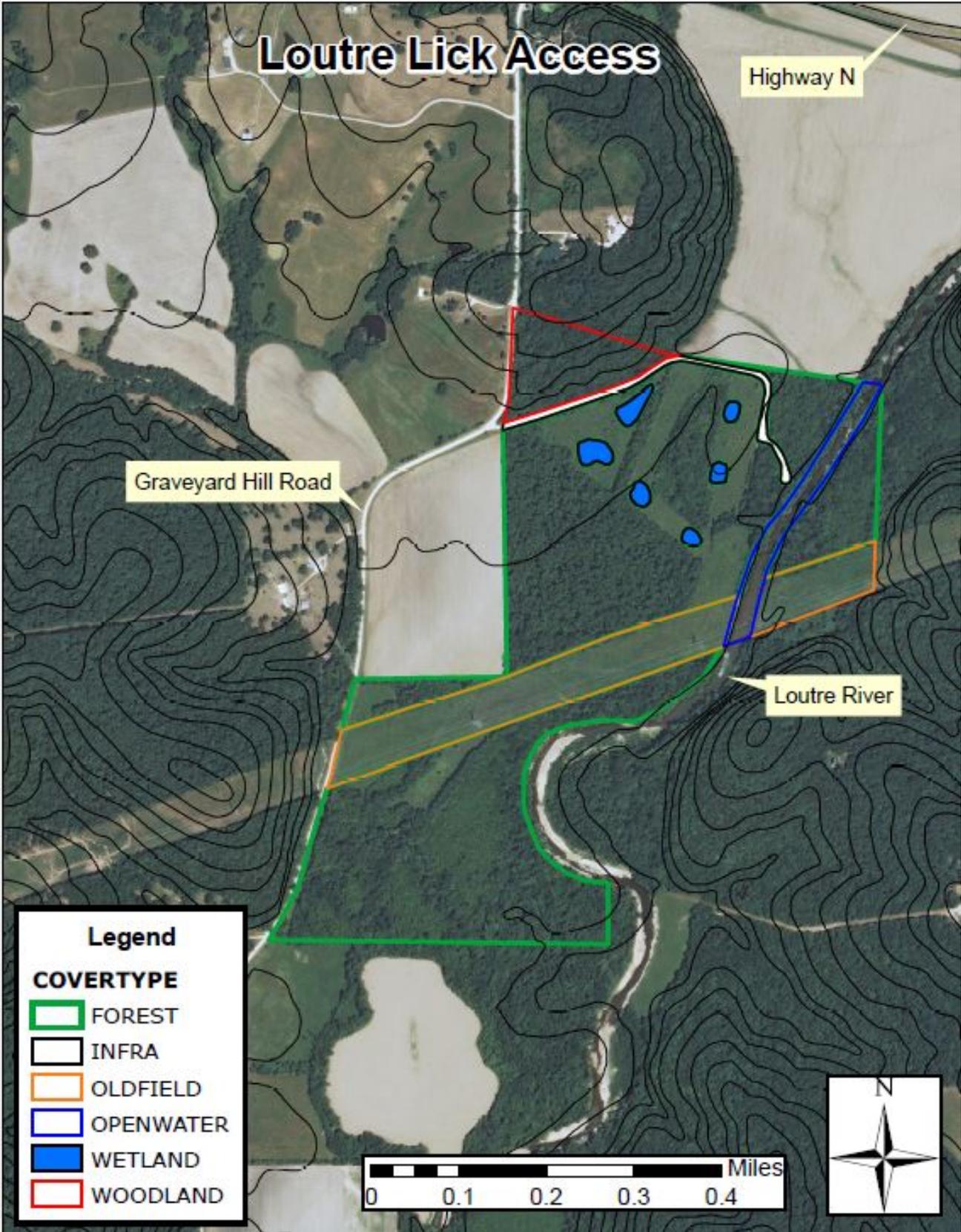
- Boundary
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Drainage
- Parking Lot
- Primitive Camping Area
- Forest



VICINITY MAP



Appendix 7. Loutre Lick Access Aerial Map



Appendix 8. Moores Mill Access Area Background

The original 38-acre tract of Moores Mill Access was purchased in 1978 from Mr. and Mrs. Infortunio. Additional purchases included 8 acres from Mr. Zaetsch in 1978 and 50 acres from Mr. Scharnhorst in 1979. In 1980, the Department traded 7 acres in exchange for 6 acres from Mr. Dungan, and 1 acre from Mr. Shotte in 1981 to complete ownership within the loop of Auxvasse Creek. Moores Mill Access has approximately 1.5 miles of stream frontage.

The area parking lot is located off County Road 139, which dead ends at the Auxvasse Creek. Primitive camping is available near the parking area.

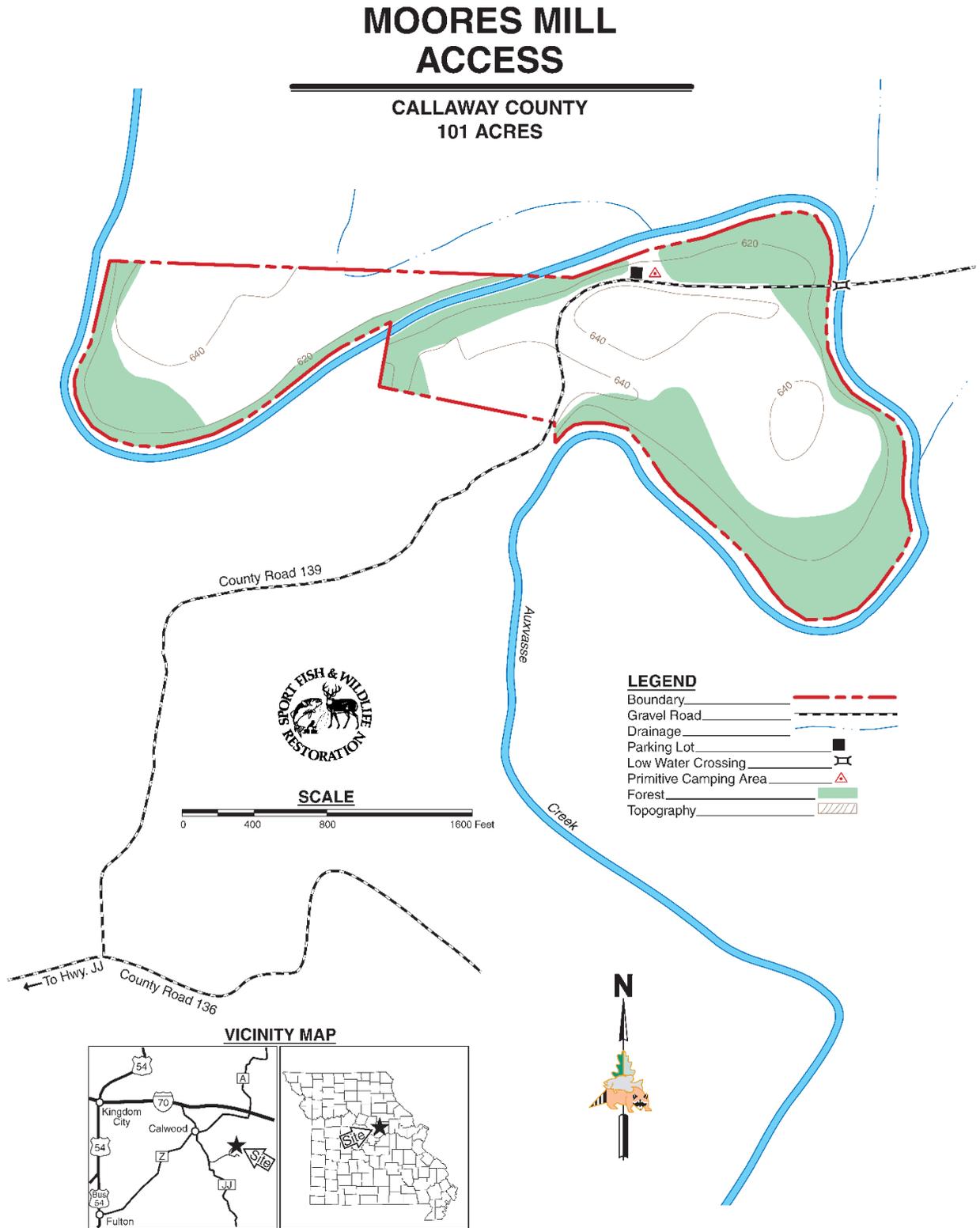
Legal Description: Township 48 North, Range 8 West, Sections 21, 22, 27, 28

Area Location: Moores Mill Access is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Calwood on County Road 139.

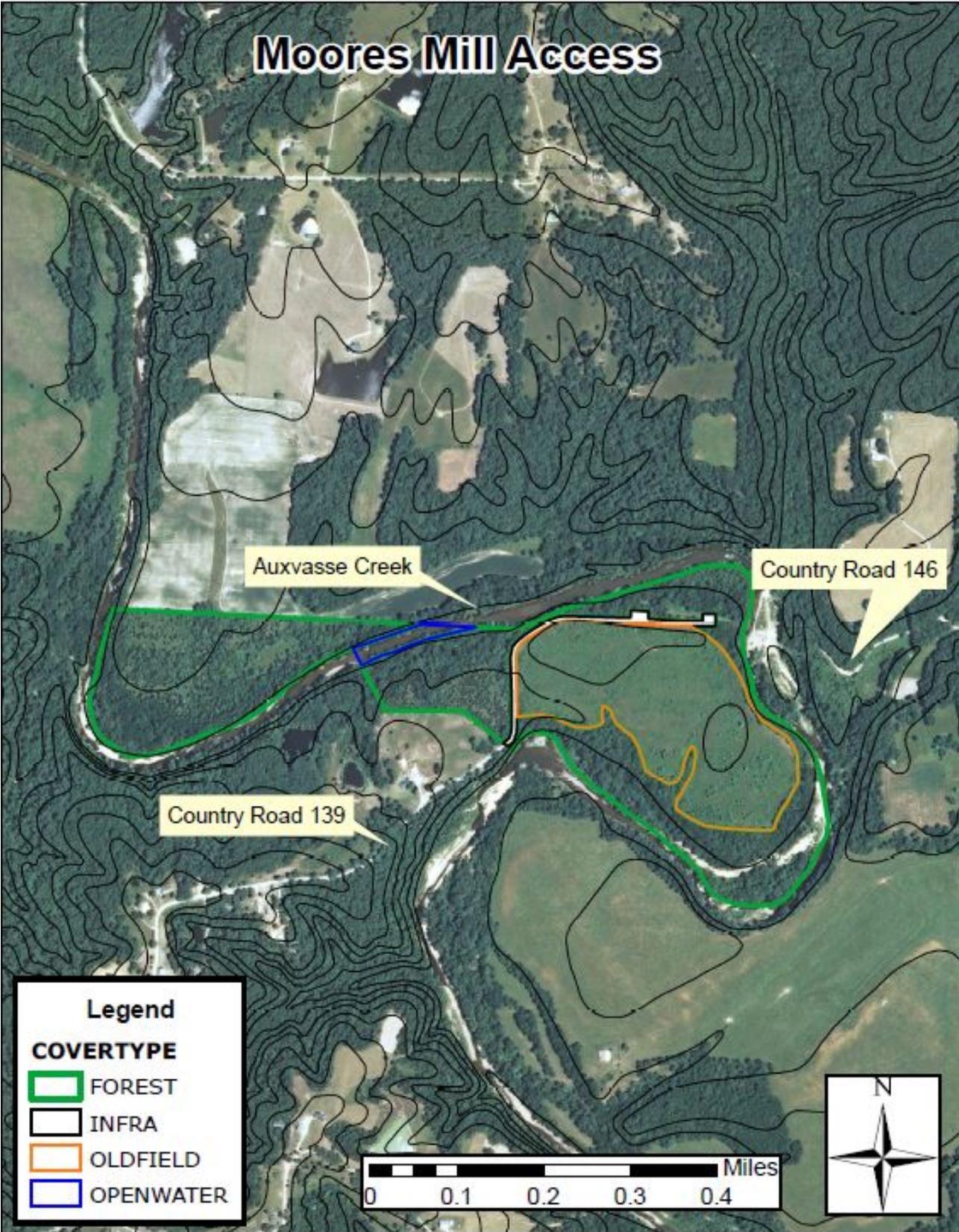
Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Forest	69.5		69
Old Field	29		29
Parking Lot/Graveled Road	1.5		<1
Water	1		<1
Total	101		100
Stream Frontage		1.5	

Appendix 9. Moores Mill Access Map



Appendix 10. Moores Mill Access Aerial Map



Appendix 11. Loutre District Accesses Management Plan Public Comments

Received during public comment period (Nov. 1–30, 2017):

Hello-

Thanks for your service making Missouri one of the best if not the best conservation minded states in the US.

I have been a property owner several miles from the Loutre Lick access point. As a younger man, friends and family used to routinely use the area for fishing and launching our 12 foot john boat. The boat slide was never maintained and has become heavily eroded over the years to the point that it required either a 4 wheel drive vehicle to launch close to the water or manually sliding the boat down the ramp. The “sliding method” was acceptable and probably the envisioned by MDC originally, but the ramp is now too steep and heavily rutted. We have had several sprained ankles in recent launch attempts resulting in abandoning the access point. Very few people use this “slide” because of the condition. A few hours of bull dozer work could repair this slide to a usable condition for younger people. A concrete ramp and some river frontage fishing access would better accommodate most people.

To reiterate, currently the area is basically inaccessible and MDC should consider selling. If a small amount of landscaping is contracted, the area could easily be improved. The river does over good fishing and frogging.

plant food for ducks that will grow year after year in all the ponds lime the fields and hedge rows no lead shot

wonderful, this plan is excellent and will provide great access to river that is now hard to fish, but has a good area around it. I have property on Graveyard Hill and see a real need for this improvement, thanks for you for trying to make this possible! I have always said we have the best Conservation Dept. and this is a great example!!

#1-Looked at all 18 pages of document and on page 11, county road 449 is not marked correctly on the map!!! The neighbors road going up to their homes is marked as county road 449! We are neighbors to this access. We go by multiple times a day since one of our other farms is located across the creek. We could count on 2 hands the times in a year we see people there actually fishing. The ones fishing there know no better since it is so shallow you will catch pretty much nothing or just trash fish. In the past couple months I can not tell you how many times we have contacted our Agents or the Callaway Co Sheriffs Dept about bad activity going on there. A Blazer was parked there for more than 36 hrs, I turned it in to the Sheriff...stolen vehicle. Trespassers abound and use this access to gain access to neighboring property. Property line signage not kept up and there is no signage stating that once they leave the creek bed and head up the bank, they are trespassing. This area is good for nothing but BAD STUFF. It is a menace and should be closed or taken care of and policed better. We have to spend lots of time policing ourselves to protect OUR PERSONAL INTERESTS!!! Trespassers want to arrowhead hunt, mushroom hunt, horn hunt and then just hunt in general and they were never actually caught but more than once we have been notified and have seen ourselves the "tweakers" up and down the banks with flashlights at all hours of the night or early in the mornings.... who knows what they are cooking or growing on our land next to this access. No person should have to spend as much time worrying and watching and hunting

down people like us neighbors have to. It is a total waste of tax payers money and is a horrible place to try to fish or swim for folks that may actually be there for the right reasons. Feel free to call me and I can even get more of our neighbors together to meet you all and we can show you and talk to you in person. My family is not the only one with issues!!! Call me at
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