

Lee Wulff TU

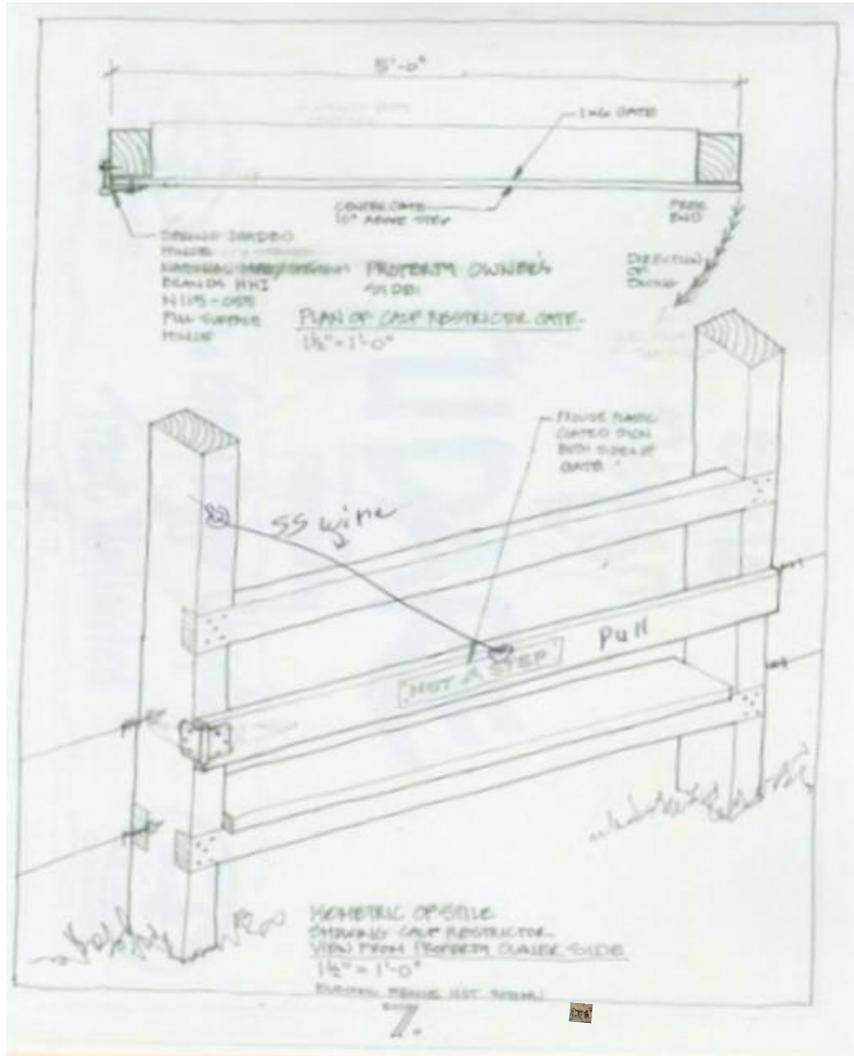
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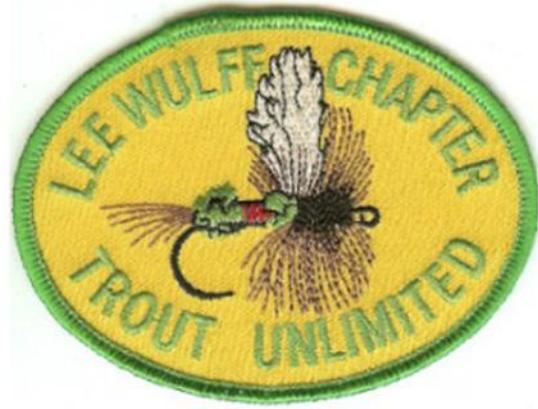
Gary Borger TU

Peculiar Stiles

And where to find them

Stiles with style





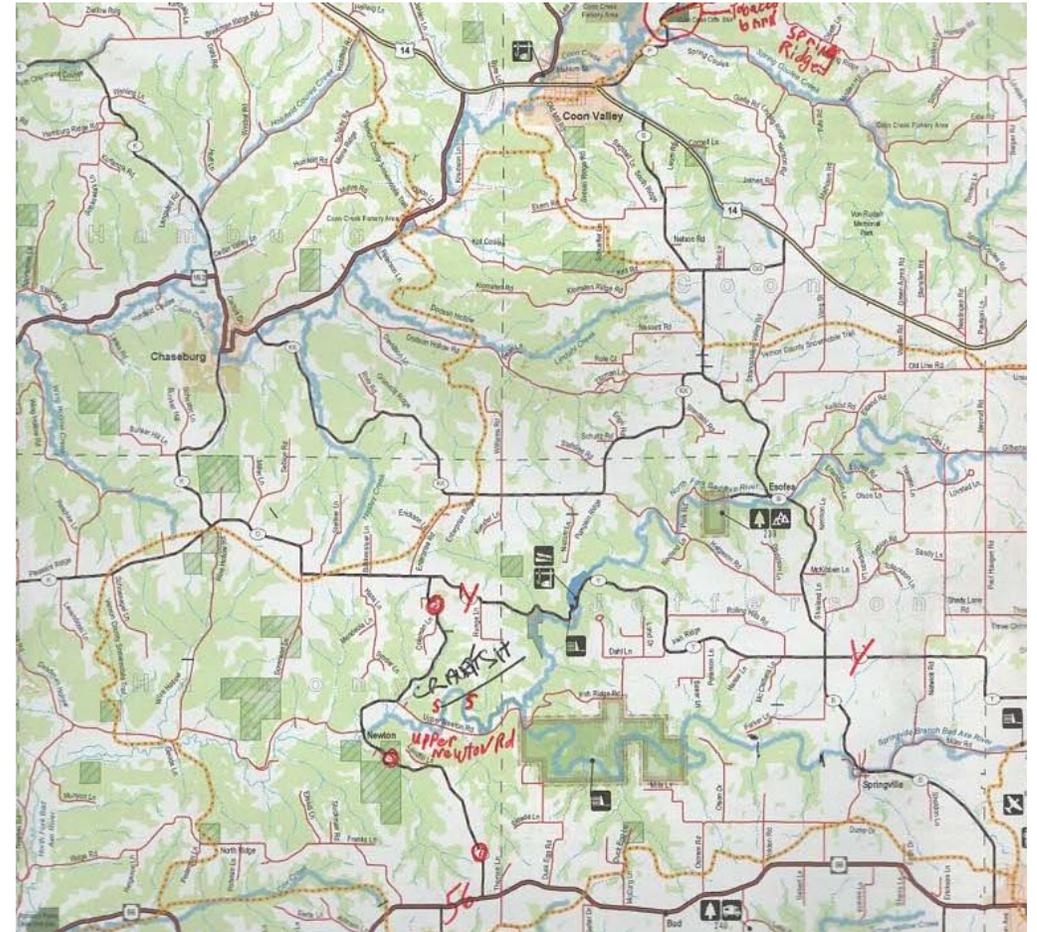
Starting in 2016 Lee Wulff Chapter began placing stiles in the Wisconsin Driftless area at the urging of Duke Welter. We were soon partnered with Gary Borger Chapter and the two chapters bought a post hole digger. The original plans for an improved stile came from a picture but evolved with the idea of a calf keeper swinging gate that was the idea of Jerry Sapp. Jeff Reinke drew a plan booklet and things have evolved from there.

2016 - North Fork of the Bad Axe Upper Newton Road

The stiles are to the north of the road. I suggest following the creek north on the east side of the bridge. There is an old road or path there that is an easement. Signage is there to discourage trespassing but there is an easement back to the stile along the flat area. The stile takes you into a large pasture that is a horseshoe bend. This is some really nice water. If you fish upstream you will find the second stile that is the way out to the road. I would try some streamers here.

Page 110 in the Southern Wisc. Outdoor atlas.

All maps from that atlas



2017 - Bohemian Valley

Two stiles on Bohemian Valley on county G upper right corner. One on the Little La Crosse 27 North of Leon. South of I 90. not on this map I would not waste my time there.

Bohemian Valley to be worked on this year by Wisconsin, DNR. We will be installing more stiles when that is complete.

One other great spot on Timber Coulee, the old Tobacco Barn. Go up Spring Ridge road about a quarter mile parking on the left hand side of the road Seldom used but a lot of water and excellent fishing.

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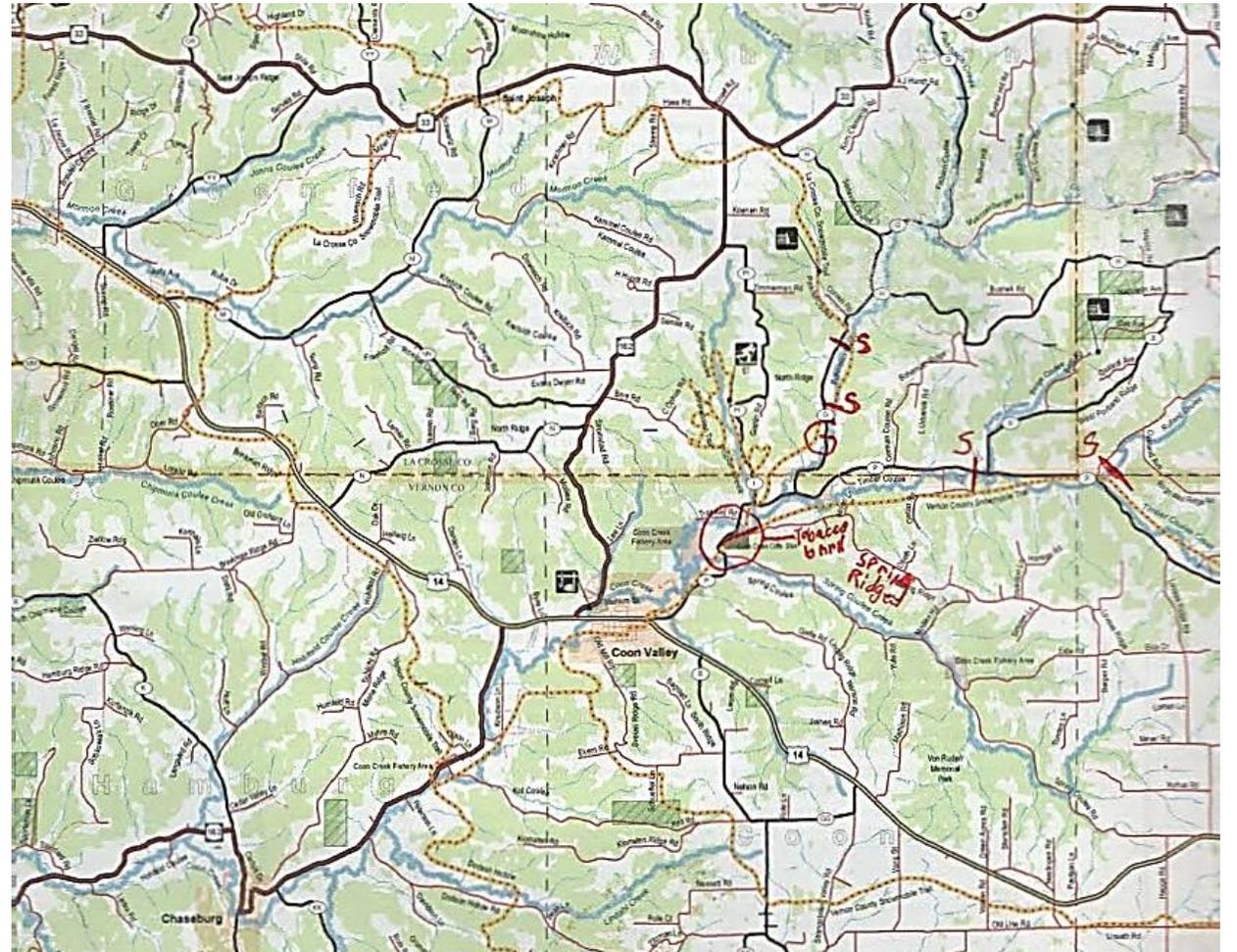
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2018 - Timber Coulee and Rulands Coulee

In 2018 we added two stiles one on Timber Coulee and one on Rulands Coulee. In August there was the Great Flood. Both stiles remained standing. The stile on Rulands is near the church close to the junction of Rulands and Timber Coulee. If you fish here remember that this is gin clear water or go when the stream is a little off. On Timber Coulee you will find the stile along County P close to the junction with County X. There is a good spot near the stile where the stream makes a right angle bend, fish there and up-stream too.

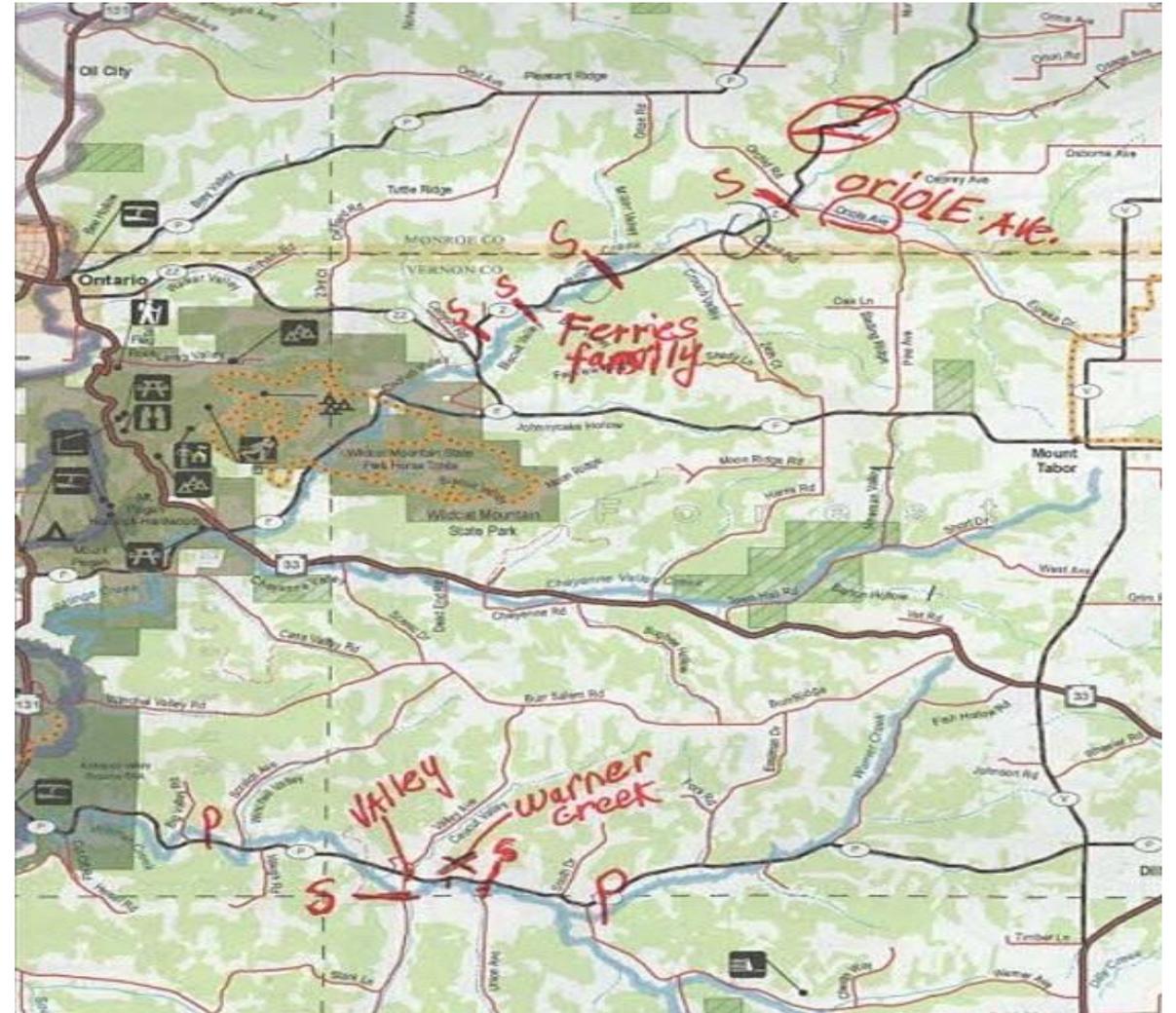
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2018 & 2019 - Billings Creek

We have done 4 stiles on Billings Creek 2 in 2018 and 2 in 19. The first two were along county Z one near Oriole avenue and the other was near the bridge 1 mile downstream from there . Fishing at both these spots is good. I would recommend fishing the downstream area in the spring and early summer and the area close to Oriole Ave for summer and fall hopper fishing. In 2019 we completed two stiles along Z close to Wildcat Mountain on the Billings Creek farm belonging to the Ferries, Paulette and Earl . Please stop at the house and let them know who is fishing the property and don't miss the section behind their barn. The creek was re-rocked in 2020.

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2018 - Trout Creek

In 2018 we also did a stile on Trout Creek near Barneveld along County Road T.

If you fish here please look at the hole below the culvert that crosses the road downstream of the stile, it is great for easy access and kids.

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2018 - Blue River

In this year we also did two stiles on the Blue River one on Bowers Road to access the new work that was completed. It is across the bridge and around the bend from the parking area. The area from the bridge up about 500 ft fishes very well. This is all pasture if you walk up the stream to the upper fence you will find another stile we put there. Upstream from that is unimproved but has some very deep holes and holds fish. Upstream from there you come to Snow Bottom Rd. If you have never fished up from Snow Bottom you are missing some of the prettiest streamside scenery in the Driftless. You can follow the stream up through to Bluff road and if you have two cars you can do the walk, through pasture and prairie. Tim Fraley pres. of Nohr chapter calls the section up from Snow Bottom the “Land Time Forgot”. Just go fish it.

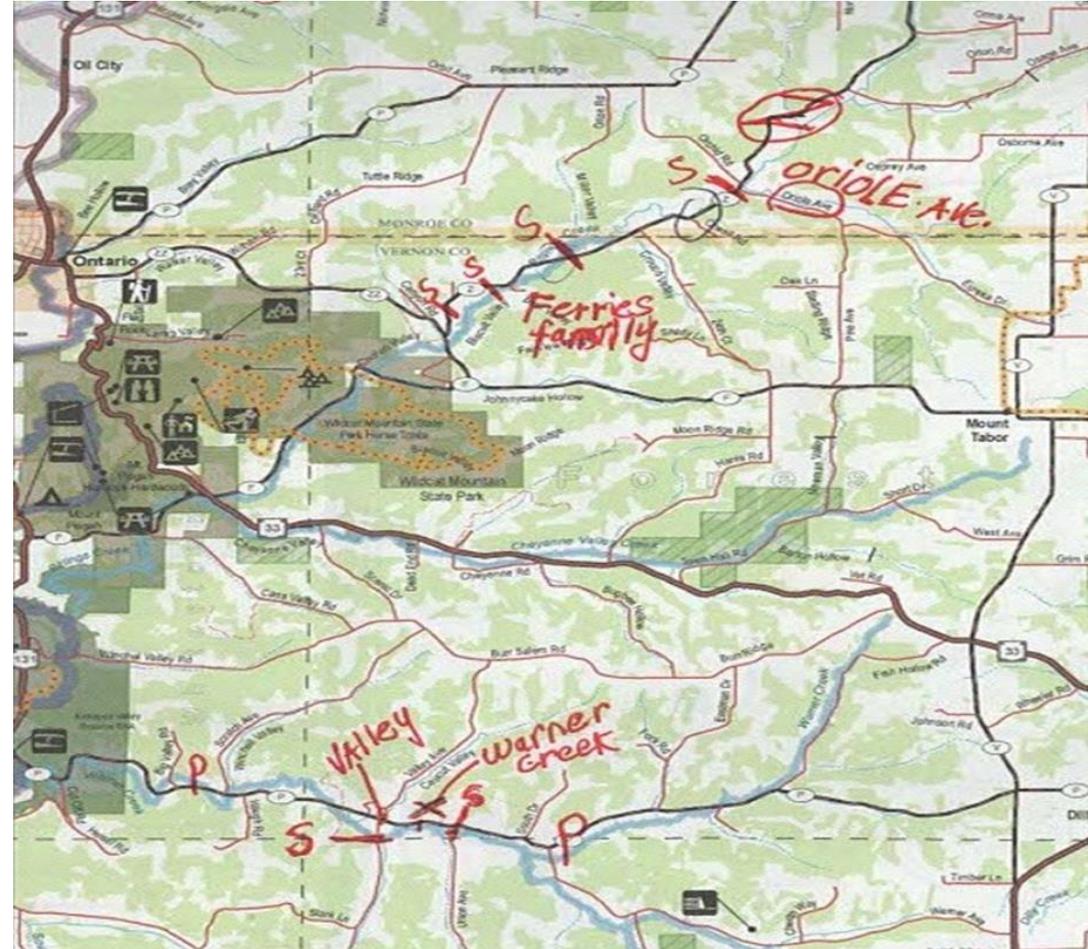
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2020 - Warner Creek

In 2020 we did 6 stiles three were done on the new project at Warner Creek. One stile is on County P, one on Valley Rd. and one is on Union Ave. This area is going to be a great fishing spot easy access, pasture, lots of bend holes and riffles. There is about a mile between roads but two miles of stream to fish with switchbacks. To get there follow 33 east from Ontario and south on V to double back P. The Driftwood Inn is the only motel in Ontario, we found it clean and accommodating.

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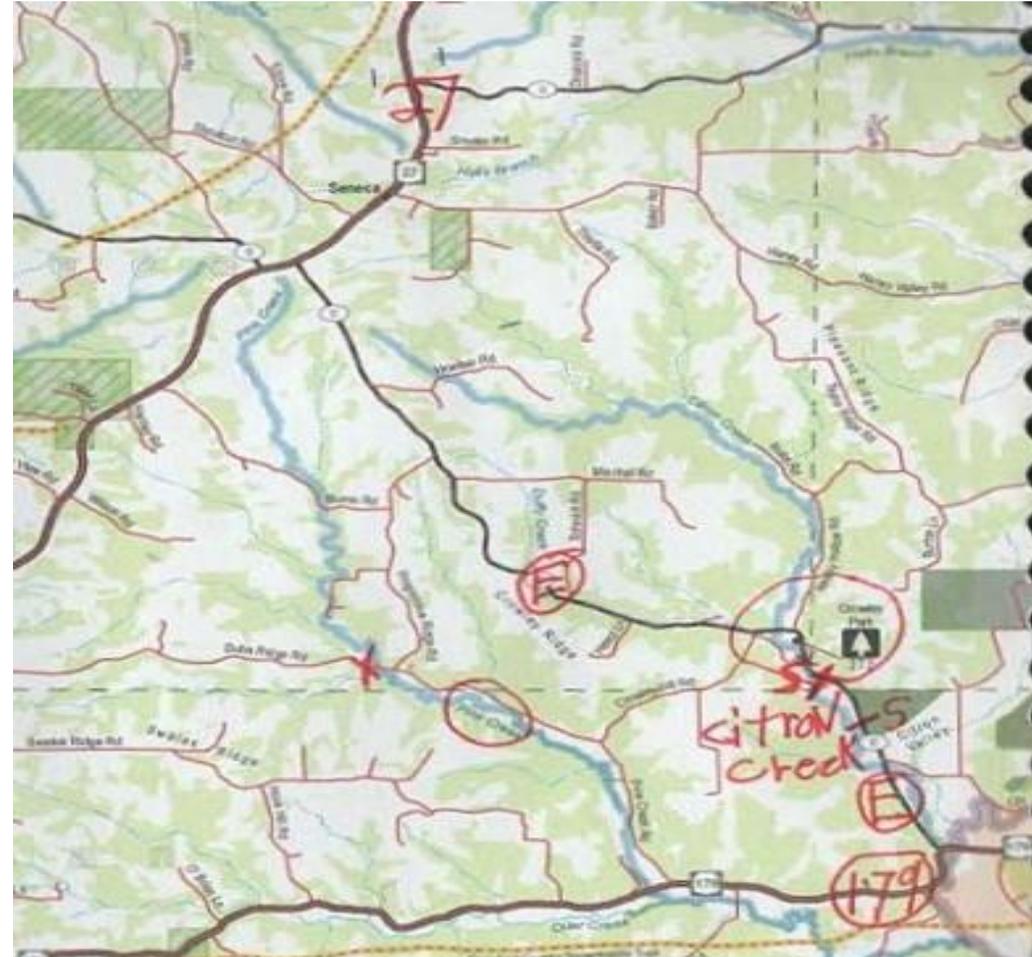


2020 - Citron Creek

There are three more stiles done in 2020. Yes, we did it in three days with the combined help of Lee Wulff and Gary Borger. I wonder if they ever met? Two stiles were done on the Citron Creek, Crawford County, on the Dudenbostel farm. The Dudenbostel brothers, Eric and Ian, were the equipment operators on this project. They have done quite a nice job of creating habitat and saving the pasture on their farm. If you fish there consider parking in Crowley park just across County E from the stile it has shade and a good place for lunch. The stile is across the road and takes you into the improved part but there is a mile or more of stream to fish down the valley pasture. The other stile is almost a mile south on E below the road in a tree line. You can park here if someone is at the upstream stile, there is plenty of room to fish two groups.

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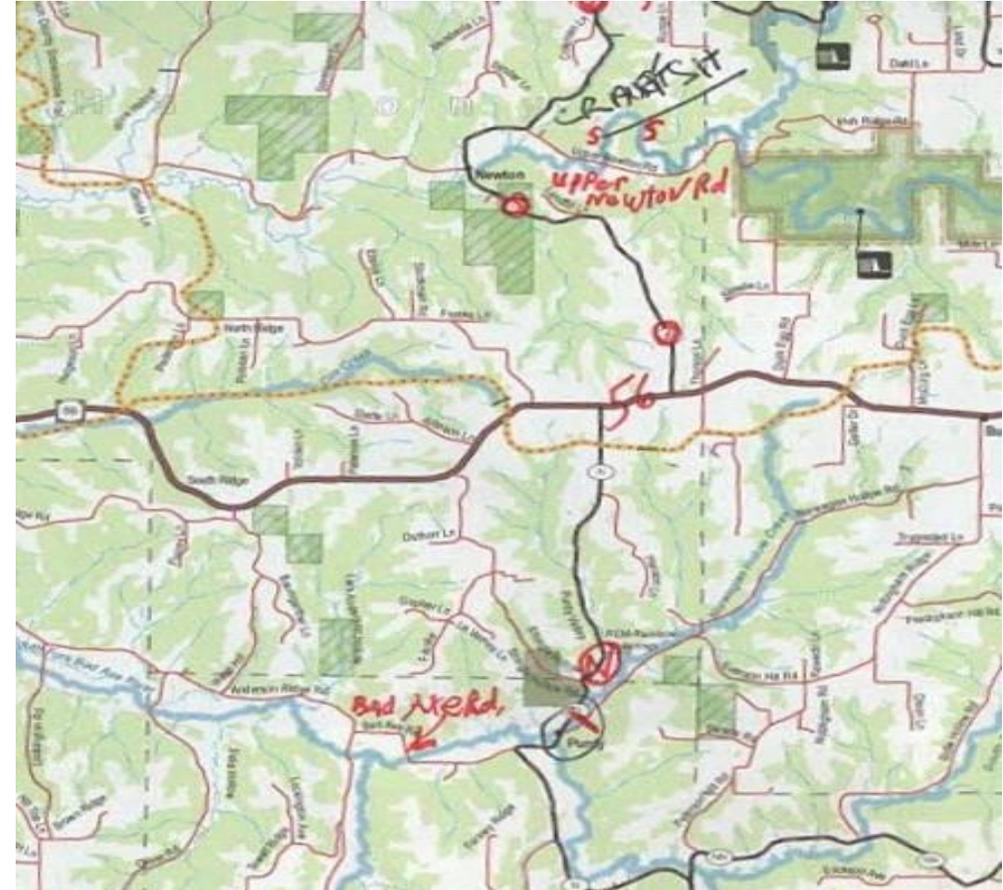
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2020 - Norwegian Creek

The last stile is the one on Norwegian Creek. As we were getting ready to work on the stile, we watched a young man catch a 22" brown from the South Fork of the Bad axe. This stile is right at the bridge on County N at Purdy. It looks like we will be doing some cattle guards across the stream upstream from the stile next year. The 2 best holes are upstream from the stile according to Duke Welter, but are blocked by fencing across the stream. We will be hanging plastic pipe from a wire to stop cows but not fishers. The stile gives you access to the creek that has the junction to the South Fork is nearby and looks like it will be a new place to visit.

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Stile Crew

