



Summer Float Trip 2019

Truoutdoors Summer Trip 2019

Gasconade River

June 28th-30th

Itinerary:

→ This trip is super chill, and this schedule is tentative.

Friday

Note: Drivers must coordinate their appropriate leaving time with their car to get to G's house

1. Arrive at G's House at 4pm
2. Set up camp
3. Grab some dinner in Rolla/Saint James
 - a. Explore around the area (there's a neat abandoned race-track)
4. Go to bed at a reasonable time

Meals: 1 meal at a restaurant

Saturday

1. Wake up at 9:30am, shooting to leave at 10am
2. Float all day (slow as we want, plenty o' time for splish splashin' & creek explorin')
3. Camp right near the exit point in the Mark Twain National Forest

Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, group dinner

Sunday

1. Wake up around 10am (this is tentative, wake up at whatever time *floats* your boat)
2. Do some fishing, hiking, and relaxing
3. Leave after lunch

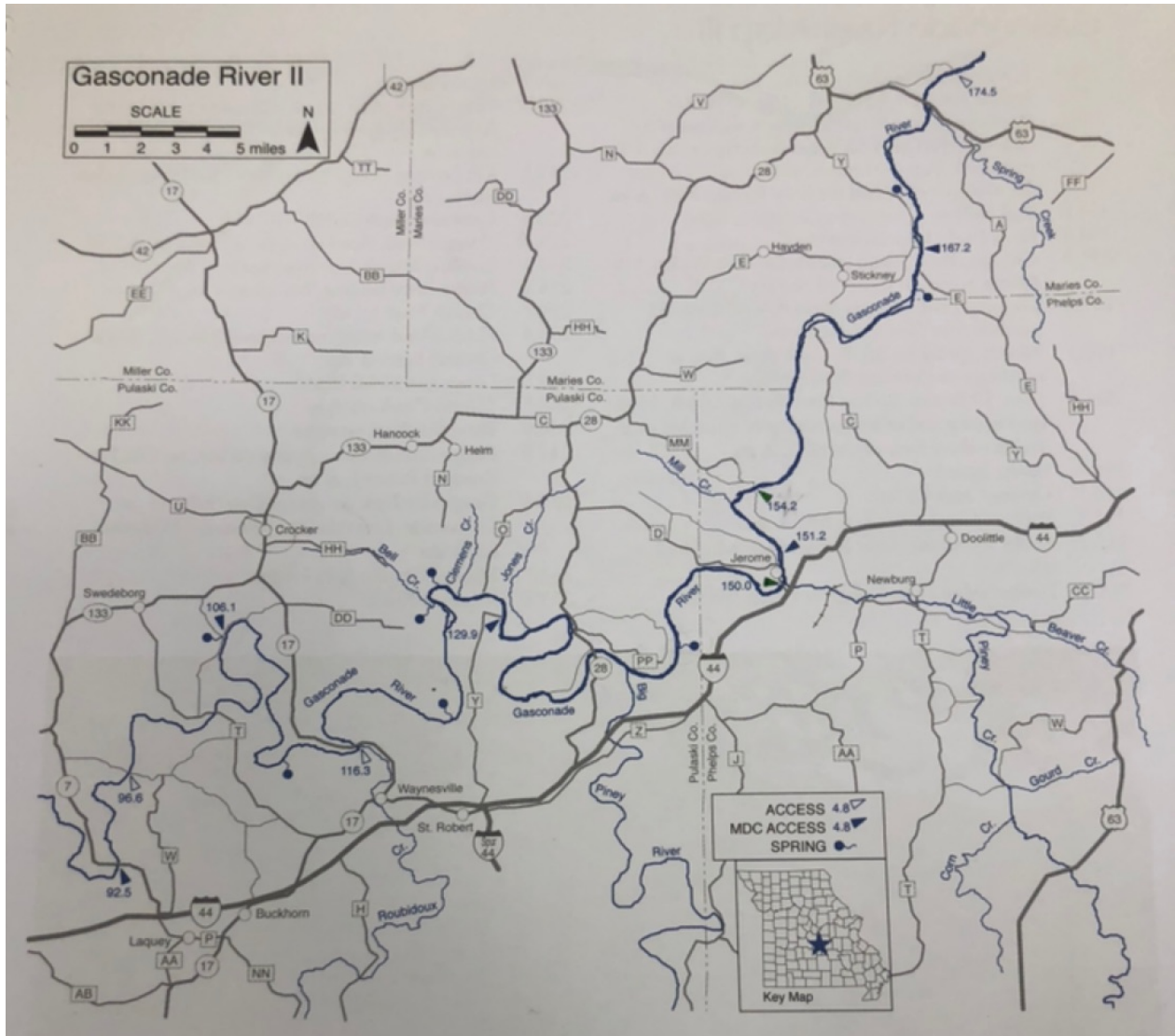
Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch

Meal totals:

- 2 breakfasts
- 2 lunches
- Plenty of snacks

Locations:

1. G's house in St. James
2. Entry Point to the Gasconade in Jerome: W29F+P5 Arlington, Missouri
3. Exit Point: X276+G2 Jerome, Missouri





Gasconade River Map II

- 92.5 Hwy. 7 Bridge. Mitschele Access. Gravel river access. ➤
- 95.6 Red Bluff on left.
- 96.6 Steckel Bridge. Pay-per-use access. Caution — Portage. Do not try to run at any flow level.
- 100.9 Route T Bridge. Poor access because of steep bank.
- 103.2 The Narrows. Only 0.2 mile across, but 6.5 miles around by river.
- 106.0 Schlicht Spring branch on left is site of former grist mill.
- 106.1 Schlicht Springs Access on Riverside Road off Hwy. 133. ▲ ➤
- 110.2 East side of The Narrows. Small spring at base of bluff.
- 112.4 Rock slide on right. Bear left. Narrow channel at normal flow. Navigation may be tricky. Possible portage conditions.
- 112.8 Falling Spring, behind rock dam up short branch on right, has flow of 1-5 million gallons.
- 113.2 Creasy Spring (Bubbling Spring), on the left, has a flow of 12-15 million gallons per day, but is flooded when the river is high.
- 113.8 Bartless Mill Spring branch on right. The spring is on the private property and has only about half the volume of Creasy Spring, but was used to operate a grist mill.
- 16.3 Roubidoux Creek on right. Hwy. 17 Bridge. Undeveloped gravel bar access. Roubidoux Creek has been floated in its upper reaches, but much of its water goes underground so that sections above Roubidoux Spring are nearly dry except in times of run-off. The spring has a flow of from 3-47 million gallons. The three miles of creek below it are floatable only during the spring.
- 5 Bridge piling in middle of channel.
- 1 Harrison Spring 0.3 mile up branch on left. Private.
- 6 River divides. Main channel is on left.
- 4 Bell Creek on left. Left branch of creek is a spring branch from Wheeler's Mill.
- 126.9 Spring on left at base of bluff.
- 128.0 Clemens Creek on left.
- 129.5 Yellow Bluffs on left.
- 129.7 Private access.
- 129.9 Riddle Bridge Access on Route Y. ➤
- 131.6 Jones Creek on left.
- 132.9 River divides at Portuguese Point, one of the most scenic areas on the Gasconade. Bluffs along bend are approximately 250 feet high.
- 136.9 Mossy Spring 0.2 mile up branch on right.
- 137.8 Private campground on left.
- 140.4 Hwy. 28 Bridge. Gravel bar access.
- 141.7 Big Piney River confluence on right.
- 143.7 Boiling Spring at edge of river is a second magnitude spring with a flow of 42 million gallons per day but is submerged when the river is high. Pay-per-use access and camping.
- 146.6 Emerald Lake outlet on left.
- 150.0 Route D Bridge. Access on either side of river. Jerome 0.4 mile up road on left. Stores, cabins. Little Piney River enters on right, just below bridge.
- 150.2 St. Louis-San Francisco R.R. Bridge.
- 151.2 Jerome Access on left, off Route D. ➤
- 153.5 Mill Creek on left.
- 154.2 Table Rock, large mushroom-shaped rock in river. Old Whitehouse Ferry site. Access. End of County Road 8500.
- 155.6 Sugartree Hollow and cottages on right.
- 161.7 Thox Rock, square rock in river.
- 165.7 Private lodge on right. Spring down road.
- 166.2 End of Route E.
- 167.2 Bell Chute Access on County Road 513, off Route Y. ▲ ➤
- 170.3 Johnson Island. Right channel impassable.
- 170.5 Parker Spring on left.
- 172.8 Spring Creek on right.
- 173.0 Hwy. 63-28 Bridge.
- 174.5 Private access at resort on left.



Packing List:

- Please remember to pack light! Everything that you pack for Night 2 will be on the river. Bring plenty of plastic bags, and consider leaving whatever valuables you have in the car.

Essentials:

- Clothing:
 - 1 shirt to cover yourself from the sun if need be (wet)
 - 1 set of dry clothes (socks, underwear, shorts, pants, shirt, jacket)
 - Swim suit
 - Hat & sunglasses
- **Inner Tube**
 - If you don't already have one, please buy one!! Costco has some good options.
 - Make sure it is deflated upon our arrival.
- Water Shoes (Crocs, Chacos, Keens, etc...they should be able to stay on your feet)
- Hammock (please don't bring a tent, as we are low on car space)
- Sleeping bag
- **2L water bottle**
- **Sunscreen**
- Bug spray
- **Zip-lock bags & grocery bags**
- Toiletries (think potty breaks and teeth-brushing)
- Towels (please leave in cars)

Food:

- 2 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 2 dinners
- Plenty of snacks

Optional:

- Alcohol (disclaimer: this is meant to be a fun and relaxing trip. As long as you are 21+ years old, You are welcome to drink alcohol. An average drunk person can stay in an innertube and be fine, but please don't get too wild to where others are going to need to babysit you. As long as you are safe and able to control yourself, we're good.)
- Camera (put in waterproof bag to protect)
- Fishing stuff if you'd like (bring your license)
- Frisbee and other toys to play with



Items for the group:

- Cooler(s) for food & drinks
- First Aid kit
- 1-2 extra inner tubes
- Bike pump
- Bear bag for overnight food

Important things to remember:

- I personally always forget that Missouri mornings can often be quite chilly. I recommend bringing a pair of pants and a jacket.
- You will be constantly annoyed by Lifeguard Julia to continue applying sunscreen and drinking water every 1.5 hours; this is for your own good!!
- STAY WITH THE GROUP AT ALL TIMES. If you'd like to get out of your tube to use the restroom, go on a hike, etc., please let Julia know, and we can all stay together.