

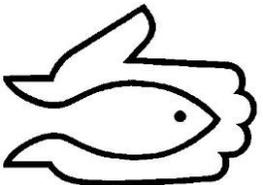
## Pine River Angling Package



This package was created to provide anglers with information to enhance angling quality and opportunity on the North Pine River. The document will summarize research completed on the river and along with maps and information that anglers can use to plan day or multi-day trips on the Pine River.

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# Background Information

The Pine River has been stocked intermittently since 1955. Plantings have been dominated by both brook trout and rainbow trout. Up to date stocking records can be viewed on the Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement website.

The Pine River has a rich angling history. The fishery has been a popular brook and rainbow stream since the early plantings which has continued until today. There are many entry/exit points and access trails throughout the system, along with many popular pools that produce trout year after year.

In 1990, SVSFE raised funds to enhance a stretch of habitat in the middle reaches of the North Pine River. The design of the habitat improvements were acquired from known trout sites in the lower-middle reaches of the river. The meanders were constructed at "Second Crossing" in November 1990.

A habitat inventory of the North Pine River was conducted by North-South Consultants in 1995. A portion of this survey included 5 different electrofishing transects at different reaches of the river. Brook and rainbow trout were found at two locations. The first (NP-4), found 27 brook trout and 19 rainbow trout which is located north of the Pine River gravel pit. The second (NP-3), yielded 88 brook trout and 8 rainbow trout in Clearwater Creek, a tributary of the North Pine River. Of the trout catch, juveniles of both species were located including young-of-the-year rainbow trout.

In 2018, SVSFE technical staff conducted a presence/absence survey on the North Pine River. Trout were located at every transect completed between second crossing and third crossing. Trout were not located in the lower, or the far upper reaches. Brook and rainbow trout were found in age classes that signify a naturally reproducing populations of each. A summary of this research can be located on the SVSFE website.



# Additional Information

This package is a summary of information collected in 2018 and therefore subject to change over time; especially in terms of access and trail information. The GIS data (.gpx, .kmz) from the maps on the following pages (4-9) can be downloaded from the “Go Fishing – Pine River” page on the Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement Website.

ATVing is prohibited in The Duck Mountain Provincial Park. From PR 366 a 4x4 motor vehicle can travel no further down to Pine River to waypoint #2, where the road has been decommissioned. From HWY 10 a motor vehicle can travel no further than waypoint #19 where a barrier has been constructed. Between these two points the Pine River Road is good condition, and suitable for mountain biking. The trails that access the river off of the Pine River Road can be muddy during wet periods. If accessing the river from the south, a motor vehicle can travel no further than waypoint 15 (Pine River gravel pit). Beyond this point can be travelled by mountain bike but can be muddy during wet periods.

The most effective way to angle these backcountry streams is to travel far from the access points where there is less angling pressure. In addition, the greatest angling success if achieved during times of low runoff when the water is clear. The following is a summary of distances of river habitat between the different access points.

WPT #1-#3: Approximately 5.3km

WPT #3-#4: Approximately 1.5km

WPT #4-#7: Approximately 500m

WPT #7-#10: Approximately 2km

WPT#10-#11: Approximately 1km

WPT#11-#13: Approximately 2.25km

WPT #13-#14: Approximately 1.58km

WPT#14-#18: Approximately 2.65km

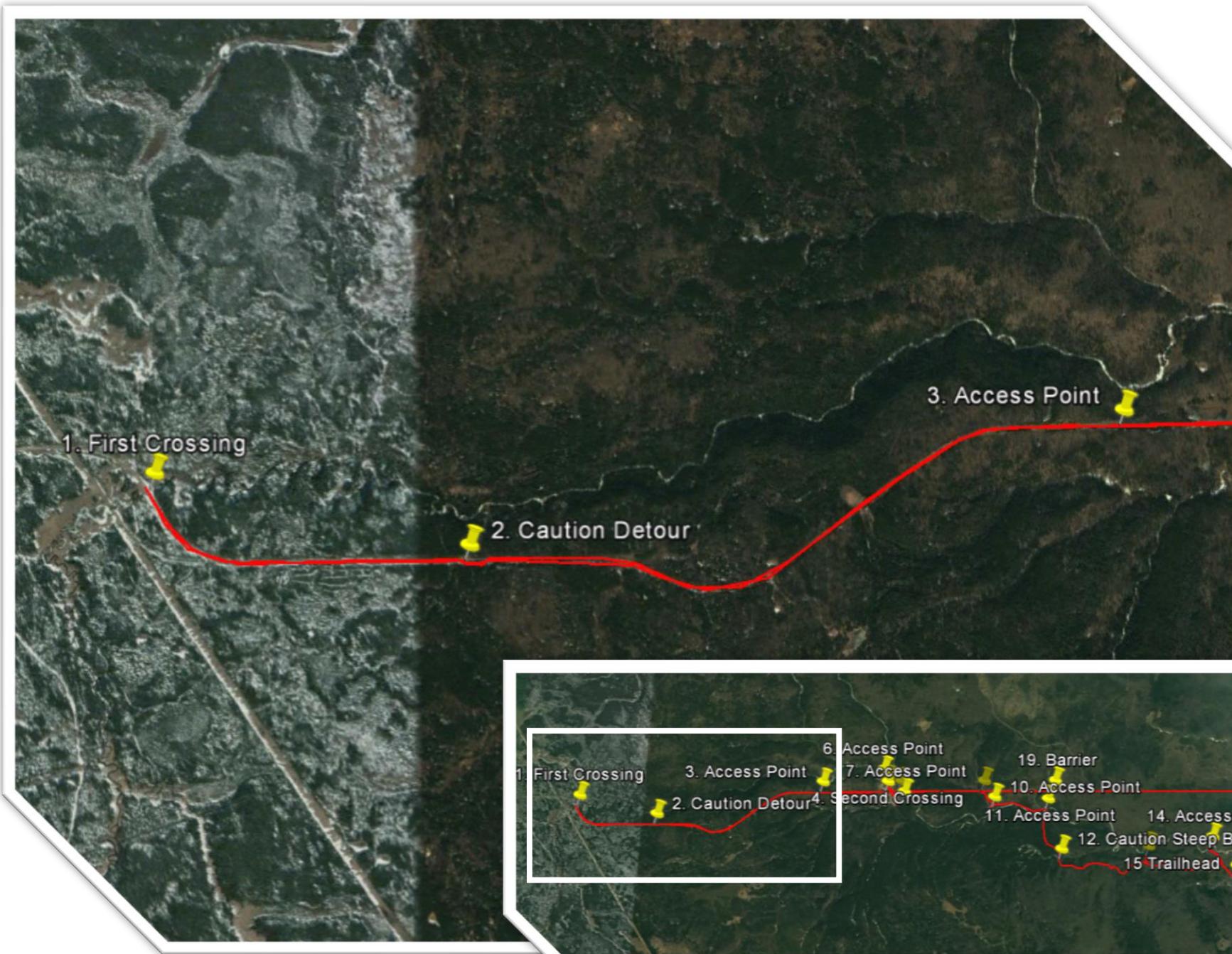
WPT #18-16: Approximately 3.65km

Travelling downstream of waypoint 16 is where much of the land adjacent of the river becomes private land. It is recommended that if angling these areas becomes your preferred trip, that the proper research and correspondence with landowners is completed before your trip.

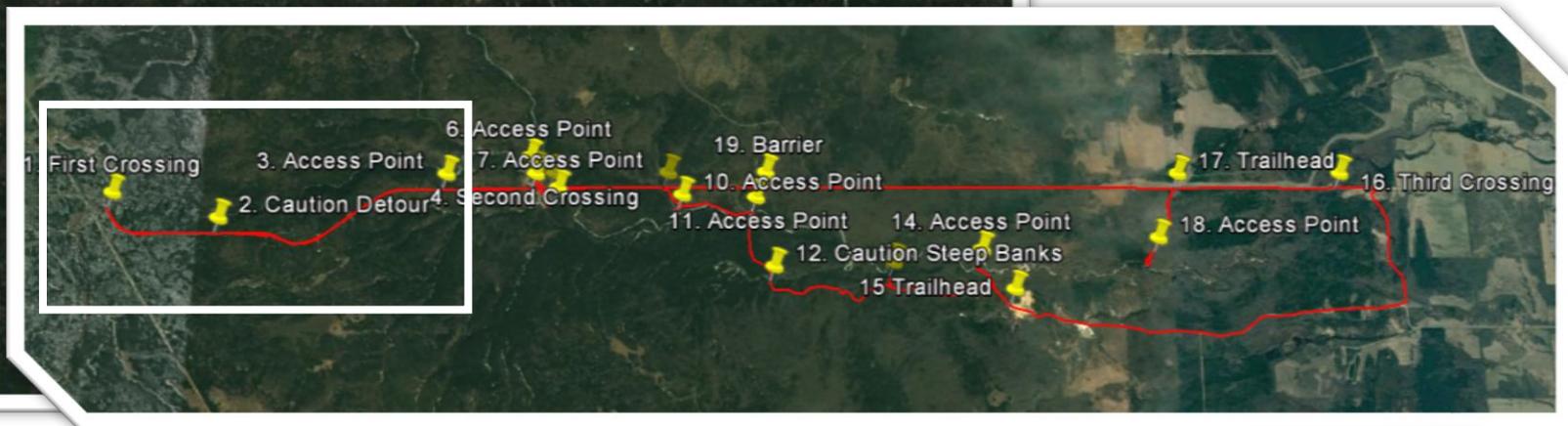
In most stretches of the river there isn’t much bank width and very little clearings on shore for casting. For this reason, this particular fishery is better suited for spin fishing as opposed to a fly fishing.

Travel along this particular stream is time consuming, therefore ensure that you’re well prepared for very long days of angling. The rocky substrate, deep pools, fallen trees, and beaver flooded areas can make travel very slow, therefore ensure that you are well prepared before heading out on a day or multiday trip on the Pine River.

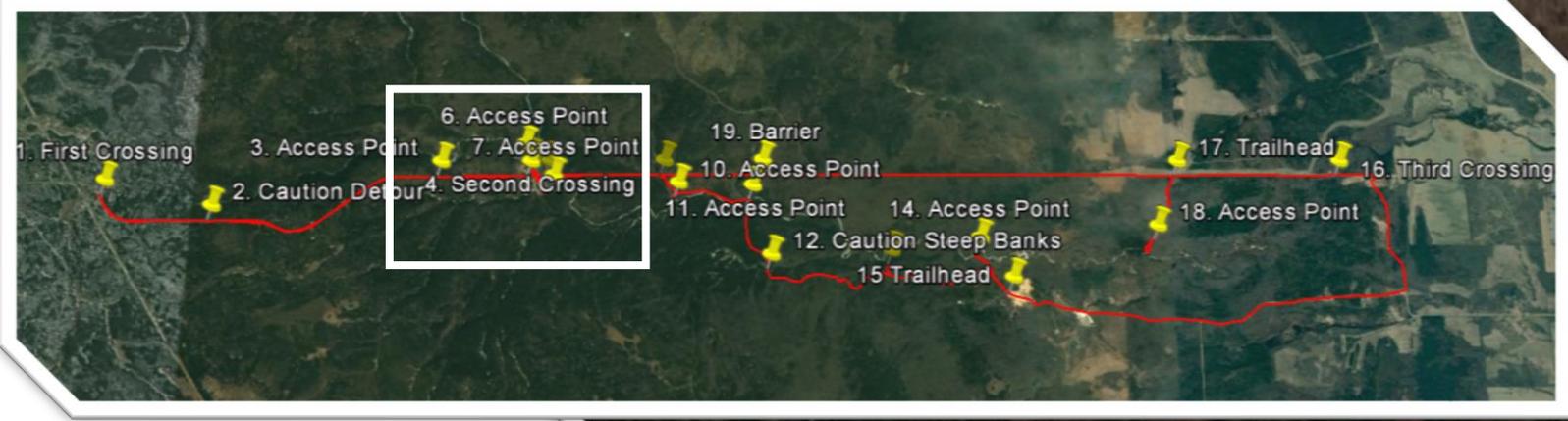
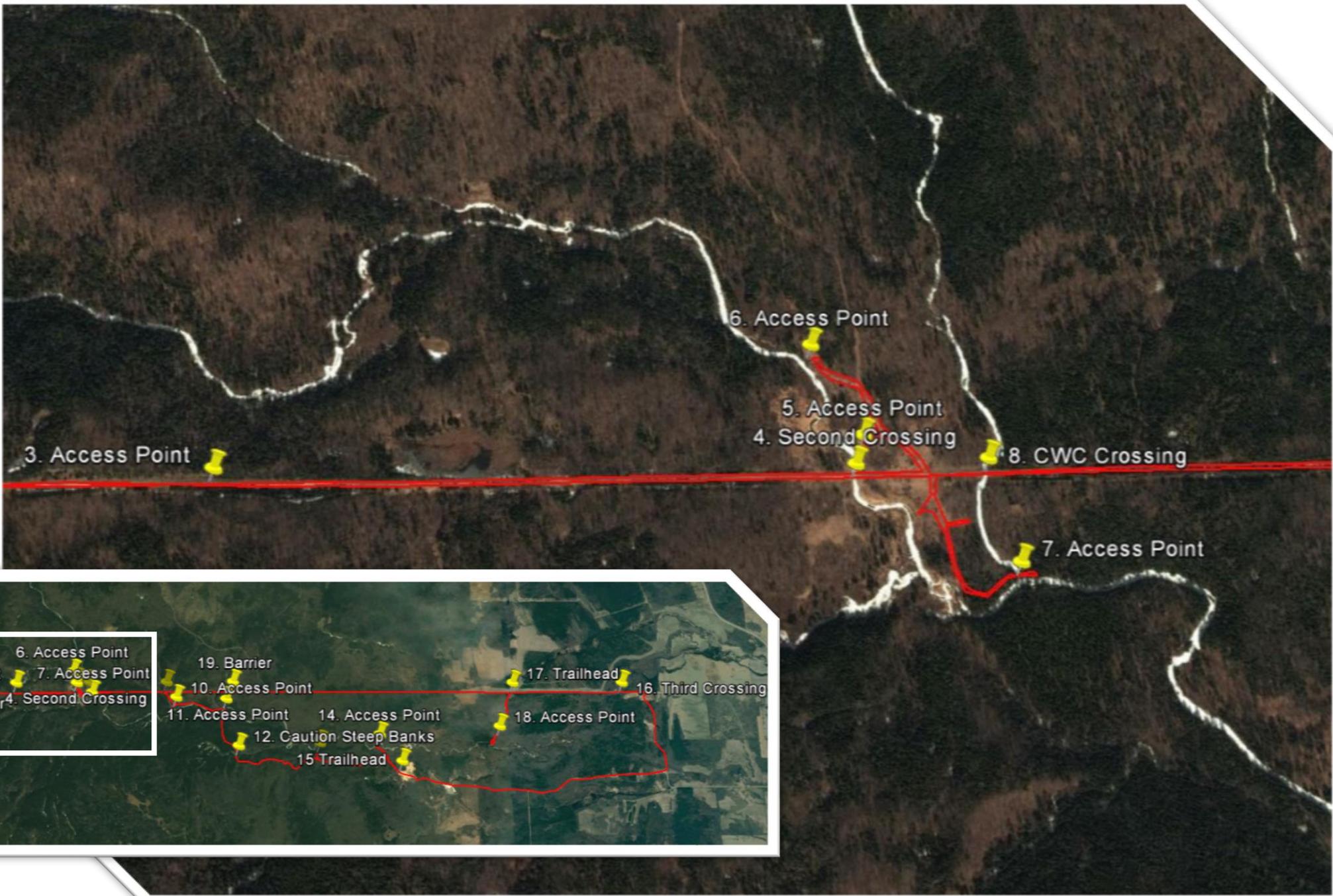
WPT #	WPT Name	Comments
1	First Crossing	Trout have historically been angled downstream of this location
2	Caution Detour	Where road has been decommissioned
3	Acces Point	No Trail - 150 north to access river
4	Second Crossing	Exceptional angling opporunities
5	Acces Point	Exceptional angling opporunities
6	Acces Point	Exceptional angling opporunities
7	Acces Point	Exceptional angling opporunities
8	CWC Crossing	Clearwater Creek has populations of trout as well
9	Trailhead	Trailhead to "Pine River Trail" - can be muddy
10	Acces Point	Old Campsite - exceptional angling oppourtunities
11	Acces Point	Trail continues across the river
12	Caution	Steep banks
13	Lover's Leap	Lookout, picnic area, and exceptional angling opportunities
14	Acces Point	Old campsite - exceptional angling oppourtunities
15	Trailhead	Pine River gravel pit
16	Third Crossing	Exceptional angling opporunities
17	Trailhead	Trail travels within 150m of river
18	Acces Point	Travel crosscountry south east 150m to access river
19	Barrier	Where barrier has been constructed on road
20	Acces Point	HWY 10 access point - caution private property
21	Acces Point	Old railway crossing - caution private property
22	Acces Point	PR 271 crossing - caution private property
23	Acces Point	Kushnryk's farm road allowance - caution private property
24	Acces Point	Haye field road allowance - caution private property.



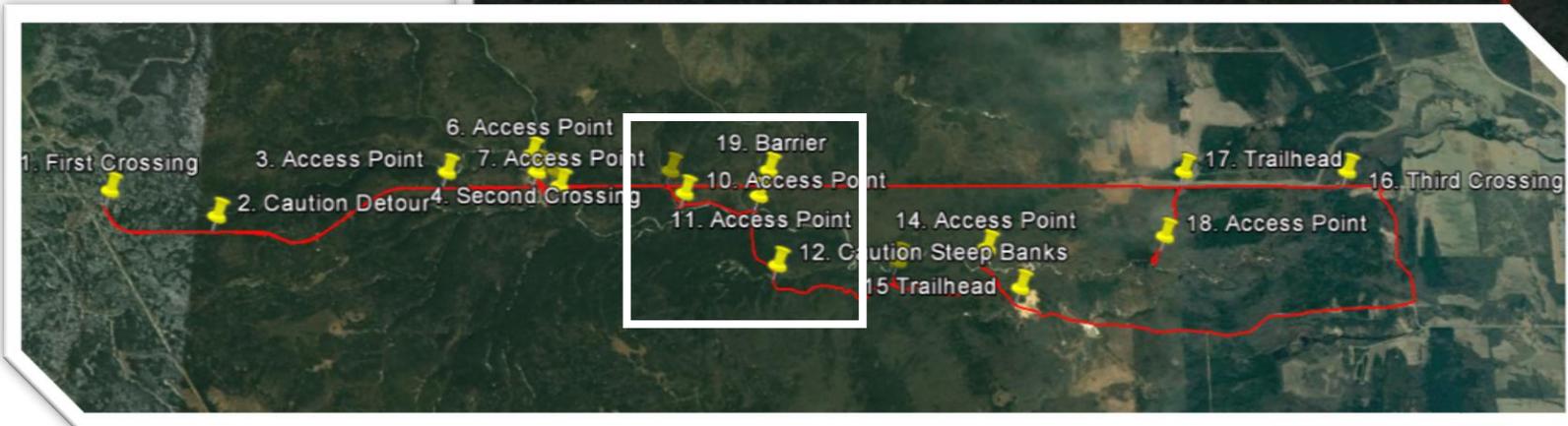
Map # 1 – Upper Reaches

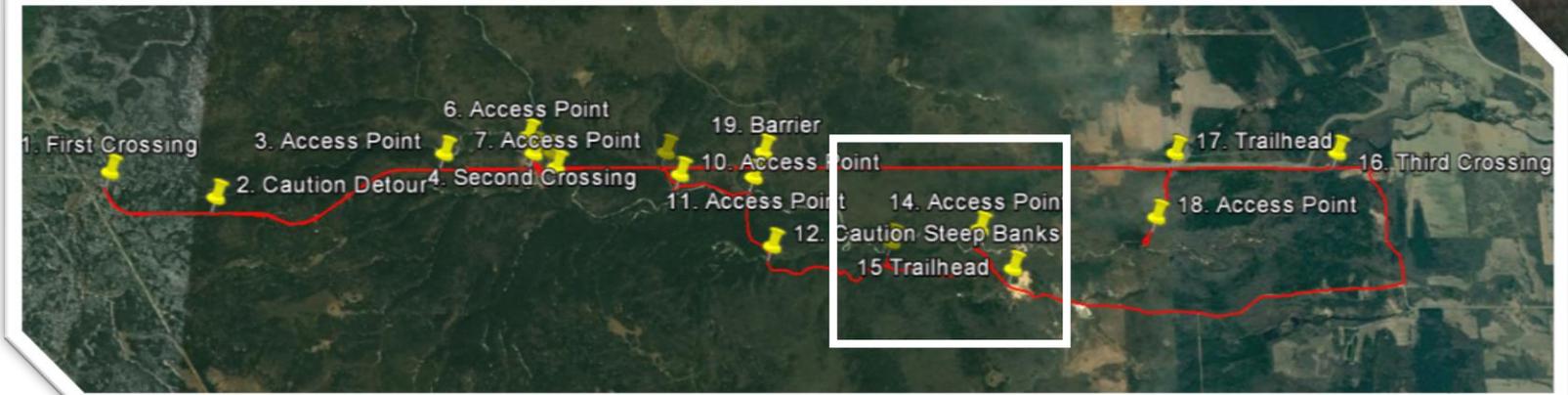


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Second Crossing



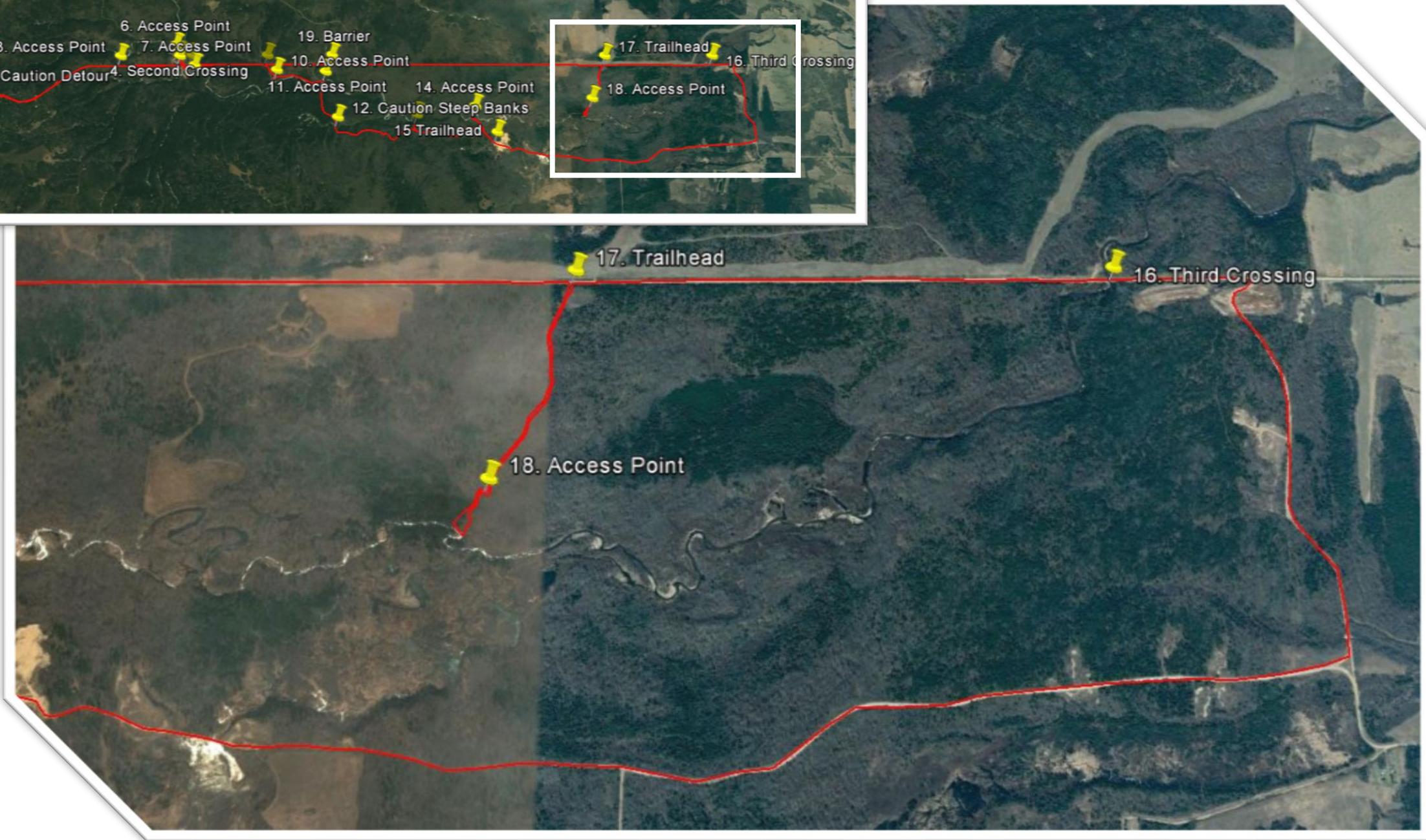
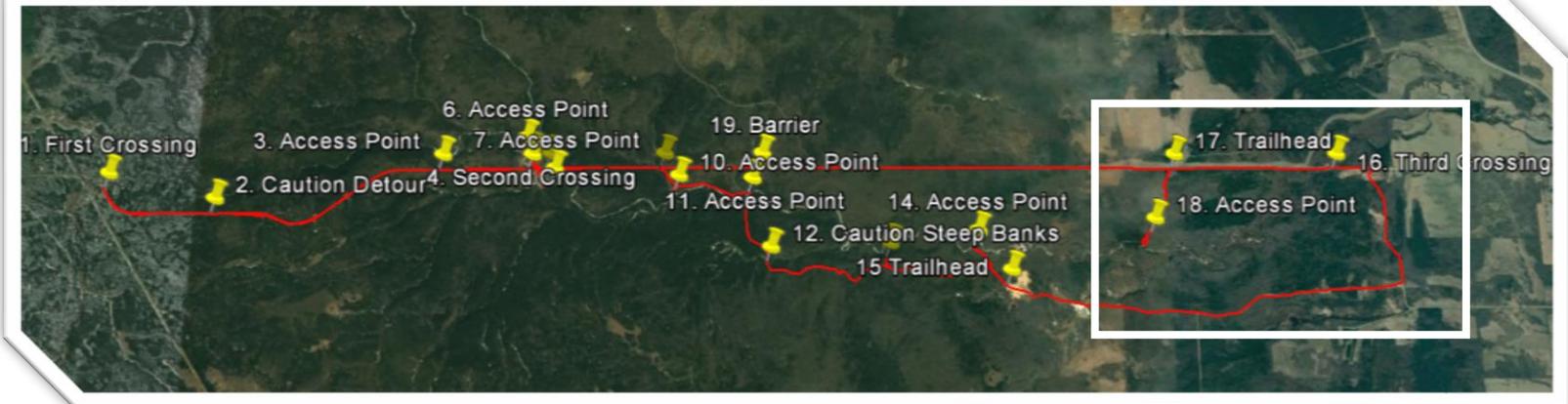
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Pine River Trail



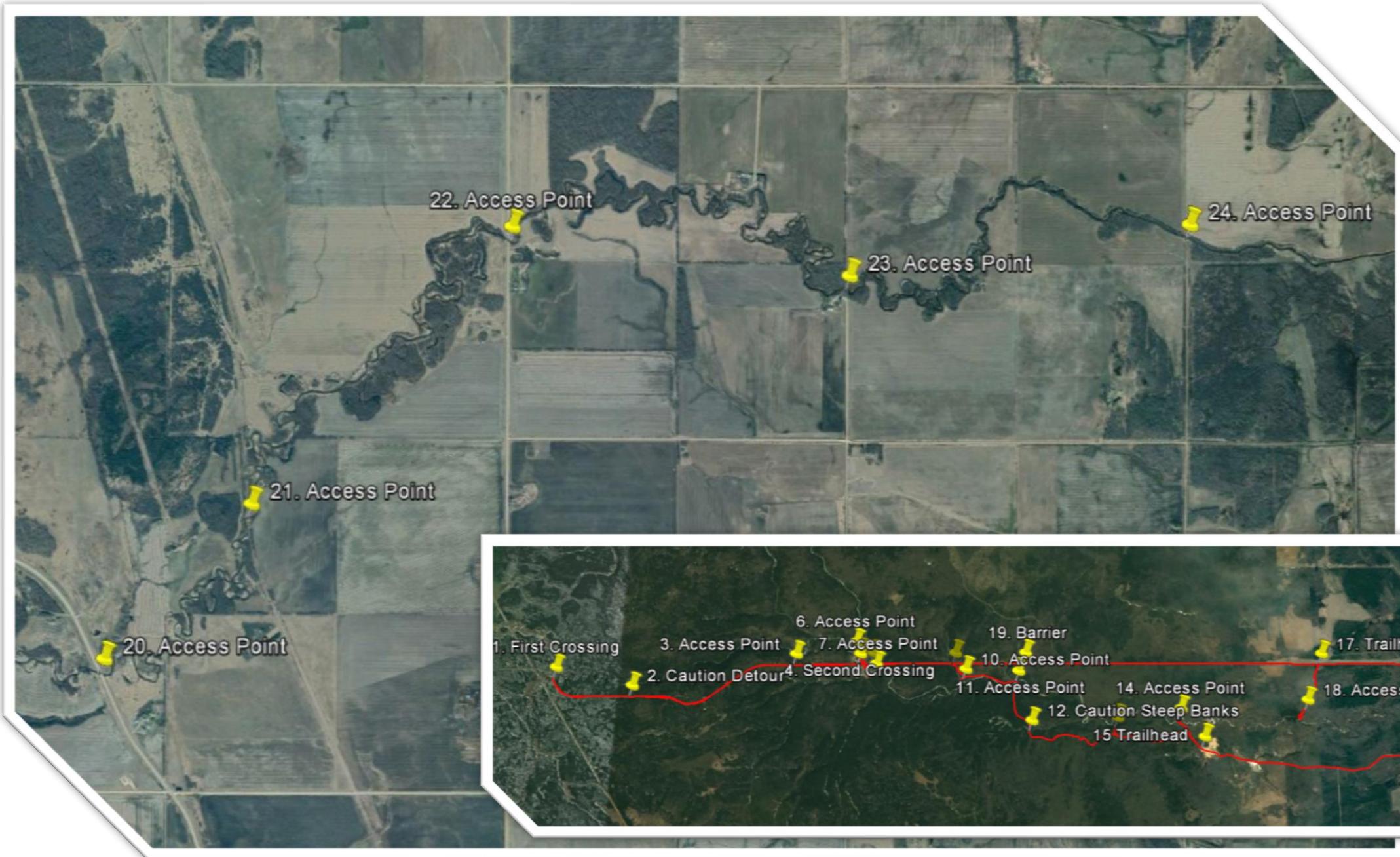


Map # 4  
Lover's Leap





Map # 5  
Third Crossing



Map # 6  
Lower Reaches