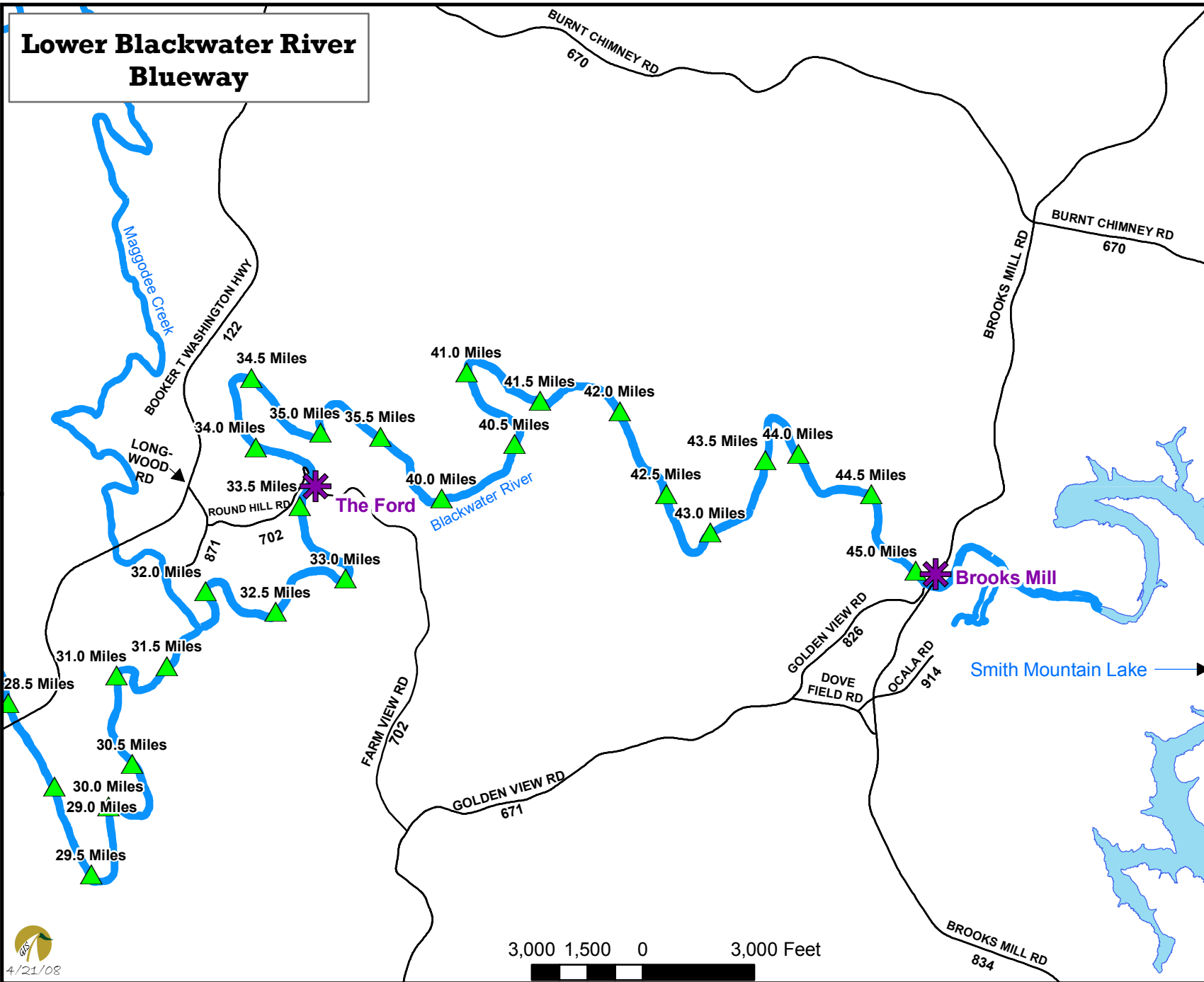







# Lower Blackwater River Blueway

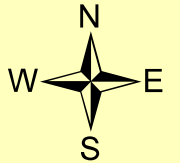


## General Information

This is an Eight mile, primarily flatwater, float between the Ford and the backwaters of Smith Mountain Lake. Due to the access to Smith Mountain Lake waters, this is the top fishing stretch in the blueway network. The river begins to take on lake elements four miles into the float. An excellent stretch for wildlife viewing and suitable for floating all year long. This section offers excellent opportunities to view herons, river otters, osprey, deer, and beavers. There are opportunities for upstream paddling at the take-out for sea kayakers.

## Legend

-  Blueway Access Points
-  1/2 Mile Markers
-  Main Roads
-  Streams
-  Smith Mountain Lake



3,000 1,500 0 3,000 Feet

**DIRECTIONS FROM ROANOKE(220 N):** To Put In: Take second Rocky Mount Exit(40E) off of 220N. Turn left on Va 122 towards SML out of Rocky Mount. Turn right on Longwood Rd. (after Maggoodee Creek bridge). Take first left onto Round Hill Rd. and continue to Ford. To Take Out: Reverse to Va 122 and take right towards Burnt Chimney. Take right on Burnt Chimney Rd. Continue to Brooks Mill Road - take right. Take first right on Ocala Rd. after crossing river. Take right on Dove Field Rd. Take next right onto Golden View Rd. to take out.

**DIRECTIONS FROM MARTINSVILLE/ROCKY MOUNT(220S):** Take second Rocky Mount Exit(40E) off of 220N. Take left onto Va 122 out of Rocky Mount towards Smith Mountain Lake. Follow directions above.