

Fishing the Caney Fork River

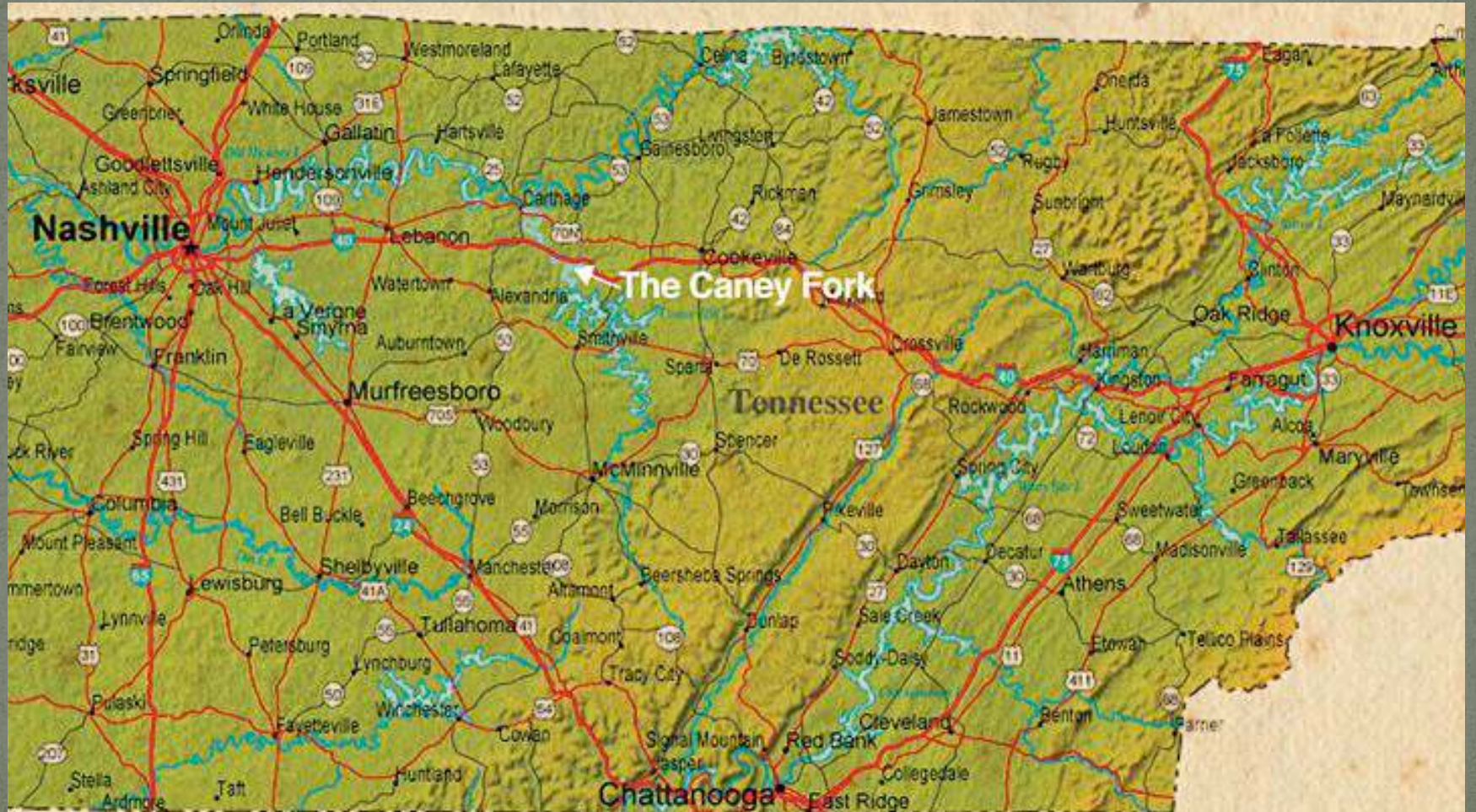
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Southern Brookies Fly Fishing

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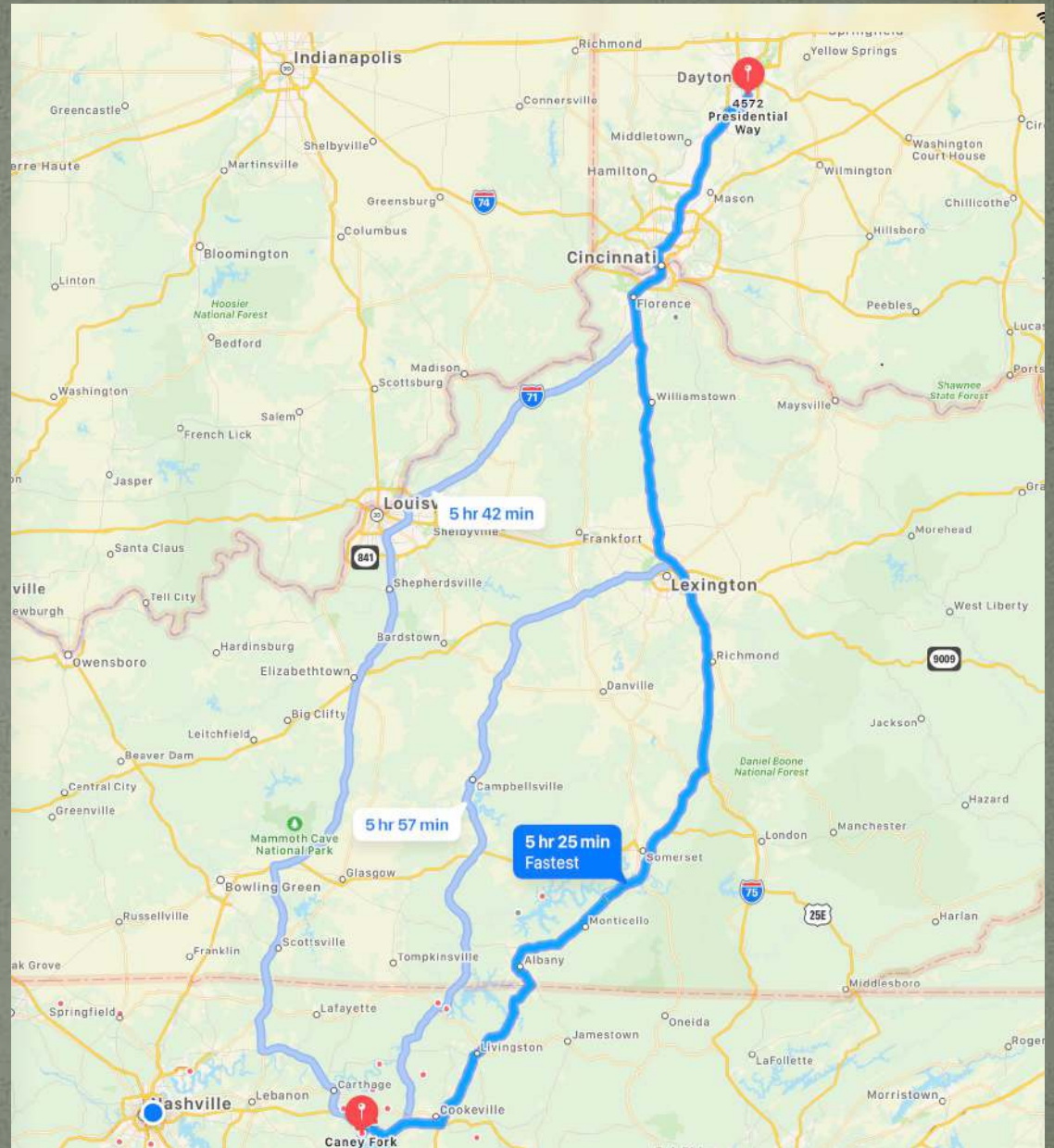
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Location



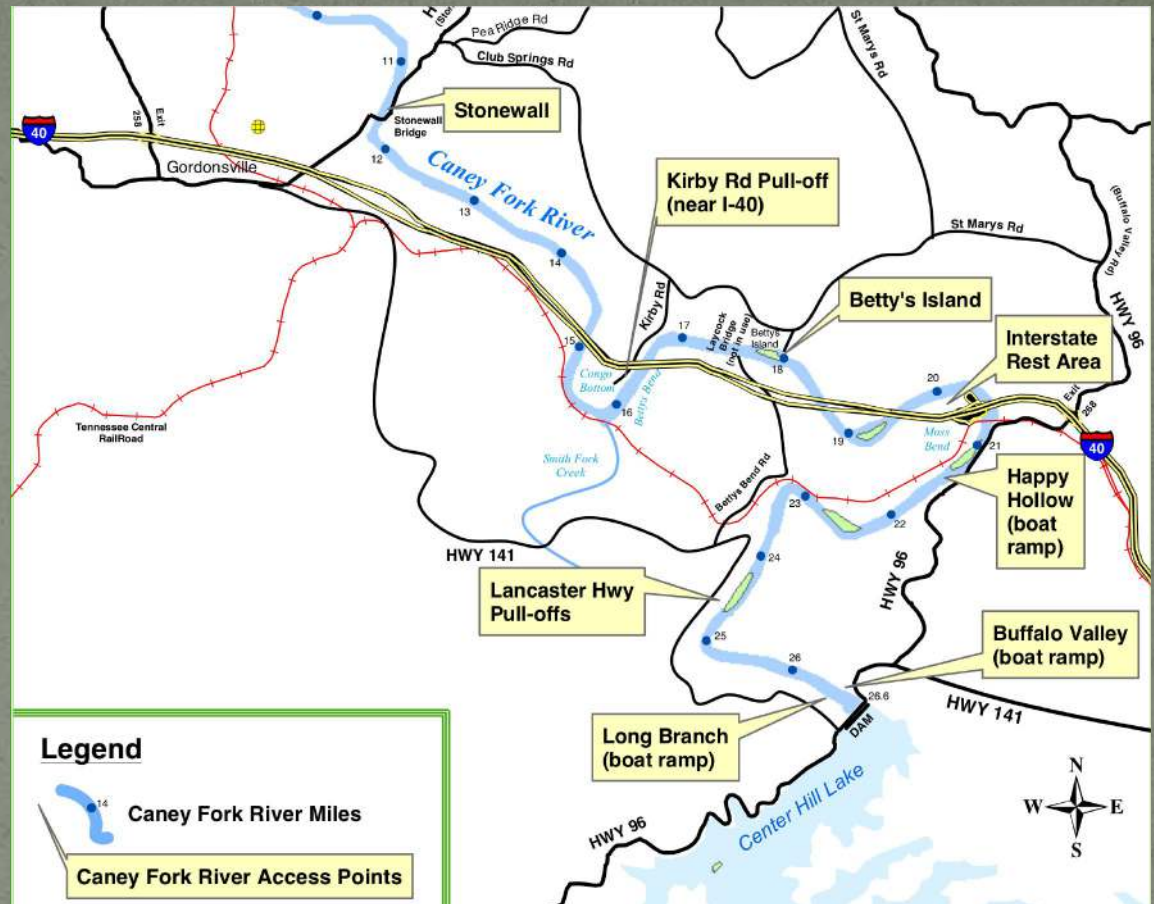
Your Route

- 5.5 Hour Drive
- Limited Traffic Congestion





- Caney Fork flows 26 Miles Northwest from Center Hill Dam to Cumberland River
- TWRA Trout Stocking -Dam to Stonewall - 16 miles





- Constructed in 1948 (Flood Control and Power Generation)
- Managed by Corp of Engineers
- Wading under no generation





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Geodes & Fossils







TWRA Stocking

- Center Hill Dam, Happy Hollow, Betty's Island and Gordonsville Access Area
- March Through November
- Over 220,000 Trout Stocked per Year

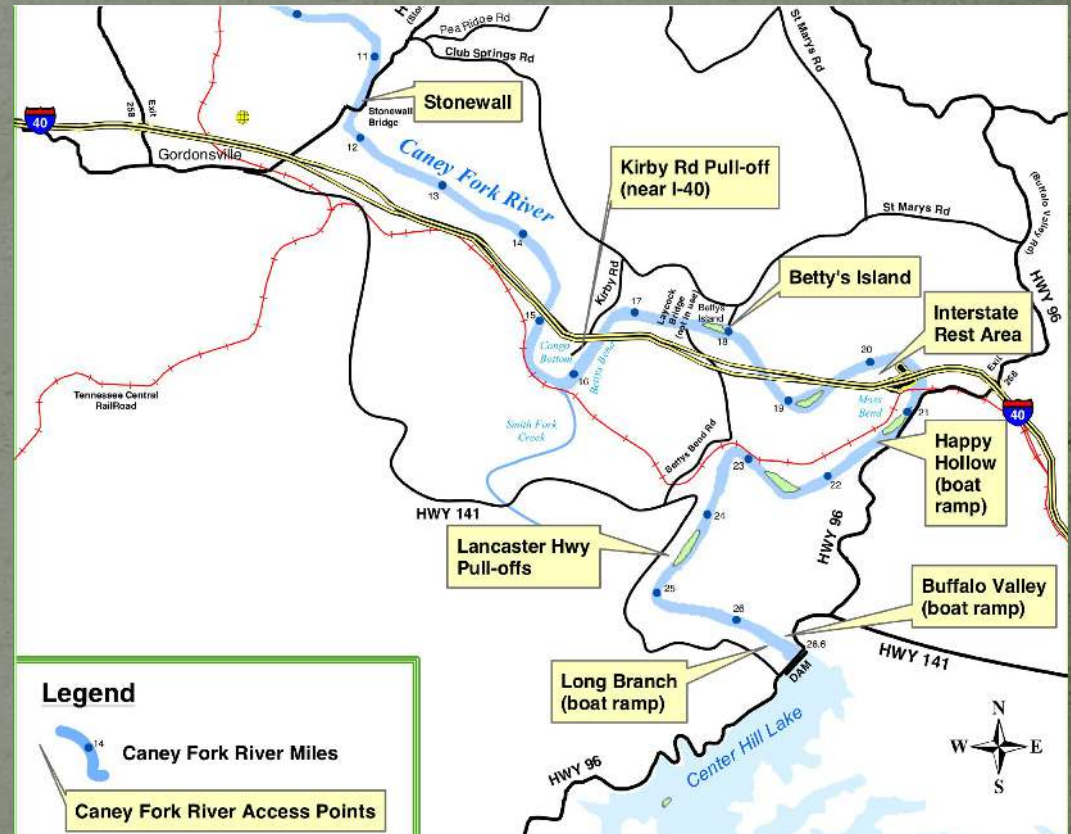


Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout



Access Points

- Buffalo Valley Ramp
- Buffalo Valley Nature Trail
- Long Branch Campground Ramp
- Lancaster Hwy (141)
- Happy Hollow
- I-40 Rest Area
- Betty's Island
- Kirby Road (Congo)
- Stone Wall or Thayer Wilson Bridge (Gordonsville)



Buffalo Valley Access (I-40 Exit 268)









BUFFALO VALLEY
NATURE TRAIL

RENOVATED BY
EAGLE CLASS 2001



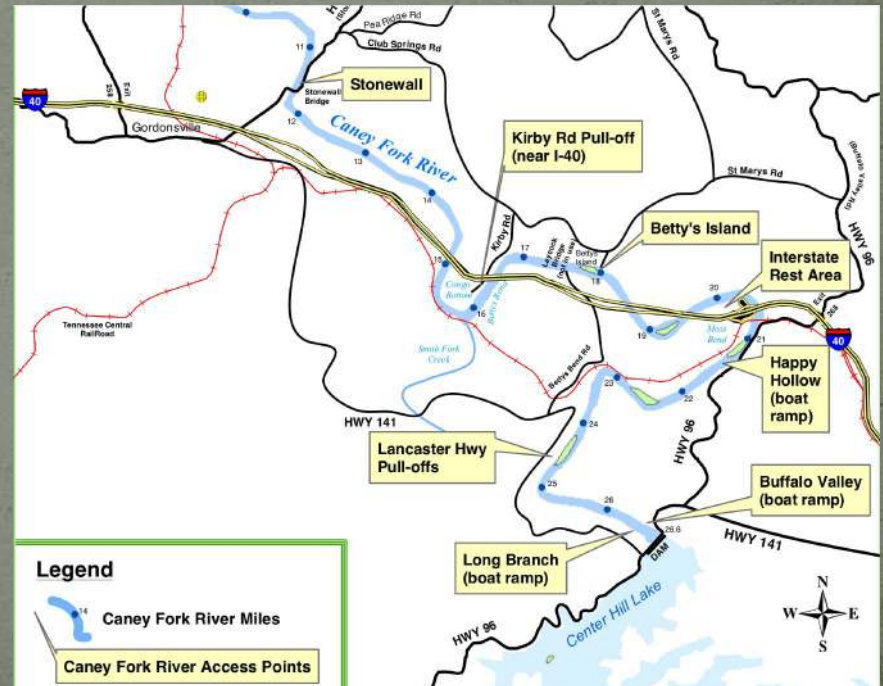


Long Branch Ramp





Access from Lancaster Hwy (141)











Happy Hollow







I-40 Rest Area (WB Lanes)









Betty's Island







Kirby Road (Congo Bottoms)



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Stone Wall: Gordonsville Access



Know before you go



Generation Schedule

- Tennessee Valley Authority Web Site
- Phone (Center Hill) # 800-238-2264, #4, #37
- TVA App



- Next Day Release Available by 6 p.m. Current Day

TWRA





- Life Jackets
- Boat Registration
- Fishing License



Creel Limits

- One Brown Over 24" may be harvested (under 24" protected, must be released)
- Rainbows and Brookies under 14" may be harvested (14" - 20" protected must be released)
- One Rainbow and One Brookie over 20" may be harvested
- Total Creel Combined - 5 Trout

SPECIAL TROUT REGULATIONS
CANEY FORK RIVER
(Center Hill Dam to Cumberland River, including tributaries)

DAILY CREEL LIMIT - 5 TROUT, COMBINED
Daily limit includes all trout (brown, rainbow and brook) in combination.
SPECIAL LENGTH RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL SPECIES.

Brown Trout
ONE (1) PER DAY
Only one fish over 24 inches may be harvested per day.

No spots on lower portion of the tail

Rainbow Trout
PROTECTED LENGTH RANGE
Fish between 14 and 20 inches must be released and only one (1) fish over 20 inches may be harvested per day.

Pink stripe along each side

Brook Trout
PROTECTED LENGTH RANGE
Fish between 14 and 20 inches must be released and only one (1) fish over 20 inches may be harvested per day.

"Worm-like" pattern

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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HOTLINE: 1-800-241-0767

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SPORT DIVISION RESTORATION

Equipment

No Generation:

Rods 4 to 6 Weight

Floating Lines

9' Leaders

5x Tippet

Fishing Under Generation:

Rods 6, 7 and 8 Weight

Sinking Lines

A Little Clearer (Mono vs. Fluorocarbon)



Depth Matters



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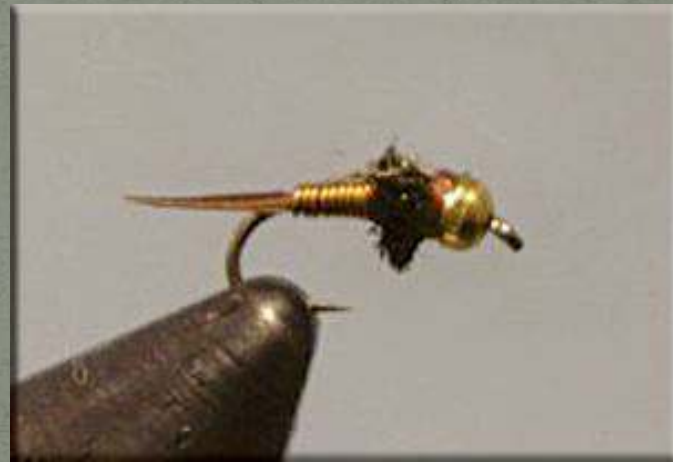
Put on Some Weight



Fly Selection



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Location



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The Perfect Drift

Not so good



Good



Check your Flies



Dissect the Water



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Breaking Down Different Sections of River



When Reading Water Remember the Needs of a Trout

- Safety -Look for cover, overhanging vegetation
- Comfort – Trout don't want to work too hard.
- Food – Find the seams, bubbles and scum lines

Fish High Water

- Sinking Line
- 6 or 7 wt Rods
- 5 to 6 ips
- 200-250 grain



Shad Kill

- Late winter (lake surface temps reach lowest points)
- Shad pulled through the generators
- Watch for Seagulls
- Shad Patterns



Pc:david knapp

Shad Kill



Flies for High Water



Call Ahead: Fly Shops of Middle TN

- Outdoor Experience- Cookeville
- Fly South
- Cumberland Transit
- Orvis Green Hills
- Bink's Franklin



Guides of Middle TN

- Southern Brookies
- Trout Zone Anglers
- South Eastern Fly



Chase What's Biting







Places to stay

- Long Branch Campground
- Edgar Evans State Park (Camping and Cabins)
- Cabin Rentals (Big Rock Market)

Kayak and Canoe Rentals

Big Rock Market

Canoe the Caney

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Informational Guide “Go Catcha”

<https://gocatcha.com/>



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