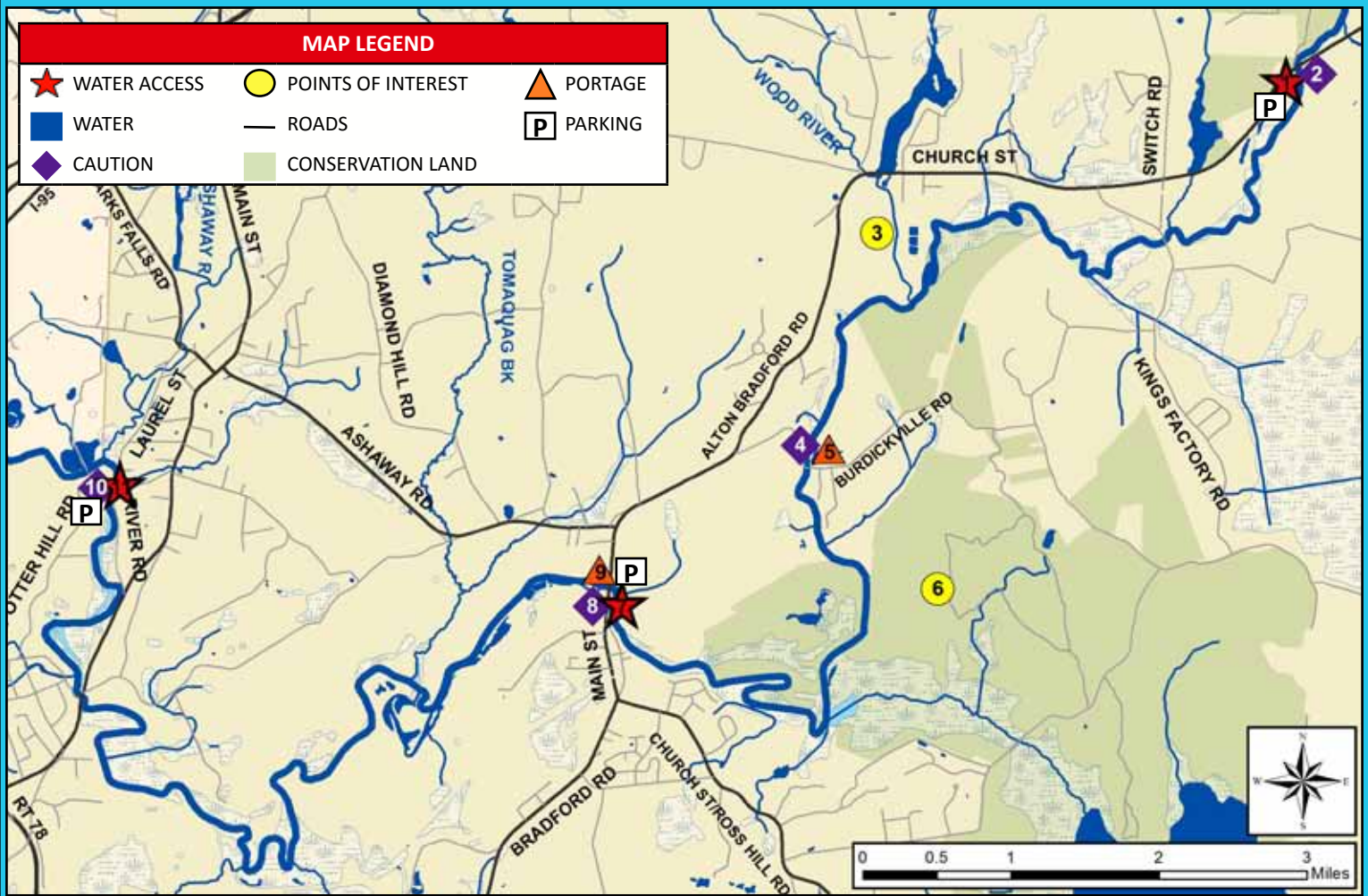


WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

PAWCATUCK RIVER: CRONAN FISHING ACCESS TO POTTER HILL MILL



LEVEL	Intermediate/Advanced	TIME	7 - 8 hours
START	WPWA Jay Cronan Fishing Access, Rt. 91, Richmond	DESCRIPTION	One or two portages
END	Potter Hill Dam, Potter Hill Rd., Westerly, RI	SCENERY	Forest, wetlands, dams
RIVER MILES	16 miles	ACCESS	WPWA + DEM Fishing Accesses, Westerly Land Trust

1) Cronan Fishing Access to Bradford (8.6 mi.)

Put in at WPWA's Jay Cronan Fishing Access below Rt. 91 in Richmond . A small dam and guaging station are located here . Downstream the river runs deep and the banks are pleasantly wooded. At 1.5 miles the river passes under Kings Factory Rd. Two miles farther downstream the Wood River enters from the right, doubling the size of the river . One mile more brings you to the broken dam at Burdickville . The only egress here is on the right, immediately upstream of the dam--a short but awkward **take out** up a steep, narrow path to Burdickville Rd. You may also lift over the left side of the dam, or you may run it in the fast water right of center, close to the little masonry "island." Only at high water should the dam be run down the middle. A canoe camp, part of *Burlingame Management Area* , is located on the left bank a mile downstream from

Burdickville. The area is unsupervised and sites are on a first come, first served basis. Four more miles brings you to Bradford. You can **take out** at the DEM landing ramp and parking area on the left , or continue on to Potter Hill Dam.

2) Bradford to Potter Hill Dam (7.5 mi.)

Put in at the DEM landing ramp and parking area across Rt. 91 from Bradford mill . The river passes under Rt. 91 and almost immediately there is a dam . The portage is on the right, along the fish ladder . Once below the dam the river runs wide, deep, and beautiful. Downstream of the Rt. 3 bridge it meanders through a mile of open marsh. Take out on the left above the Potter Hill bridge and dam at a small Westerly Land Trust property . People have died trying to run this dam--please do not attempt it .