

# PLAY IT SAFE

THIS BROCHURE COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!



## WEAR A LIFE VEST

- ✓ No pool toys—they won't hold you up.
- ✓ Wear shoes and a helmet.
- ✓ Don't tie anything to yourself or your vessel. It could drown you.



## KNOW WHERE YOU ARE

- ✓ Take a map!
- ✓ Plan your take-out location before you get in.
- ✓ Pay attention and follow all warning signs.



## BE COURTEOUS

- ✓ Don't leave trash in or near the river. Look for trash and recycling cans in parking lots.



## SHARE THE RIVER

- ✓ Give other boaters and anglers plenty of space.



## SAFE TO GO?

- ✓ Know the weather and water conditions. High flows are unsafe.
- ✓ This water is melted snow—it's always cold.
- ✓ Avoid logs, branches, rocks, and debris. They can drag you under.
- ✓ Your risk-taking endangers the lives of rescuers.



## FLOAT SOBER, FLOAT SAFE

- ✓ Alcohol and drugs, including marijuana, impair judgment.



## IF YOU'RE IN THE WATER

- ✓ Don't stand up in the river; avoid foot entrapment.
- ✓ Get on your back with feet pointing downstream. Get your toes out of the water.
- ✓ Use your arms to paddle to shore.

## HAVE A SAFE TRIP!



# PLAY IT SAFE ON THE POUDBRE RIVER

READING THIS BROCHURE COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

If you decide to get on the water, study the maps inside and make a plan. Always scout your route before you go. The river changes quickly.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

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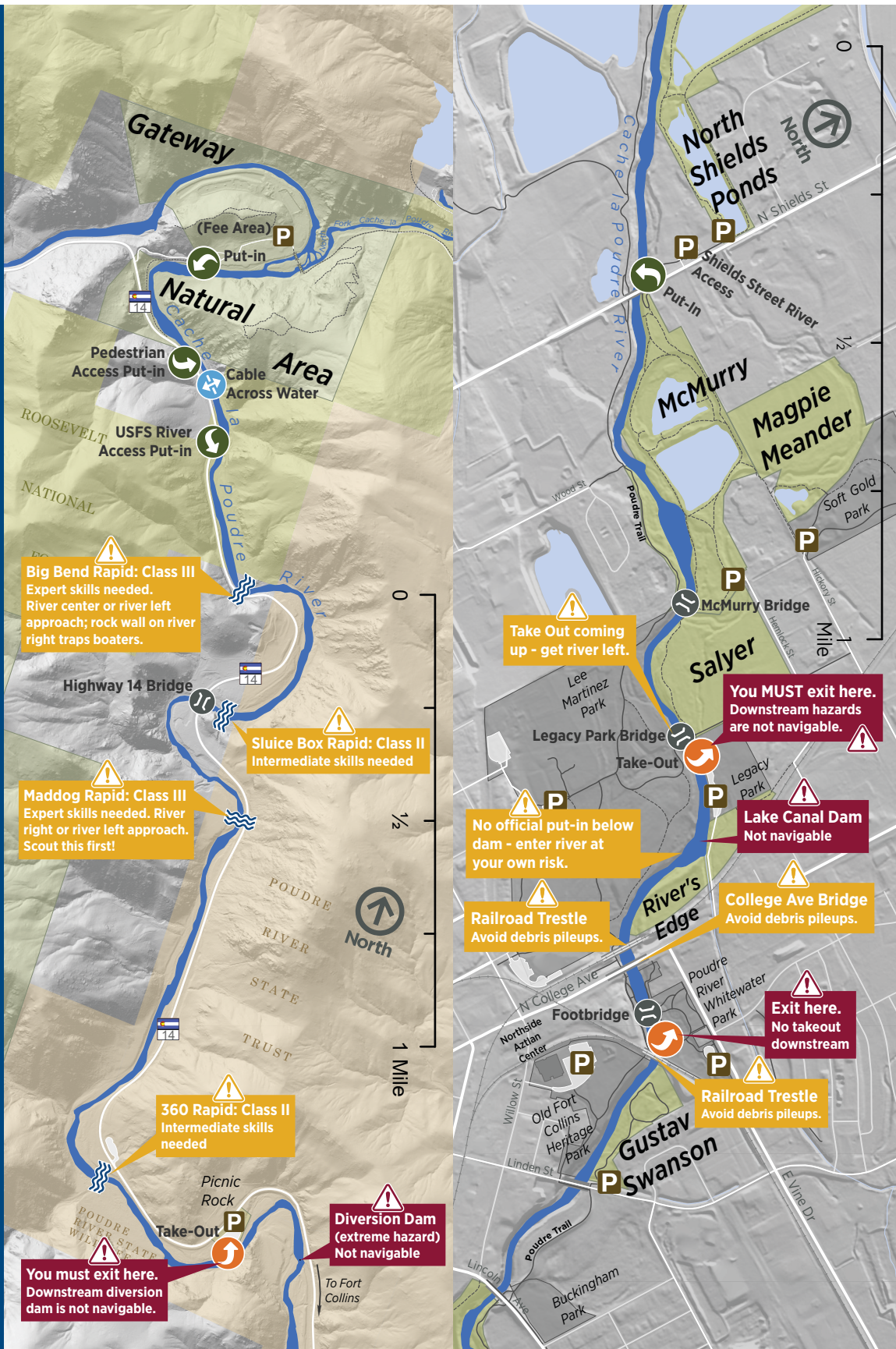
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# POUDRE CANYON RIVER ROUTE

USE WITH CAUTION



# FORT COLLINS RIVER ROUTE

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