

# 2019 Housatonic River Fall Fishing Trip

## Trip Information

1. **Proposed dates of the trip:** Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Location:** Sharon/Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut.
3. **Lodging:** This will be a camping/fishing trip. As this is "off-season" reservations for campsites cannot be made in advance. Campsites are obtained on a "walk-in" basis, so it is important to get there early on Friday to get a good site. We will try to coordinate campsites in advance so we can camp together and save money. Campsite costs \$27 per night and up to three tents or six people may share a campsite. **If you are planning to come, please contact Ken Barile at the phone number below so we can pre-plan the campsites.**

### SOME FACTS ABOUT HOUSATONIC MEADOWS STATE PARK

The Housatonic Meadows Campground is open for the season from May 17th through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Route 7, Sharon
- 61 sites in rustic setting near Housatonic River. Dumping station, bathrooms, showers. No swimming. No pets.
- Alcohol-free campground. Please do not bring alcoholic beverages.
- \$27/night/campsite for non-CT residents plus a Processing Fee
- \$60/night for rustic cabins for non-residents plus a processing fee. Cabins sleep five people.
- Campground Office (860) 672-6772
- Park Office (860) 927-3238
- **A map of the campgrounds is attached.**

**Directions to Housatonic Meadows Camp Grounds:** From the South – Greater Danbury area: travel north on Route 7 into Sharon, CT. The park is located along Route 7 approximately 2 miles north of the intersection with Route 4 and approximately 3 miles south of the West Cornwall Covered Bridge.

4. **Fishing License Fee:** Nonresident Three Day Inland Fishing License \$22.00  
Web link to purchase your license: <https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/Sales>
5. **Local Fly Shop:** Housatonic River Outfitters Inc , 24 Kent Road, Cornwall Bridge, CT 06796  
**website:** <http://www.dryflies.com> **Phone #:** (860) 672-1010 Open 9 am to 5 pm.

**Directions from NY City to Cornwall Bridge fly shop** - Saw Mill Parkway to 684 North - In Brewster - take 22 north to Route 55 East in Wingdale - Take 55 East to Route 7 North - Follow Route 7 North through Kent and proceed 13 miles to Cornwall Bridge at the Intersections of Routes 7 and 4.

6. Other useful Housatonic fishing links: <http://perfectflystore.com/fishing-houstonic-river.html>

**Fishing Map:** **A map of the stretch of the Housatonic we will be fishing is attached:**

**Flies that will be hatching at that time:** Isonychia, Blue Winged Olives, Flying ants, streamers and nymphs.

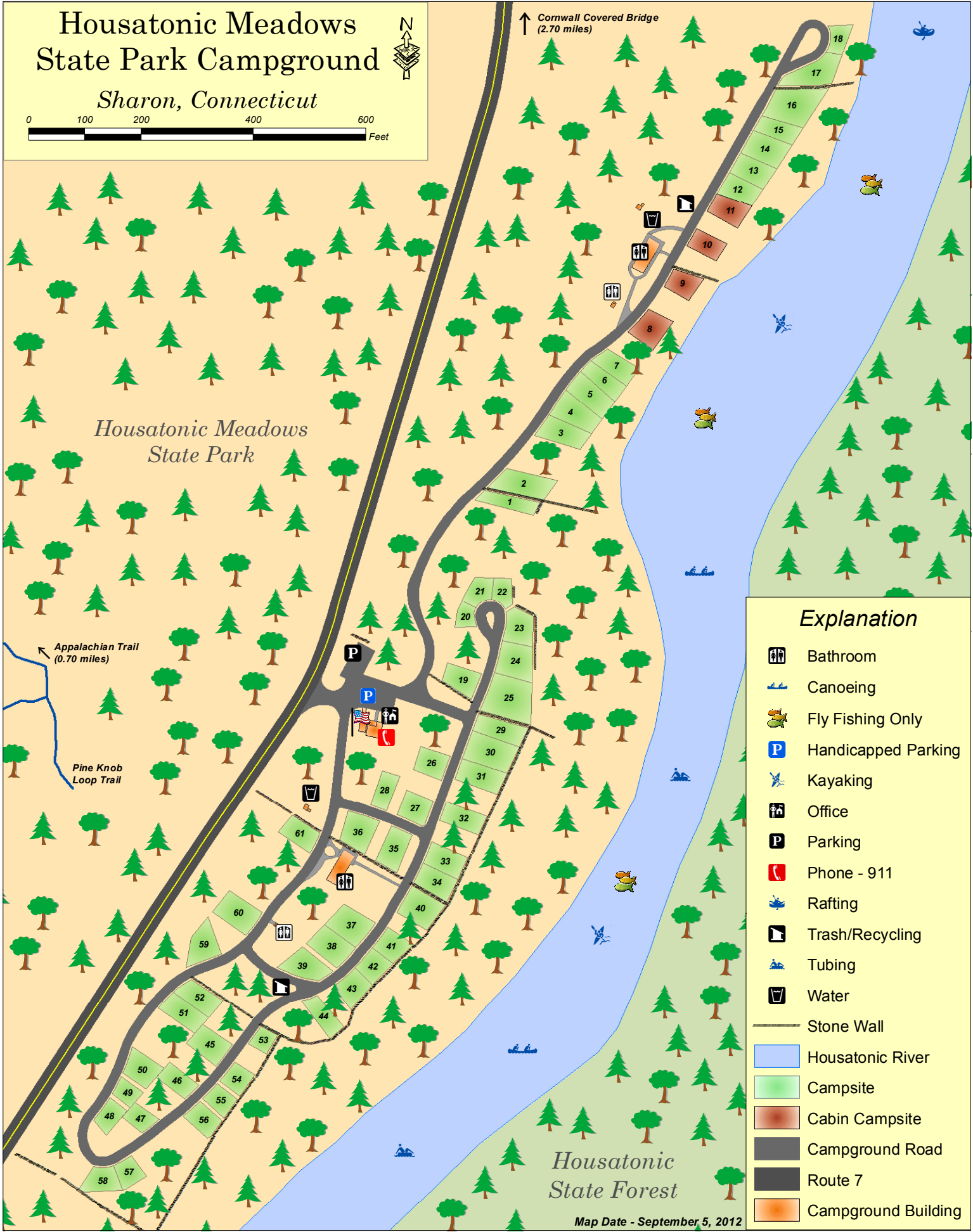
**For more info or to attend this trip, contact trip coordinator : Ken Barile, phone: (201) 316-6965, email: [kenbarile@me.com](mailto:kenbarile@me.com)**

# Housatonic Meadows State Park Campground



















Sharon, Connecticut



↑ Cornwall Covered Bridge (2.70 miles)



## Explanation

-  Bathroom
-  Canoeing
-  Fly Fishing Only
-  Handicapped Parking
-  Kayaking
-  Office
-  Parking
-  Phone - 911
-  Rafting
-  Tubing
-  Water
-  Stone Wall
-  Housatonic River
-  Campsite
-  Cabin Campsite
-  Campground Road
-  Route 7
-  Campground Building

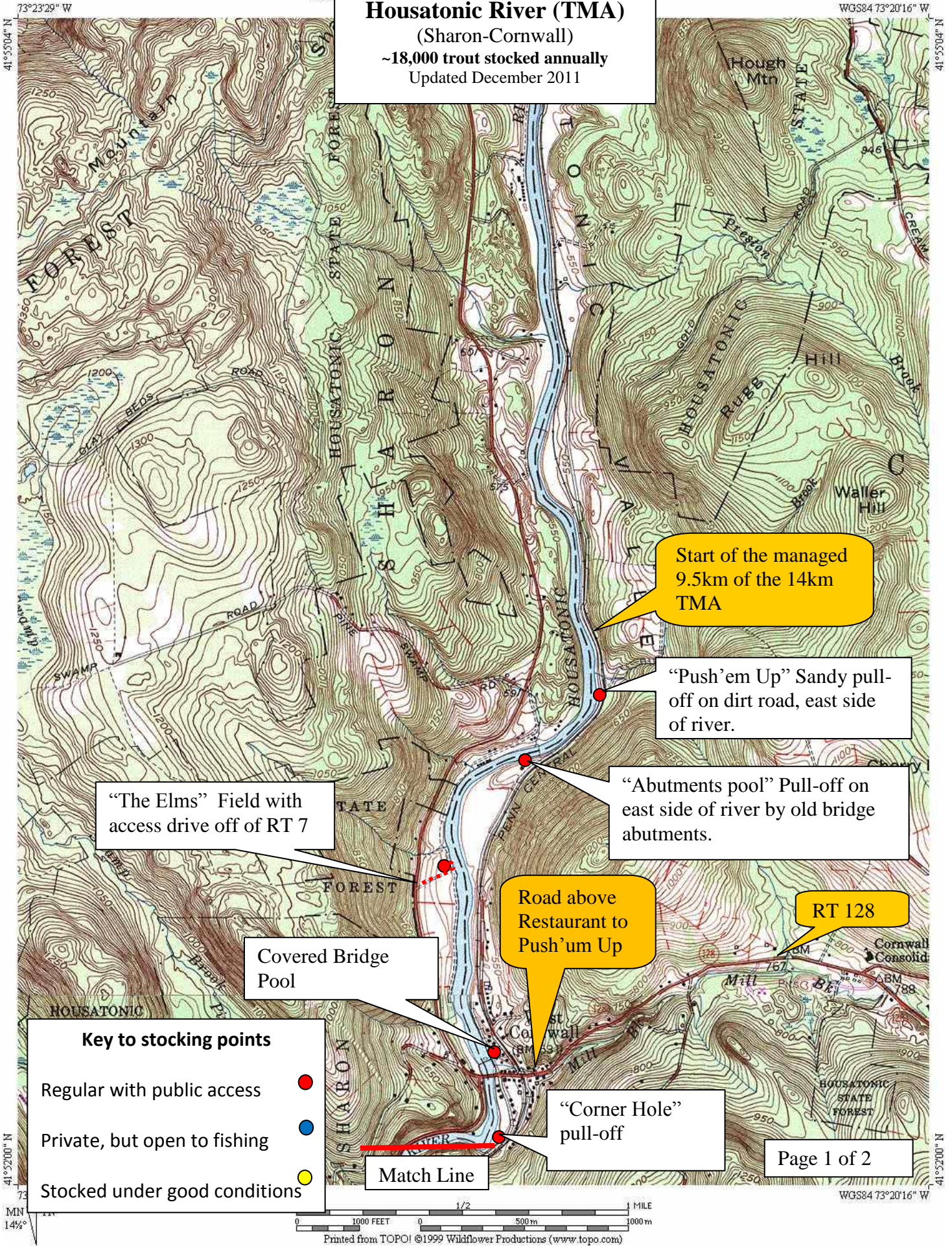
Map Date - September 5, 2012

# Housatonic River (TMA)

(Sharon-Cornwall)

~18,000 trout stocked annually

Updated December 2011



Start of the managed 9.5km of the 14km TMA

“Push’em Up” Sandy pull-off on dirt road, east side of river.

“Abutments pool” Pull-off on east side of river by old bridge abutments.

“The Elms” Field with access drive off of RT 7

Road above Restaurant to Push’um Up

RT 128

Covered Bridge Pool

“Corner Hole” pull-off

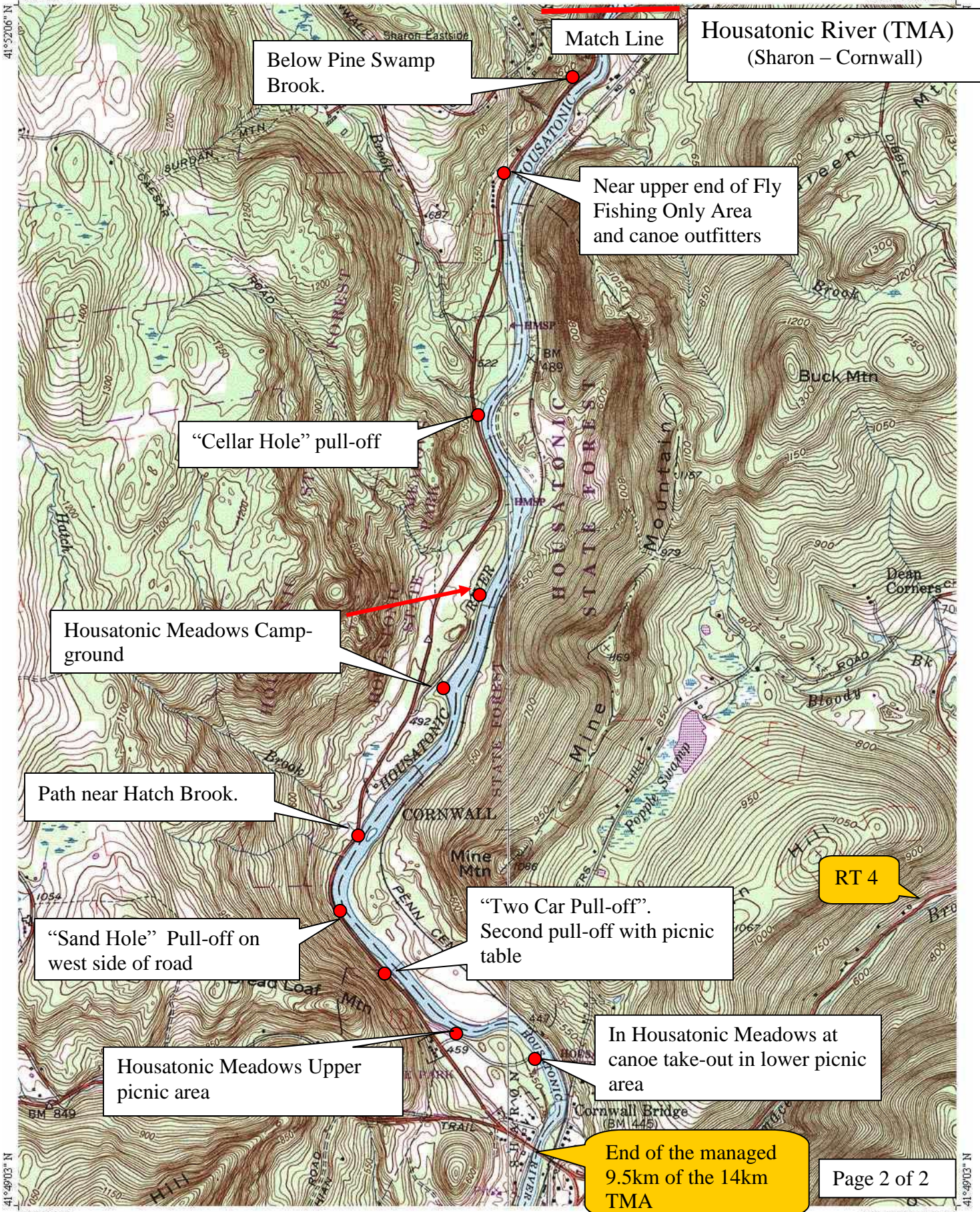
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### Key to stocking points

- Regular with public access ●
- Private, but open to fishing ●
- Stocked under good conditions ●

Match Line





Below Pine Swamp Brook.

Match Line

Housatonic River (TMA)  
(Sharon – Cornwall)

Near upper end of Fly Fishing Only Area and canoe outfitters

“Cellar Hole” pull-off

Housatonic Meadows Campground

Path near Hatch Brook.

“Sand Hole” Pull-off on west side of road

“Two Car Pull-off”.  
Second pull-off with picnic table

RT 4






Housatonic Meadows Upper picnic area

In Housatonic Meadows at canoe take-out in lower picnic area

End of the managed 9.5km of the 14km TMA

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HATCH	SIZE	DATE						
		APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
<b>MAYFLIES</b> 								
Hendrickson	#14 - 18	■						
March Browns	#14 - 18		■					
Gray Foxes	#14 - 18		■					
Blue-winged Olive (Baetis)	#18 - 20	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Sulphur	#16 - 18			■				
Green Drakes	#10 - 12		■					
Brown Drakes	#14		■					
Light Cahill	#16 - 18			■				
Cream Variant	#10 - 12				■			
Tricos	#20 - 24				■	■		
Housatonic Quill (Ephoron luekon)	#14 - 16					■		
Blue-winged Olive (Acentrella)	#20 - 24		■	■	■	■	■	■
Dun Variant (Isorychnia)	#12 - 14						■	
<b>CADDIS</b> 		While caddis are most prevalent in May & June, always have them in your flybox. Trout are used to seeing them all year around, especially in the nymphal stage.						
Tan-dark-brown caddis	#12		■					
Green caddis	#14 - 18		■					
Alder fly	#12 - 14		■					
Black caddis	#18 - 20			■				
<b>TERRESTRIALS</b> 		Trout love ants, when they are around trout will ignore almost everything else and eat them like candy.						
Flying Ants (Ants all season)	#16 - 18	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>MIDGES</b> 		Nobody wants to fish them because they are small. Use them as a dropper of f a golden stonefly and you will catch fish.						
Diptera	#20 - 26	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>FISHING CONDITIONS and HFFA NEWS 203-248-6616</b> <b>RIVER FLOWS by NORTHEAST UTILITIES 860-824-7861</b>								

thanks to Harold McMillen of The Housatonic River Outfitters for the Hatch Chart

## Recommended Fly Patterns for Housatonic Trip

### DRIES:

- Isonychia #10-12- duns
- Flying Ants #14-20
- Sulfur #16-18- emergers, duns, spinners
- White Wulff #10-12 (late evenings)
- Cream/Cahill Usual #14
- Light Cahill #12-14
- Terrestrials (Beetles & Ants) #14-20
- Caddis #14-20- tan, brown, black- Elk Hair, Corn-Fed Caddis, Emergent Sparkle Pupa, X-Caddis, Henryville, etc
- Midges #20-24- Griffith's Gnat, etc.

### NYPHS & WETS:

- Isonychia Nymph #10-12
- Prince Nymph #10-18
- Stoneflies #6-14- golden/yellow, brown
- Rubber Leg Stonefly #6-8- various colors
- Light Cahill Wet Fly #10-12- evenings
- Cahill Nymph #14- evenings
- Tungsten Hot Wired Prince #14- yellow/green
- BH Hare's Ear #10-18
- Caddis Pupa #14-16- tan, brown, ol/grn- Sparkle Pupa, Z-Wing, 3 Dollar Dip, Krystal Serendipity, etc.
- Micro Mayfly- brown, olive- #14-18
- Pheasant Tail #14-20
- Fox Squirrel Nymph #8-12
- BH Lightning Bug #14- pearl
- Twenty Incher Stonefly #8-12
- Caddis Larva #12-16- olive, green
- Czech Catnip #10 (George Daniels pattern)- olive

### STREAMERS:

When in doubt, white is great year 'round streamer color on the Housy under a variety of water & light conditions.

- Home Invaders #2-6- various colors
- Double Bunny #2-4- olive/white
- Olive Butt Monkey #2
- Circus Peanut #4- olive, white, black
- Bread 'N Butter Bugger #4-8
- Muddlers #2-12
- Conehead Madonna #4- yellow, white, olive
- Barr's Slump Buster #6- olive, rust, natural
- Zoo Cougar #2-4 yellow, white
- Zonkers #2-8- natural, white, brown, tan
- Clouser Minnow #2-6- various colors
- Bob's Dangerous Darters #4
- Conehead Bow River Buggers- black, brown #4-8
- Woolybuggers- Olive, Black, Brown, White and Yellow #2-12
- Traditional Streamers: Grey Ghost, Black Ghost (deadly on brown trout ANYWHERE), Muddler, Mickey Finn, Baby Brown Trout (great Fall & clear water Streamer), etc. #2-12

It's a good idea to check with the local fly shop: Housatonic River Outfitters for any "Hot flies".

## **EJTU Housatonic Fishing trip**

### **Local places to eat**

Pearly's Farmhouse Cafe  
421 Sharon Goshen Tpke  
West Cornwall  
(860) 248-3252

Cornwall Country Market  
25 Kent Rd. South, Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754  
(860) 619-8199

Mountainside Cafe  
251 US-7, Falls Village, CT 06031  
(860) 824-7876

When Pigs Fly Southern BBQ  
29 W Main St  
Sharon  
(860) 492-0000

Fife & Drum Restaurant  
53 Main Street  
Kent, CT 06757  
(860) 927-3509

Mizza's Restaurant & Pizza  
6 Eathan Allen St  
Lakeville  
(860) 435-6266

Black Rabbit Bar & Grill  
2 Ethan Allen St  
Lakeville, CT  
(860) 596-4227