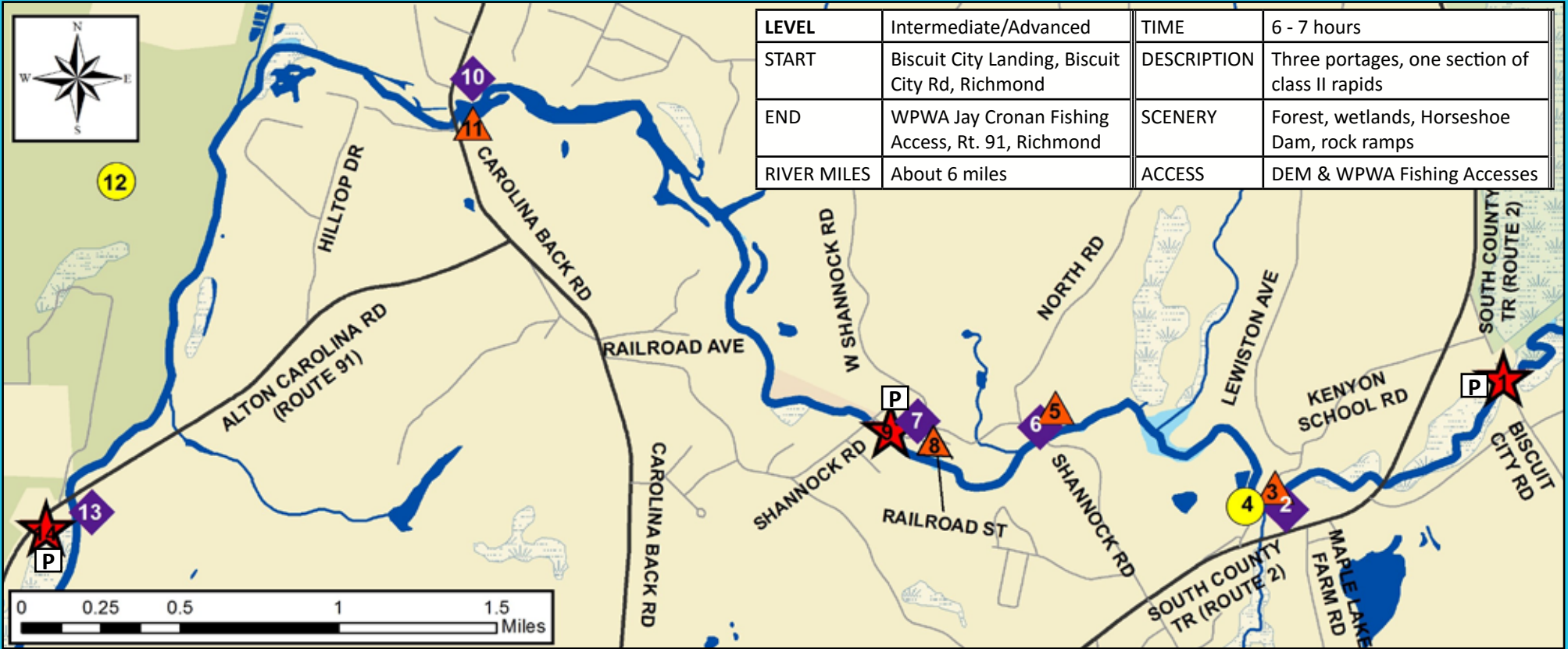


# WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

## PAWCATUCK RIVER: BISCUIT CITY LANDING TO CRONAN FISHING ACCESS



LEVEL	Intermediate/Advanced	TIME	6 - 7 hours
START	Biscuit City Landing, Biscuit City Rd, Richmond	DESCRIPTION	Three portages, one section of class II rapids
END	WPWA Jay Cronan Fishing Access, Rt. 91, Richmond	SCENERY	Forest, wetlands, Horseshoe Dam, rock ramps
RIVER MILES	About 6 miles	ACCESS	DEM & WPWA Fishing Accesses

### 1) Biscuit City Landing to Lower Shannock (2.0 mi.)

The *put in* ★ is just north of the Rte. 2 RR overpass. Turn east on Kenyon Schoolhouse Rd., then right at the intersection to DEM Biscuit City Landing. Launch and follow the narrow channel under the RR tracks to the river, then turn right downstream. The dam at Kenyon has been replaced with a rock ramp – a series of pools with boulder walls ❷. This can be run by finding the center notch in the dam, then aiming toward the opening in the boulders. It can also be portaged to the left ⓐ. The river then passes under Kenyon Mill ④. The beautiful horseshoe dam at Shannock ❹ still needs to be portaged to the left ⓐ, at the sign. Use caution here because the take out is close to the lip of the dam ❹. Cross Shannock Rd. and put in on the left bank, below an old parking area. The river now has several small sections of class 1 rapids. At low water levels these may need to be walked. The third dam at Lower Shannock has been removed, but the resulting rapids require skill to run successfully ⑦. All others should take out at the boat ramp on the right ⓐ. To get into good position make sure to hug the right bank after you round a large boulder – otherwise the current may carry you into the rapids. Carry along the road 100

yards to *put in* below the rapids at the next boat ramp ★.

### 2) Lower Shannock to Cronan Fishing Access (3.8 mi.)

*Put in* at Railroad St. off Shannock Village Rd., right bank, below the rapids ★. The 2.2 miles to Carolina is an easy, pleasant paddle. The wooded shoreline becomes marshy just before the Rt. 112 bridge. To avoid the rapids ❹, you may take out here, right bank, just before the bridge ⓐ. The constricted channel beneath the bridge, known as “The Mousehole,” marks the head of 200 yards of class II whitewater that cannot be portaged ❹. Carolina Management Area ⑫ canoe camp is located on the right bank about 0.5 miles downstream of “The Mousehole.” Below the rapids the river runs smoothly for 3 miles to a small dam ❸ at WPWA’s Jay Cronan Fishing Access below Rt. 91 in Richmond. *Take out* above the dam at the right ★.

MAP LEGEND		
★ WATER ACCESS	● POINTS OF INTEREST	ⓐ PORTAGE
■ WATER	— ROADS	P PARKING
◆ CAUTION	■ CONSERVATION LAND	