

Bourbeuse River

Although the Gasconade has the reputation for being crooked, the meandering of the Bourbeuse is more extreme. It winds for nearly 100 miles with an airline distance of only 27 miles, all of it within Franklin County! This is a relatively small, slow river which is not as clear as many of the streams farther south. Yet it provides some rather good bass fishing, has many picturesque features, and has surprisingly few road crossings. It is seldom floatable in summer above Bartel Bend on Route H and becomes rather "civilized" beyond the first Union Bridge.

Difficulty: I.

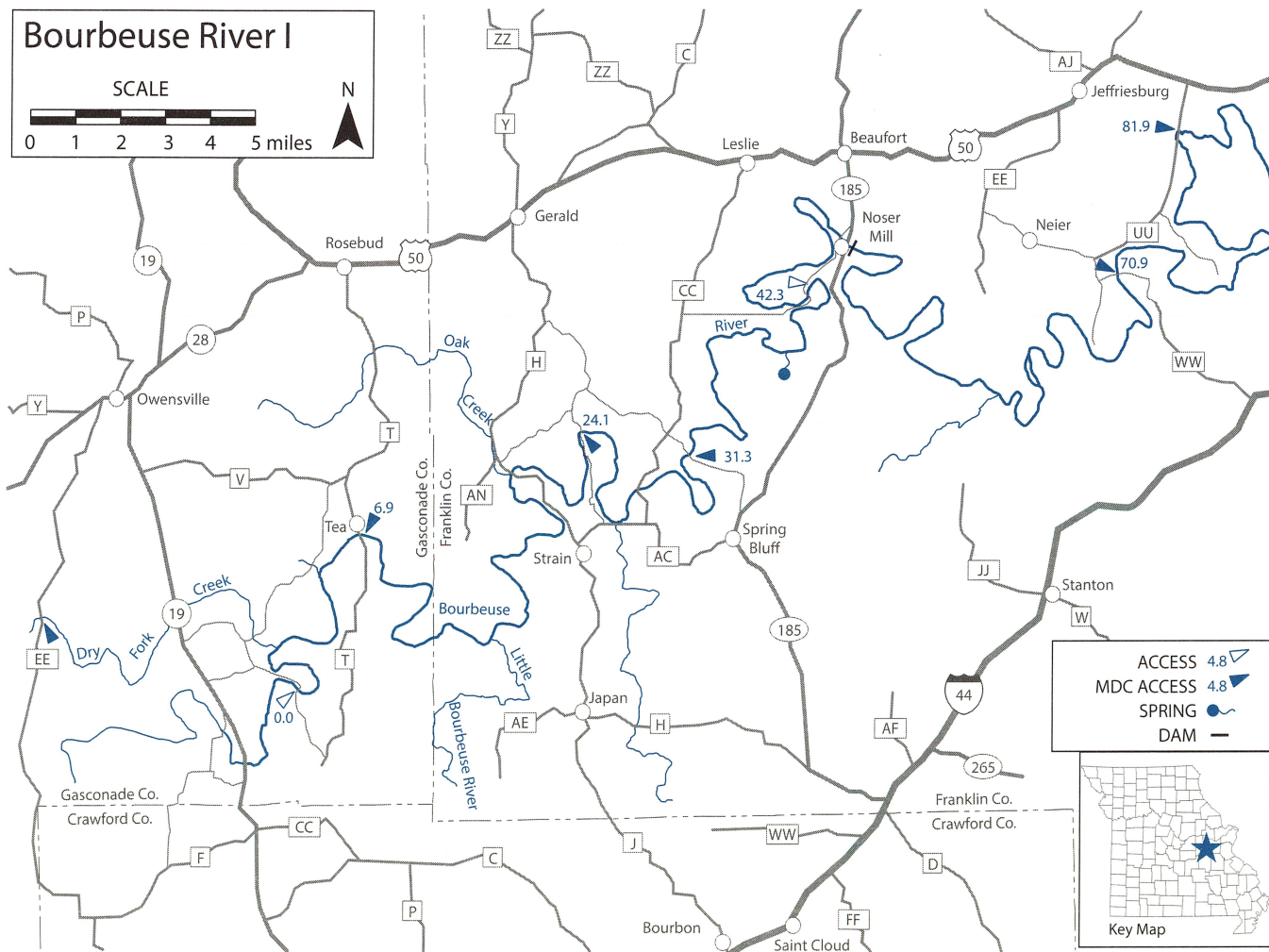
Gradients: general — 2.4; Hwy. 19 to Bartel Bend — 3.9; to Hwy. 185 — 1.7; to Happy Sock Creek — 2.3; to Meramec River — 2.1.

Counties: Gasconade, Franklin.

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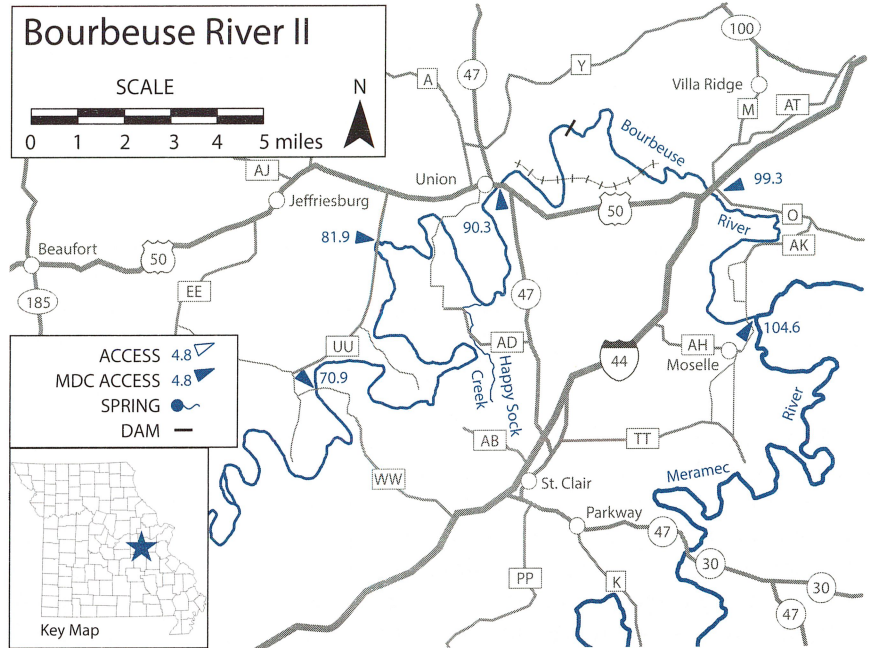
Mint Spring Access is 9.5 miles south of Owensville on Route EE. Gravel ramp.

- 0.0 Low-water bridge on County Road 530, off Hwy. 19.
- 2.4 Dry Fork enters on left.
- 6.9 [Tea Access](#) on left, on Tea Road off Route T. Gravel bar. No ramp.
- 20.4 Route H Bridge. No access.
- 24.1 [Mill Rock Access](#) on right, on Mill Rock Road off Route H. Gravel ramp.
- 28.3 Route CC Bridge. No access.
- 31.3 [Wenkel Ford Access](#) on right, on Wenkel Ford Road off Hwy. 185. Access at ford.
- 38.8 Roaring Spring on right.
- 42.3 Peters Ford, on county road off Hwy. 185 south of Noser Mill.
- 48.3 Greenstreet. Cabins atop bluff on left.
- 49.4 Hwy. 185 Bridge at old Noser Mill. Low mill dam. Portage. Private. No access.
- 70.9 [Reiker Ford Access](#) on left. Access at ford. Gravel bar. Private cabins on right.
- 81.9 [Mayers Landing Access](#) on left. Route UU parallels river on left. 



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- 70.9 Reiker Ford Access on left. Access at ford. Private cabins on right.
- 81.9 Mayers Landing Access on left. Route UU parallels river on left. 🚣
- 83.9 County Road Bridge. No access.
- 86.0 Happy Sock Creek on right.
- 90.3 Hwy. 50 Bridge. Union Access on right. 🚣
- 92.8 Chicago Rock Island R.R. Bridge.
- 93.8 Guths Mill Dam. Portage.
- 97.3 R.R. recrosses river.
- 99.3 Hwy. 50 and I-44 bridges. Dr. Henry A. and Amalia Uhlemeyer Access on left. Exit I-44 at Route O. 🚣
- 104.6 Chouteau Claim Access on right, off Route AH. Joins Meramec River just past ramp. 🚣



Bourbeuse Stream Team on the Bourbeuse River by David Stonner