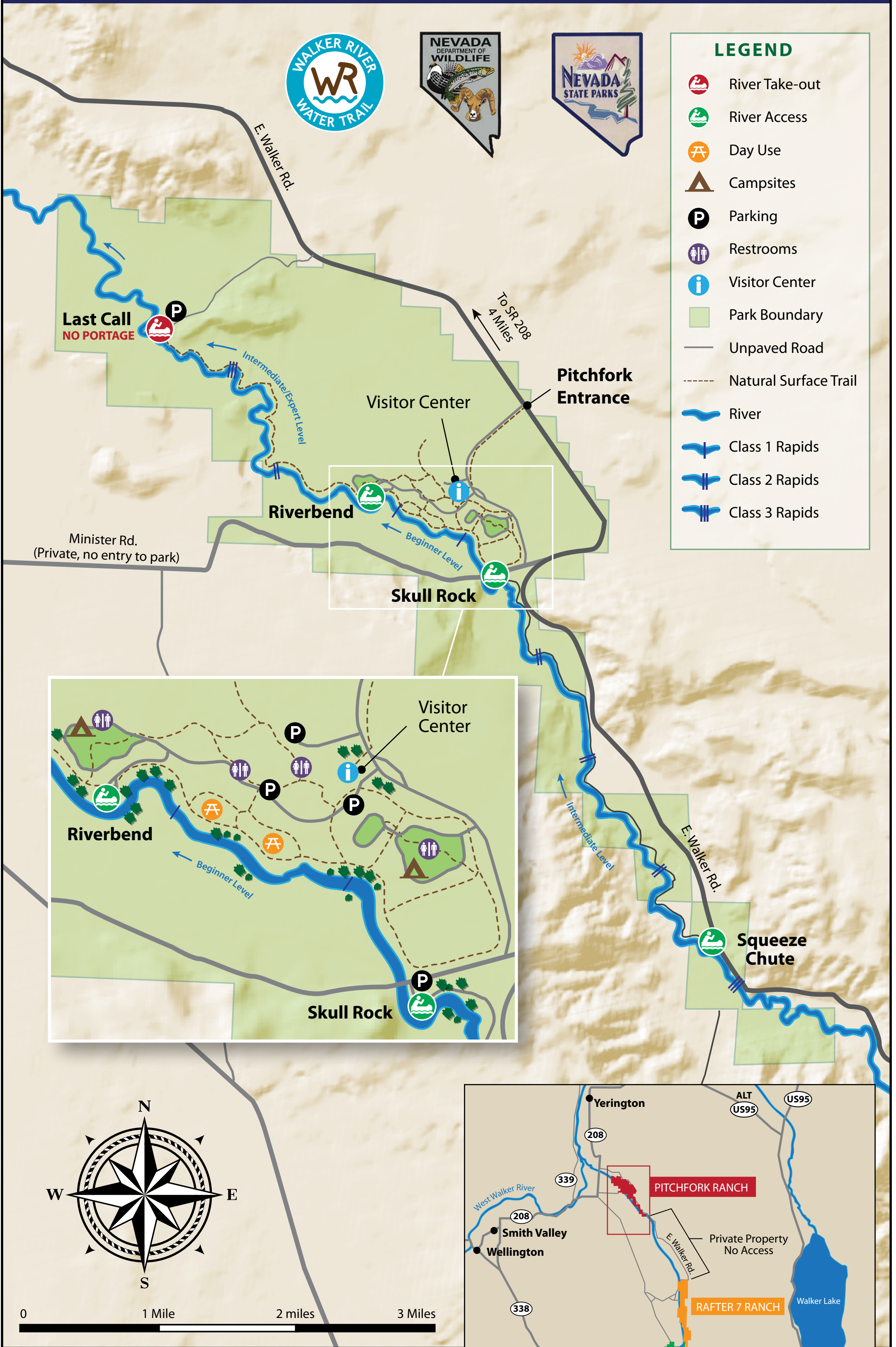


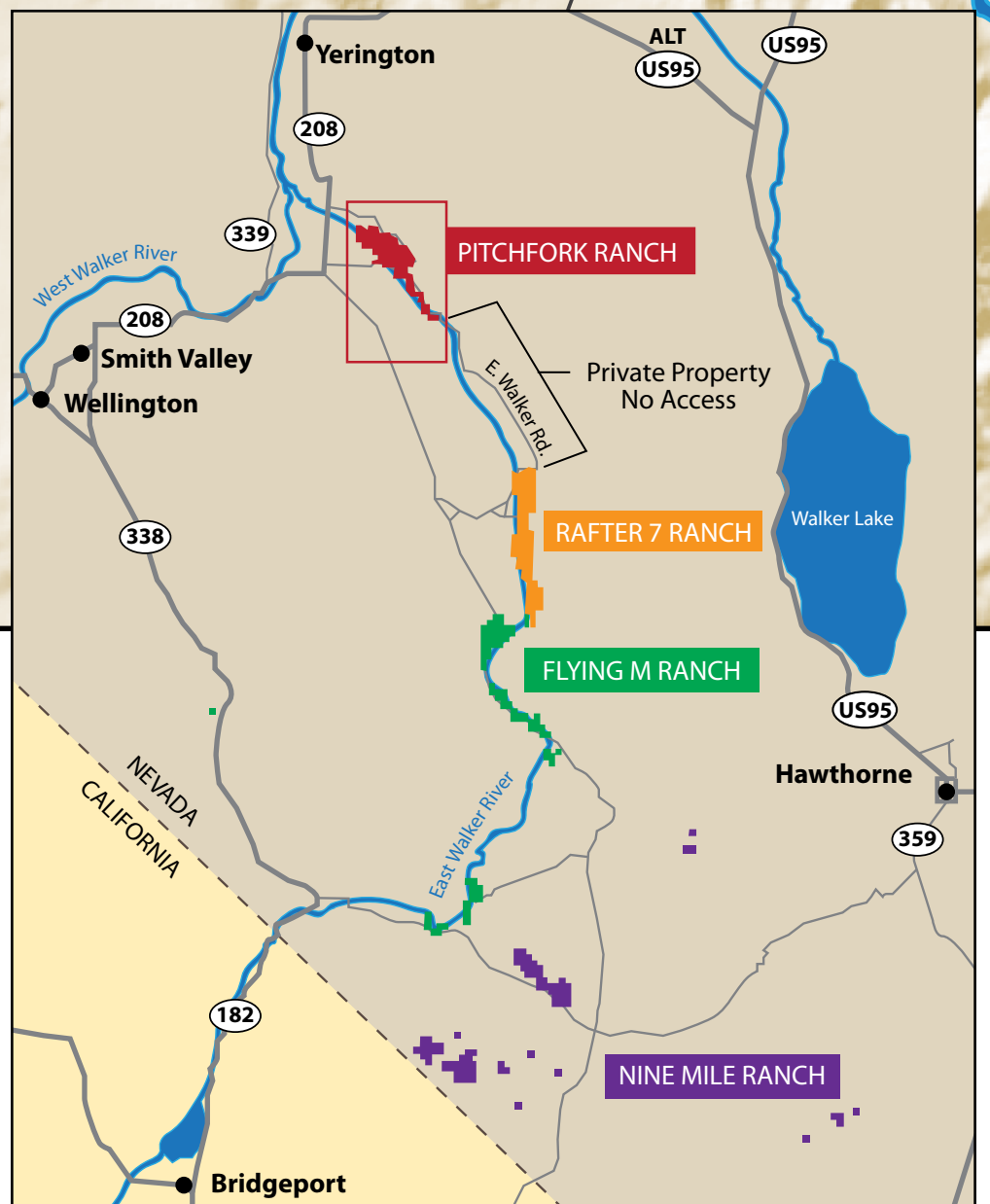
# PITCHFORK RANCH WATER TRAIL MAP

## WALKER RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA



Distances between river access points are shown on the map above. Average floating time at "sufficient (200-500 cfs) floating level" is about two miles per hour.

Squeeze Chute to Skull Rock .....	2.8 miles
Skull Rock to Riverbend .....	0.8 miles
Riverbend to Last Call .....	2.0 miles
Visitor Center to Squeeze Chute on Walker River Road .....	3 miles
Visitor Center to Last Call on Interior Ranch Road .....	2.2 miles



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• Park Headquarters  
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• Emergency: Call 911

• For General Information or to request accommodations for disabilities, please contact the Nevada State Parks main office at 775-684-2770.



## Park Rules

- Drive only on established roads; park only in designated areas.
- OHV use is restricted to established roads.
- Ground fires are allowed only in designated fire rings.
- Removing, disturbing or damaging any historic structure, artifact, rock, plant life, fossil or other feature is prohibited.
- Pets must be kept on a leash of not more than six feet in length.
- All vehicles are subject to the State Parks entrance fee (\$5).
- Visitors are responsible for knowing all park rules. Details are posted at the park or may be obtained from any Park Ranger.

## Should you Paddle the River?

Three elements must be evaluated before floating the river

- Your ability
- The class of rapids
- The river flow level

## River Level and Flow Rates

- Kayaking/tubing typically occurs from April-July.
- Water flow rate of 0-200 CFS is not recommended for floating, 201-500 CFS is best floating conditions, and over 500 CFS is recommended for experts.
- For current river levels and flow rates visit [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv?site\\_no=10293500](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv?site_no=10293500) or text 10293500 to [waternow@usgs.gov](mailto:waternow@usgs.gov).

## Classification of Rapids

- **Class I.** Easy. Smooth water; light riffles; clear passages, occasional sand banks and gentle curves. The most difficult problems might arise when paddling around bridges and other obvious obstructions.
- **Class II.** Moderate. Medium-quick water; rapids with regular waves; clear and open passages between rocks and ledges. Maneuvering required. Best handled by intermediates who can maneuver canoes and read water.
- **Class III.** Moderately difficult. Numerous high and irregular waves; rocks and eddies with passages clear but narrow and requiring experience to run. Visual inspection required if rapids are unknown. Open canoes without flotation bags will have difficulty. These rapids are best left to canoeists with expert skills.



## History

The Walker River State Recreation Area (WRSRA) was created by Governor Brian Sandoval's *Explore Your Nevada* initiative and includes over 12,000 acres of high desert country. The WRSRA is located along 28 miles of the East Walker River, south of Yerington, Nevada.

This corridor includes extensive biological and cultural features that have been inaccessible to the public for generations. The number of diverse habitats in close proximity allows visitors to experience a broad array of Nevada's natural heritage. In addition, the area has a long history of human activity: from the long and continuing presence of native Paiute communities to the development of three historically significant ranches (Pitchfork, Rafter 7, Flying M and Nine Mile).

Artifacts and cultural sites must be left undisturbed. If you observe damage to natural or cultural resources, please contact Park Headquarters immediately.

## Fishing Regulations

Fishing Regulations are available at [eregulations.com/nevada/fishing/general-statewide-regulations/](http://eregulations.com/nevada/fishing/general-statewide-regulations/).

## License Requirements

All persons fishing are subject to the license requirements listed below. Except for some "interstate waters" (Lake Tahoe, Topaz Lake, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Colorado River), anglers 12 years of age and older are required to obtain and possess a license or permit to fish. Nonresident anglers under 12 years of age are not required to have a license, but the number of fish taken by such nonresident anglers must not exceed 50 percent of the limit as provided by law. For instance, if the limit is five, these young anglers may take only two fish. Fishing license and permit requirements also apply to persons taking fish by means of spear or bow and arrow.

Please note: All Nevada state stamps including the Trout, Second Rod and Colorado River stamps are now included in the purchase of a fishing license.

## Limits

"Limit" means the maximum number of game fish that may be lawfully taken and reduced to possession by a person. The "Limit" includes fish caught in Nevada which have been processed or preserved and are stored at any location. Fish that



are caught and immediately released back to the water alive are not considered to be reduced to possession or part of the limit. Limits for individual counties are specified under each Region's General Regulations. Limits for waters, which have special limits or restrictions, are listed under each Region's Special Regulations.

## Possession Limit vs. Daily Limit

In this state, there is no distinction between a "daily" limit and a "possession" limit. There is simply a "limit." An angler may not have

more than one limit in possession. For example, if an angler fishes one body of water where the limit is four trout and takes his limit, he may not then move to a body of water where the limit is two trout and keep any more fish.

## Size Limit

Unless otherwise noted under Region General Regulations or Region Special Regulations, there is no size limit. Where size limits do apply, this shall mean the total length of the fish including the head and tail.

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## Seasons and Hours

Unless otherwise noted under Region Special Regulations, the season is open year around and fishing hours are any time of the day or night. Where specified, "open season" includes the first and last day designated.

## Fish species in Walker River



Rainbow Trout



Brown Trout

Photo by Zach Ormsby



Mountain Whitefish

## Common Species



Mule Deer



Golden Eagle

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Great Horned Owl



Monarch Butterfly



Pronghorn Antelope

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Redtail Hawk

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Coyote



American Kestrel



Mountain Lion



Coyote Willow

Photo by Matt Church



Beaver

## Safety

- Bring drinking water
- Wear sunscreen/hat
- Tell somewhere where you're going; cell service not available in most areas
- Wear a personal flotation device
- Beware of hazards in the river
- Bring a first aid kit
- Check weather conditions
- Avoid private property
- Take the paddle sports safety course [boaterexam.com/paddling/](http://boaterexam.com/paddling/)
- Report algae in the river to park headquarters

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