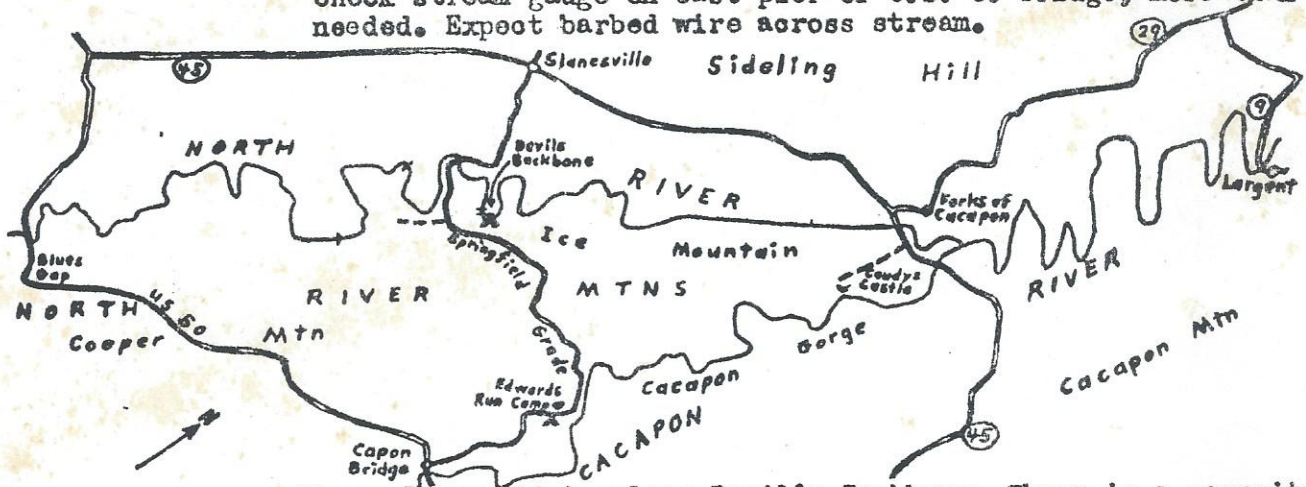


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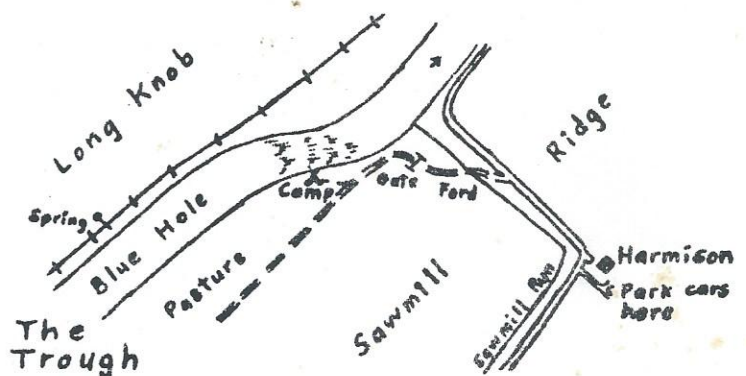
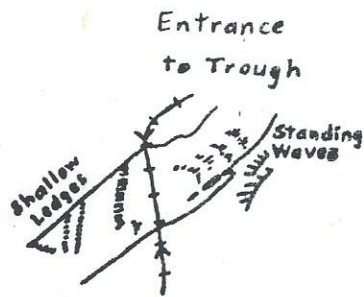
- 1) North River • Do before May 15 or after rains. U.S. 50 to W.Va. 45 is 45 miles. check stream gauge on east pier of U.S. 50 bridge, more than 1' needed. Expect barbed wire across stream.



The worst rapid is along Devil's Backbone. There is a campsite opposite the picnic area on Devil's Backbone, near a two story log cabin. Contact Mr. Otis Baker, Capon Bridge. Another campground is at Edward's Rm.

- 2) Cacapon - a) Capon Bridge to Forks of Cacapon, 11 miles. Three large ledges cross the river, deep gorge .  
 b) Forks to Largent, 18 miles, has a three stage drop in a few yards.  
 c) Largent to Potomac, there is a rapid at the base of three hundred foot high Edes Fort.
- 3) The Trough - The stream gauge is on the north side of the U. S. 220 bridge at the put-in. Best at 1, dangerous above 1.5 .  
 U.S. 220 to U.S.50, 24 miles. Take out is at old bridge pier just above U.S.50 bridge on east bank. Ask permission to leave cars at nearest house. There are many swifts and rapids (small) but the only large rapid is at the entrance to the Trough.

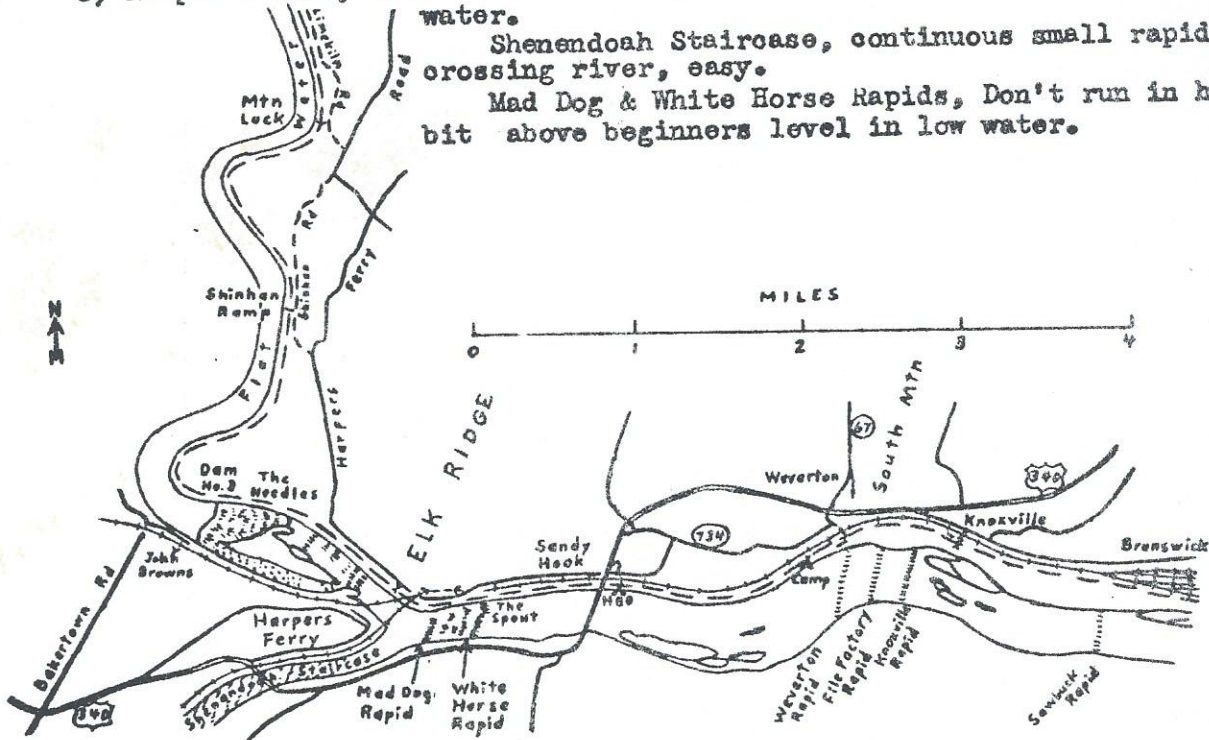
A good campsite at the exit to the Trough is in the field on the east bank. Get prior permission from John or David Harmison, Rt. #1, box 28, Romney W.Va., 26757 \$ .50 per person per night



- 4) Antietam Creek - Funkstown to MD 68, 10 miles, some bad rapids at old dams, should be scouted.
- 5) Thornton River - Can start at Sperryville off Va. secondary 1003. There is a water gate under the bridge at Fletcher's Mill. This is an alternate put-in. Fletcher's Mill to Rock Mill is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles. If the first rapid below Fletcher's Mill can be run, all can be run. Don't run if the water gauge on the water gate is above the 2.5 mark. Most of the run is continuous class II, but the Boulder Ledge is a three foot sloping drop. See Sperryville 15' Quadrangle.
- 6) Harper's Ferry Area \* The Needles, continuous riffles and rapids, easy in low water.

Shenandoah Staircase, continuous small rapids on ledges crossing river, easy.

Mad Dog & White Horse Rapids, Don't run in high water, a bit above beginners level in low water.



see Harper's Ferry  $7\frac{1}{2}$  min. Quad.

- 7) Rappahannock, Lower - Pipe Dam Run to U.S.1, ten miles. Gauge rocks above Mott's Run ~~from~~ Landing, biggest waves when rocks just covered. If rocks are ~~just~~ 1-2 feet above water or, completely covered, just riffles on run. Good for late summer. See Salem Church and Fredericksburg  $7\frac{1}{2}$  Quads.
- 8) Cedar Creek - a) Star Tannery to Stephen's Fort, 10 miles. No bad rapids, there is an old iron furnace 3 miles below route 55. Should have at least 6" of water at the Stephen's Fort Bridge gauge.
- b) Stephen's Fort to U.S. 11, 10.1 miles. Ask permission at put-in. Need high water, four inches or more at the rapid under bridge put-in. If water is over two feet, don't canoe. There are some large rapids, so two beginners in a canoe is not a good idea. Some barbed wire fences. Good scenery.

9) Catoctin Creek - MD. 17 to MD. 464, ten miles, beginners white water, some fences, Need two feet of water at Route 17 bridge. See Middletown 7½ min. quad.

10) Hazel River - Monumental Mills to Va. secondary 625, 7½ miles. Pleasant scenery only two rapids. must have rather high water to clear strong rapid in the center of trip. See Brandy Station 7½ min. quad.

11) Upper South Branch - See Onego and Petersburg 15', W. Va.

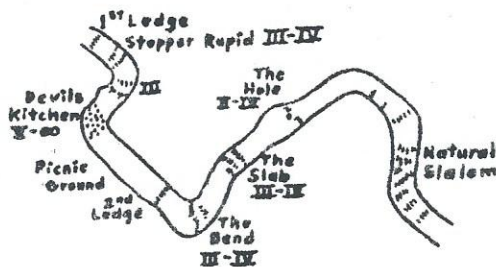
- a) U.S. 220 to Smoke Hole camp ground - advanced white water from entrance of gorge to campground; portage around Rock Break Rapid
- b) campground to Royal Glen Dam - 16 miles. Intermediate white water. There is a campsite at Peacock Spring (10.5) below Blue Rock.
- c) Royal Glen to Mooresfield - 24 miles, intermediate in part, some fences.

12) Lower South Branch and Potomac

- a) Romney to Green Spring - 34 miles, class I+II, easy riffles, some scenery
- b) Green Springs to Williamsport - 74 miles, class I-II a few easy riffles; above Great Cacapon, a rapid curves through remainings of Dam #6
- c) Williamsport to Shepherdstown - 27 miles, class I-II shallow wooded gorge, long backwater above Dam #4. carry around dam on north bank. Series of small ledges known as Horseback ~~crosses~~ river in Horseshoe Bend.
- d) Shepherdstown to Dam #3 - 11 miles, shallow riffles, 2 miles below route 34 bridges. The is slackwater.

13) Goose Creek - U.S. 15 to VA. 7, 13 miles, 5 or 6 old dams form the rapids when water is right. Last dam, just below old railroad bridge is most difficult, should be scouted. The creek can be run all the way to the Potomac and take-out at the Edward's Ferry Landing, instead of rt. 7 adds 2½ miles and Whites Ferry Crossing to shuttle. see Leesburg 7½ min. quad.

14) Calpasture River - Goshen Rapids. The drop is 40 feet per mile. If the water is one foot above average, the run is too much for an open canoe.



15) Antietam Creek - MD. 68 to Potomac, 12 miles. Mostly beginner, best rapid just before river. Paddle upstream in the river to Antietam Creek Campground for take-out. See Keedysville and Funkstown 7½ min.

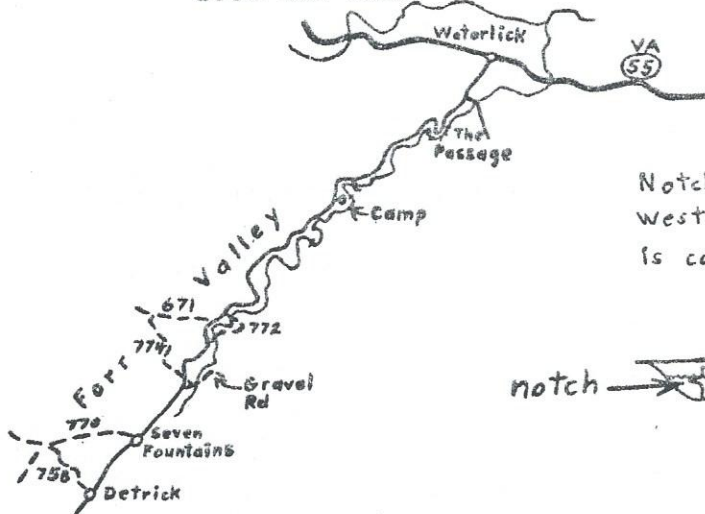
16) Shenandoah - a) South Fork, a typical rapid is a wide shallow ledge of limestone in a staircase formation. The 10 mile section between Newport and U.S. 211 is good. Get permission to launch at Newport. The old dam at Folts's Mill can be run. The rapids slacken after Alma. Carry around the Luray Power Dam.

Other rapids: Rhyler Bridge, Strickler's Ferry, Bealer Ferry

Shenendoah cont. -, Good's Mill, Overall, Hazard Mill Campground.  
See following quads: Mt. Jackson, Luray, Rileyville, Bentonville, Front  
Royal, 7½ min.

b) Berry's Mill to Castleman's Ferry, 14 miles. Lots of parking at  
put-in and take-out. Easy riffles, dull during high water.  
See Round Hill 7½ min. quad.

17) Passage Creek - The water level must be very high. 10 miles from unnumbered  
gravel road to Elizabeth Furnace Camp. An alternate put-in  
is VA. secondary 772 downstream, three miles. The creek is an  
easy, scenic run, with several rapids, to the campground.  
It can be run to the start of the Passage. The Passage is  
very rough with a drop of 40 feet per mile and is not recom-  
mended for an open canoe. The hardest sections are not visible  
from the road.



Notch in pier on upstream side,  
west bank, of bridge on gravel road,  
is covered when water is right.



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### CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR RAPIDS ETC.

- I- Riffles
  - II- Easy Rapids
  - III- Hard rapids, low waves, can be run in open canoe
  - IV- Hard rapids, high waves, need a decked canoe
  - V- Very hard rapids, only for experienced Canoeists.
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### INTERNATIONAL WHITE WATER CODE (for large scale maps)

	rapid		camping		reconcoiter
	long rapid		put-in		cliff
	waterfall		take-out		gorge
	junction		right bank		danger
	bridge		left bank		impractical
	stream guage		portage		

For Example, Great Falls Gorge, from Swains Lock to Cropley would be marked thusly:

