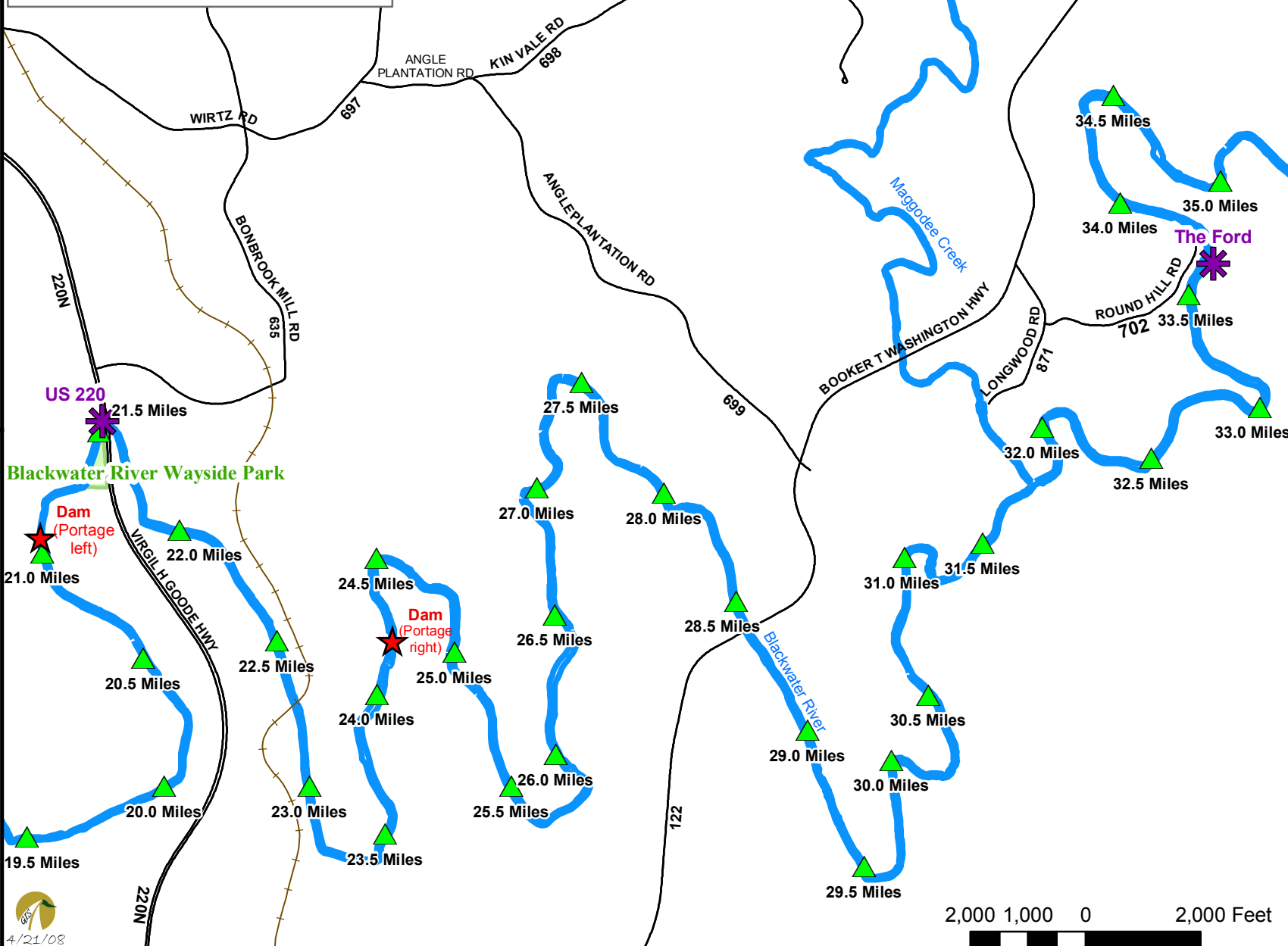











# Middle Blackwater River Blueway



## General Information

This should be broken into two sections but until use of the 122 takeout is given, the public access points are 12 miles apart. This is the premier paddlesports experience in Franklin County and features solid Class II rapids. The minimum floating level is 2.2 on the Rocky Mount Blackwater gauge. The ideal level is 2.5-4 feet on the gauge. Three miles from the put in a dam must be portaged on river right. Please portage quickly and be courteous to the private landowner's lawn. The entire float will take five or more hours. Great rapids for shepherded novices and intermediate paddlers at high water levels.

## Legend

-  Blueway Access Points
-  Points of Interest
-  1/2 Mile Markers
-  Railroad
-  Main Roads
-  Streams
-  Recreation Areas

**DIRECTIONS FROM ROANOKE(220 N):** The US 220 south take out is directly after the Blackwater Bridge at the wayside. To Take Out: Take first cut through and backtrack north on US 220 crossing Blackwater River. Take first right onto Bonbrook Mill Rd.. Continue to Wirtz Rd., take right. Take first right onto Angle Plantation Rd. Continue to Va 122 and take left. Take right on Longwood Road (after Magodee Creek Bridge). Take left onto Round Hill Road to river.

**DIRECTIONS FROM MARTINSVILLE/ROCKY MOUNT(220S):** Come up 220N. After crossing Blackwater River bridge(two miles north of Rocky Mount), take first cut through and retrack to wayside on US 220 south. Follow directions above.

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