

CLARK FORK RIVER Milltown State Park to Downtown Missoula

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OUR RIVERS

Rivers provide tremendous natural, recreational, and economic benefits to Missoula. They sustain life for fish and wildlife, while keeping us close to nature. Whether you are visiting for a day or are a lifelong resident, we all play a role in caring for Missoula's rivers. Thank you for keeping the rivers healthy and safe for all!



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KEEP THE RIVER CLEAN & HEALTHY

- Pack out all trash: grab a free mesh river bag at a grocery or hardware store to collect your trash
- Use designated restrooms and porta-potties
- Observe wildlife from a distance

BE FRIENDLY

Remember, you're sharing the river with others.

- Put in and take out at designated locations
- Do not block roads or access to the launch area and be thoughtful of others
- Prepare outside the boat launch area and clear the launch area as soon as possible
- Be prepared to encounter and yield to other river users
- Profanity and obnoxious behavior are inappropriate and offensive
- Respect private property and neighboring landowners. Do not trespass
- Outside of public access areas, stay below the ordinary high-water mark

BE SAFE

Rivers are powerful natural systems that should be respected.

- Life jackets improve safety and are your best friend on the water
- Do not bring glass to river access areas or on your float trip
- Boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs is dangerous—be responsible when drinking alcohol on and around the river

TRANSPORTATION

Because parking is limited at all sites, consider

- **CARPPOOL:** Missoula In Motion's Carpool Finder
- **BIKE IT:** www.tiny.cc/MissoulaBikeMap
- **ZERO-FARE MOUNTAIN LINE:** Route 4 to the river (Tamarack Road or Milltown State Park)
- **RIDESHARE:** Uber, Lyft, Green Cab, Yellow Taxi

PARKING

Parking congestion creates challenges for neighbors, land managers, and public safety. Consider carpooling, transit or shuttle services, and/or rideshare options. Park only in designated areas. Do not park on Tamarack Road/Juniper Drive from the junction of Highway 200 to the entrance of the Confluence Area of Milltown State Park.

RIVER ACCESS AT MILLTOWN STATE PARK

The Confluence Area of Milltown State Park offers floaters hand-carry access to the river. There's no parking along the interior park road but room for 80 vehicles at the parking area. Please be aware that out-of-state vehicles are subject to an \$8 nonresident entry fee. The gate is closed and locked nightly and reopened at 9 am. No overnight parking allowed. Outside the park, there is additional parking along the road at the end of Juniper Drive. The gated railroad underpass leads pedestrians to the parking area and river. The park's walk-in hours are sunrise to sunset.

LEARN MORE

- Fish, Wildlife & Parks: www.fwp.mt.gov
- Montana State Parks, Milltown State Park: www.stateparks.mt.gov/milltown

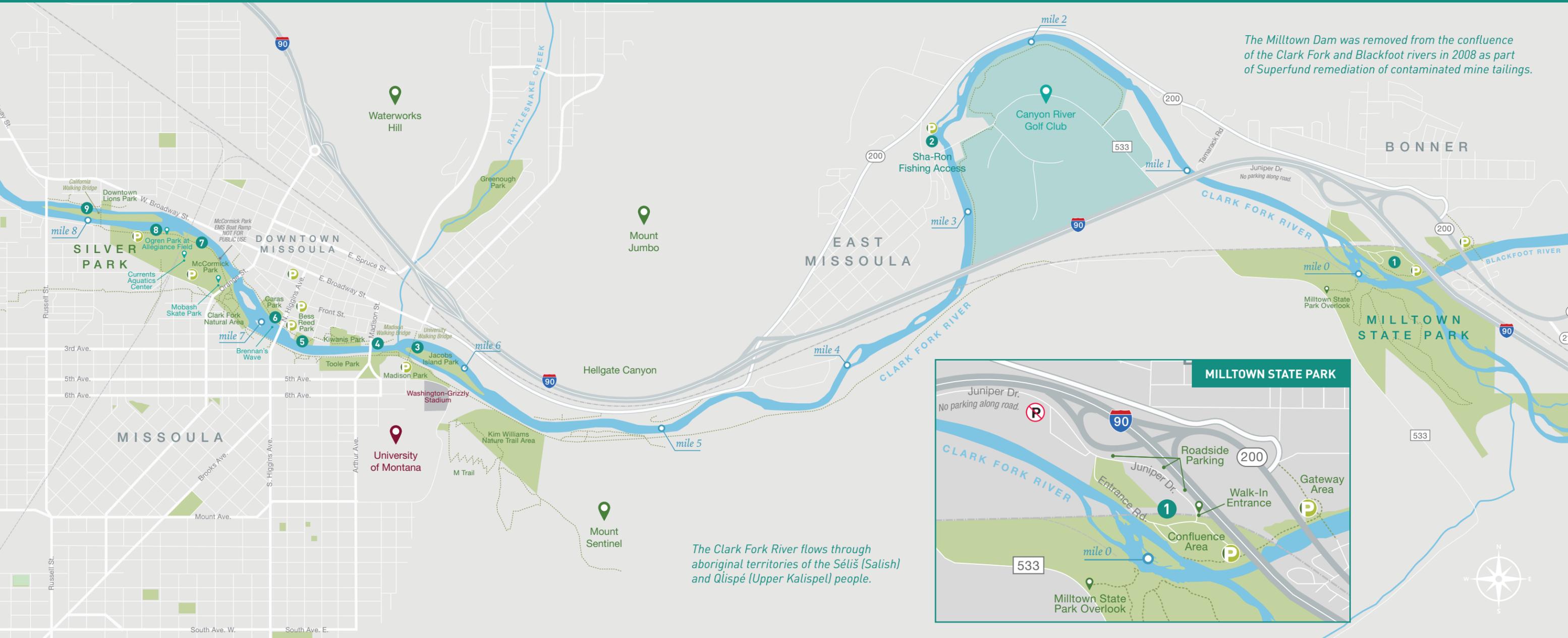
HAVE FUN

People, partnerships and a shared stewardship vision have sustained the Clark Fork, Blackfoot, and Bitterroot Rivers' natural values and recreation experiences. River users can thank dozens of private landowners, public land managers and nonprofit partners for decades of stewardship along these rivers. In supporting these organizations and their work, you join a community of people dedicated to the long-term vibrancy of western Montana's rivers.

JOIN US!

This project was spearheaded by the Three Rivers Collaborative, a group of community members working together for the benefit of Missoula-area rivers and the people who value them. Please join us! threeriverscollaborative@gmail.com

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The Milltown Dam was removed from the confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot rivers in 2008 as part of Superfund remediation of contaminated mine tailings.

The Clark Fork River flows through aboriginal territories of the Séliš (Salish) and Q̓lispé (Upper Kalispel) people.

COMMON FLOAT TRIPS

Float times vary based upon stream flow and floating vessel.

Typical Float Time Mid-Summer	Put In	Take Out	Highlights
4 Hour	Milltown State Park	Silver Park or West Broadway Island	Hellgate Canyon & Brennan's Wave
2 Hour	Milltown State Park	Sha-Ron	Milltown Dam site
2 Hour	Sha-Ron	Jacobs Island	Hellgate Canyon
1 Hour	Jacobs Island	Silver Park or West Broadway Island	Brennan's Wave & Riverfront Trail

RIVER ACCESS POINTS

Access	Parking	Hours	Boat Launch or Walk-In	Restrooms	Garbage Cans
1 Milltown State Park	Yes: 80 Spaces. Overflow and after hours parking at the end of Juniper Dr.	Day Use, Gates Closed Nightly. May 1 to Aug. 31	Walk-In	Yes	Yes
2 Sha-Ron Fishing Access	Limited: 15 Spaces	Day Use Dawn to Dusk	Boat Launch	No	No
3 Jacob's Island	Yes: Paid Parking at UM	Day Use 6am-11pm	Walk-In	No	Yes
4 Madison Street Bridge	On-Street Only	NA	Walk-In	No	No
5 Bess Reed & East Caras Parks	Yes	Day Use 6am-11pm	Walk-In	No	Yes

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6 Caras Park & Brennan's Wave	Yes: Paid Parking at Park Place Garage; Lease Parking FREE evenings/weekends	Day Use 6am-11pm	Walk-In	Yes	Yes
7 McCormick Park	Yes	Day Use 6am-11pm	Walk-In	Yes	Yes
8 Silver Park	Yes: 150 Spaces. No parking during baseball games	Day Use 6am-11pm	Boat ramp for take-out only	Yes	Yes
9 West Broadway Island	On-Street Only	Day Use 6am-11pm	Walk-In	No	Yes