

Salt River and Tributaries

The confluences of the North, Middle, Elk, and South forks of the Salt River come together to form Mark Twain Lake. If you paddle into the arms of the lake, be prepared for slow water and lots of paddling. But these areas do promise plenty of good fishing. There are many more accesses around the lake than are mentioned here. For more information, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a lake map. See address on Page 99.

On the east side of the lake below the Clarence Cannon Dam, the Salt River flows for 63 miles to the Mississippi River. A good three-hour float is between the two dams — from Clarence Cannon to the Re-regulation Dam. There you will see a variety of landscapes including bluffs, sandbars, and open fields.

North Fork

Difficulty: I and II.

Gradients: general — 1 and II.

Counties: Shelby and Monroe.

- 0.0 [Arrow-Wood Conservation Area](#) on Hwy. 15. Moderately easy canoe/kayak access due to low bank. ▲
- 4.8 Shelby County Road 353 Bridge.
- 10.0 Shelby County Road 472 Bridge.
- 11.8 [Mound View Access](#) on Shelby County Road 470. Parking lot, but no boat ramp. Must carry canoe/kayak through timber to water. ▲
- 13.4 Route T Bridge. No access.
- 16.3 Black Creek on left.
- 18.0 [Hunnewell Access](#) on Hwy. 36. ▲ 🚣
- 23.2 Watch for Lake Boundary sign.
- 25.0 Route CC/FF Bridge. USACE boat ramp. Slow water below this take-out.
- 30.7 Crooked Creek on right.
- 35.0 Hwy. 24 Bridge. USACE boat ramp. Last take out before lake.



Double-crested cormorants on the Salt River by Jim Rathert

Middle Fork

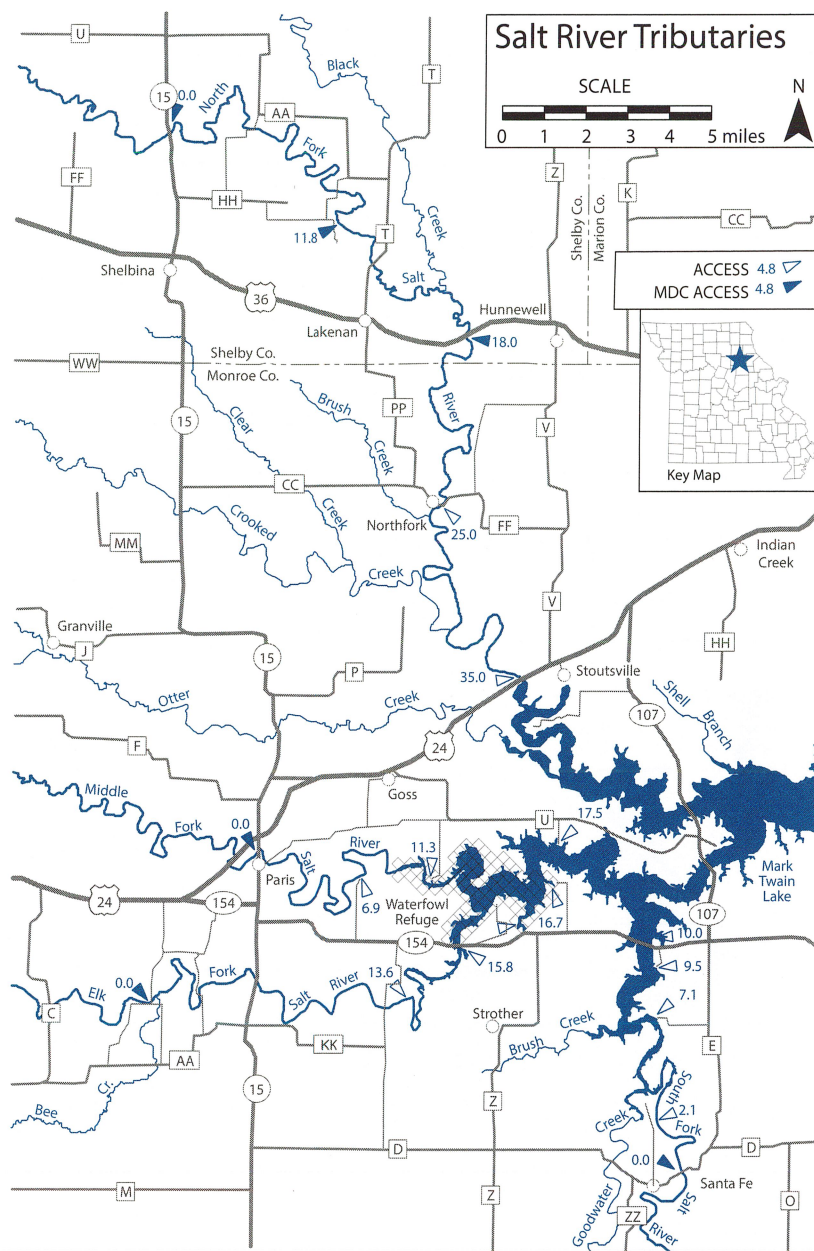
Difficulty: I and II.
Gradients: general — 1.
County: Monroe.

- 0.0 **Paris Access** on Bus. Hwy. 24. ▲
- 0.1 Railroad Bridge.
- 0.2 Bridge on northeast side of Paris.
- 6.9 USACE parking lot on right, 1.5 miles north of Hwy. 154 on Monroe County Road 425. If water is low, boats have to be carried from lot.
- 9.8 Waterfowl refuge. No boating allowed during waterfowl hunting season.
- 11.3 USACE parking lot on left, south of Route U on Monroe County Road 445. If water is low, boats have to be carried from lot.
- 14.4 Elk Fork Arm of Mark Twain Lake.
- 15.7 Mouth of Jordan Branch. Access is 0.8 miles upstream. Can only be used to launch canoes/kayaks when water is high.
- 16.7 End of waterfowl refuge. USACE parking lot on right, but not good access for boats.
- 17.5 USACE boat ramp on left.
- 23.0 South Fork Arm of Mark Twain Lake.
- 25.6 Hwy. 107 Bridge.
- 29.0 Middle Fork joins with North Fork Arm.

Elk Fork

Difficulty: I and II.
Gradients: general — 1.
County: Monroe.

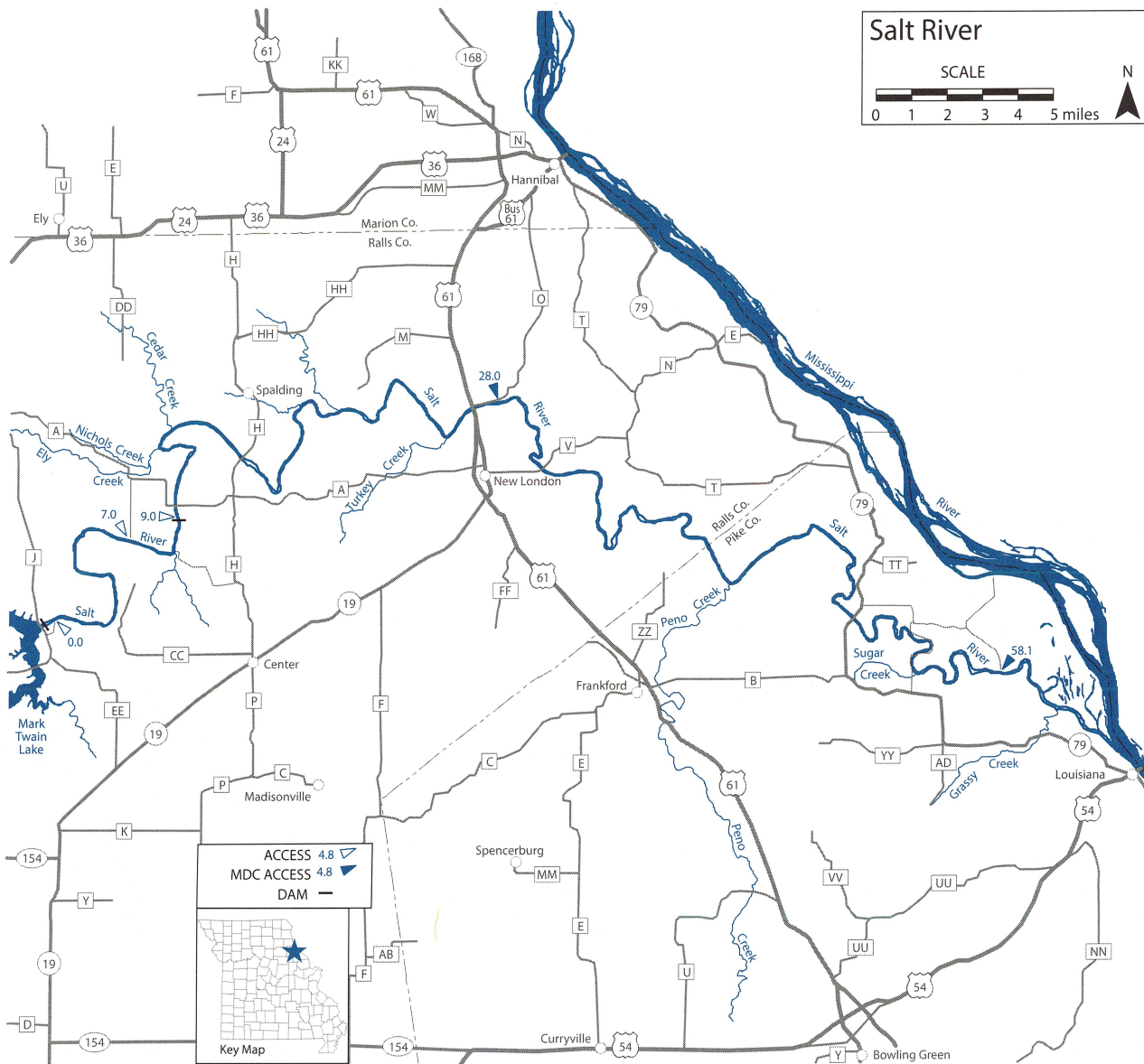
- 0.0 **Cedar Bluff Access** on Monroe County Road 857. Cantilever sign on Hwy. 24 west of Paris. Fair access for canoes/kayaks. ▲
- 0.4 Bee Creek on right.
- 3.4 Monroe County Road 875 Bridge.
- 5.3 Hwy. 15 Bridge.
- 10.4 Monroe County Road 743 Bridge.
- 11.6 Watch for Lake Boundary sign.
- 13.6 USACE parking lot on left. Long walk from parking lot to river unless the water is high.
- 15.8 Hwy. 154 Bridge and USACE boat ramp.
- 17.3 Middle Fork Arm of Mark Twain Lake.



South Fork

Difficulty: I.
Gradients: general — 1.
County: Monroe.

- 0.0 **Santa Fe Access** on Route D. ▲
- 1.9 Watch for Lake Boundary sign.
- 2.1 USACE parking lot on right. Long walk from parking lot to river unless the water is high.
- 5.1 Goodwater Creek Arm of Mark Twain Lake.
- 7.1 USACE parking lot on right. River near lot, but steep embankment.
- 7.8 Brush Creek Arm of Mark Twain Lake.
- 9.5 South Fork Recreation Area with boat ramp.
- 10.0 Hwy. 154 Bridge and USACE boat ramp.
- 11.6 Middle Fork Arm on left and Mark Twain State Park (DNR) on right.



Salt River

Difficulty: I and II.
Gradients: general — 1.
Counties: Ralls and Pike.

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| <p>0.0 Warren G. See Spillway Recreation Area and boat ramp.</p> <p>7.0 USACE boat ramp, on left, Cincinnati Road.</p> <p>9.0 Re-regulation Dam. Portage on right. Bluff View Recreation Area with boat ramp below dam on left. For boater safety, the USACE has established a no-boating zone on the Salt River that currently extends approximately 2,000 feet downstream of the Re-regulation Dam to the Bluff View Recreation Area ramp. Paddlers are encouraged to contact the USACE Mark Twain Lake office (573-735-4097) for rules, water levels, and portage options.</p> <p>9.5 Route A Bridge. No access. Seasonal dwellings both sides of stream.</p> <p>12.5 Ely Creek on left.</p> | <p>13.0 Cedar Creek on left.</p> <p>15.7 Route H Bridge. No access.</p> <p>26.1 Turkey Creek on right.</p> <p>27.2 Hwy. 61 Bridge. No access.</p> <p>28.0 Indian Camp Access on left. On Route O, off Hwy. 61. ▲ ➡</p> <p>31.4 Route V Bridge. No access.</p> <p>38.0 Bailey Bridge Road. No access.</p> <p>41.8 Peno Creek on right.</p> <p>48.9 Hwy. 79 Bridge.</p> <p>53.5 Bridge site on Pike County Road 115. Bridge and most of road is impassible.</p> <p>54.1 Sugar Creek on right.</p> <p>58.1 Ted Shanks Conservation Area on left. ▲ ➡</p> <p>61.0 Grassy Creek on right.</p> <p>63.0 Mississippi River. Louisiana Riverfront (City of Louisiana) located 1.6 miles downstream from this point. Access. Restrooms. Picnic Area.</p> |
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