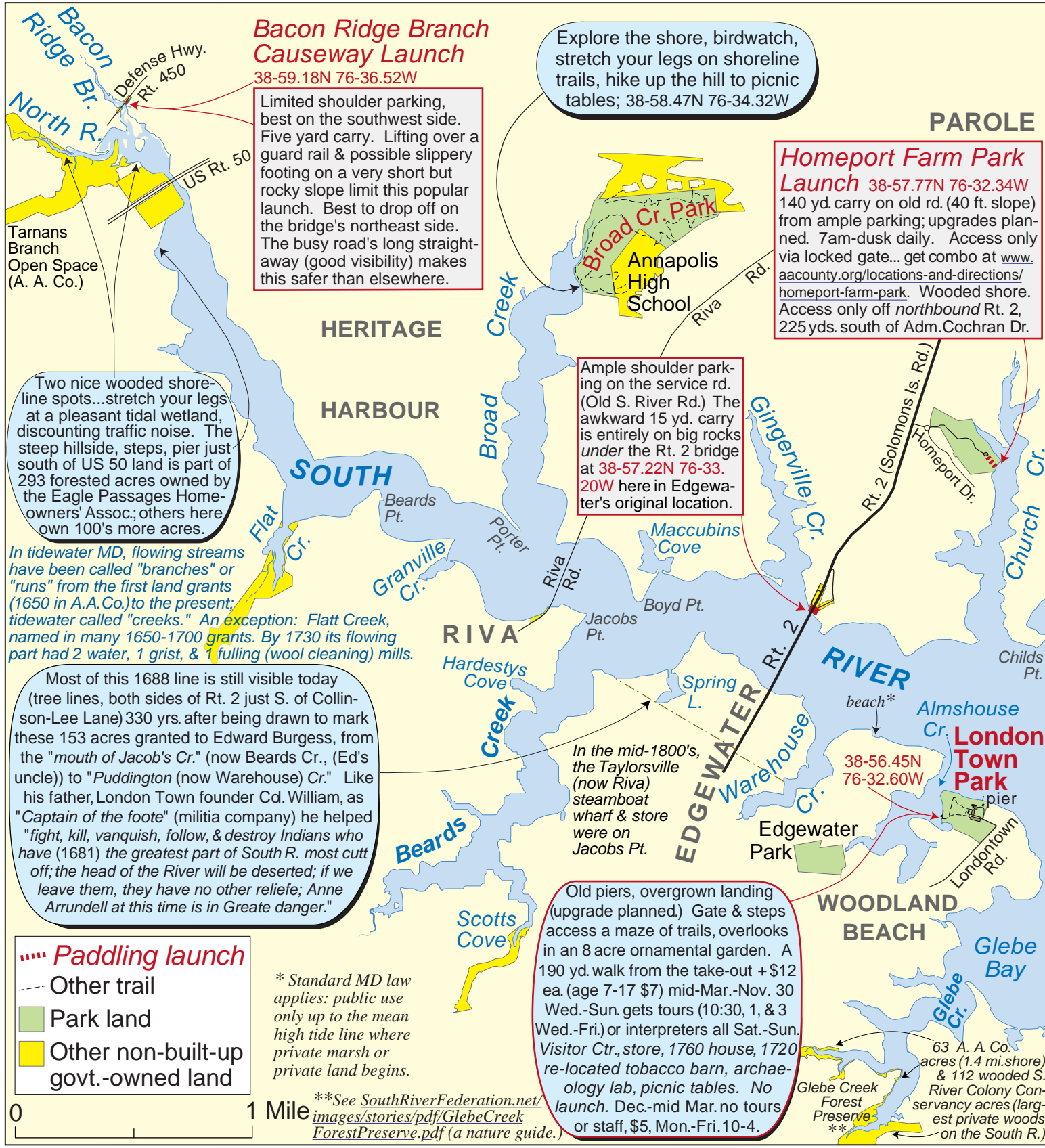


# Anne Arundel County Water Trail (AACWT.org): MAP 10-Upper South River



## Bacon Ridge Branch Causeway Launch

38-59.18N 76-36.52W  
 Limited shoulder parking, best on the southwest side. Five yard carry. Lifting over a guard rail & possible slippery footing on a very short but rocky slope limit this popular launch. Best to drop off on the bridge's northeast side. The busy road's long straight-away (good visibility) makes this safer than elsewhere.

Explore the shore, birdwatch, stretch your legs on shoreline trails, hike up the hill to picnic tables; 38-58.47N 76-34.32W

## Homeport Farm Park Launch

38-57.77N 76-32.34W  
 140 yd. carry on old rd. (40 ft. slope) from ample parking; upgrades planned. 7am-dusk daily. Access only via locked gate... get combo at [www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/homeport-farm-park](http://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/homeport-farm-park). Wooded shore. Access only off northbound Rt. 2, 225 yds. south of Adm. Cochran Dr.

Ample shoulder parking on the service rd. (Old S. River Rd.) The awkward 15 yd. carry is entirely on big rocks under the Rt. 2 bridge at 38-57.22N 76-33.20W here in Edgewater's original location.

Two nice wooded shoreline spots...stretch your legs at a pleasant tidal wetland, discounting traffic noise. The steep hillside, steps, pier just south of US 50 land is part of 293 forested acres owned by the Eagle Passages Homeowners' Assoc.; others here own 100's more acres.

In tidewater MD, flowing streams have been called "branches" or "runs" from the first land grants (1650 in A.A. Co.) to the present; tidewater called "creeks." An exception: Flatt Creek, named in many 1650-1700 grants. By 1730 its flowing part had 2 water, 1 grist, & 1 fulling (wool cleaning) mills.

Most of this 1688 line is still visible today (tree lines, both sides of Rt. 2 just S. of Collinson-Lee Lane) 330 yrs. after being drawn to mark these 153 acres granted to Edward Burgess, from the "mouth of Jacob's Cr." (now Beards Cr., (Ed's uncle)) to "Puddington (now Warehouse) Cr." Like his father, London Town founder Cd. William, as "Captain of the foote" (militia company) he helped "fight, kill, vanquish, follow, & destroy Indians who have (1681) the greatest part of South R. most cutt off; the head of the River will be deserted; if we leave them, they have no other reliefe; Anne Arrundell at this time is in Greate danger."

In the mid-1800's, the Taylorsville (now Riva) steamboat wharf & store were on Jacobs Pt.

Old piers, overgrown landing (upgrade planned.) Gate & steps access a maze of trails, overlooks in an 8 acre ornamental garden. A 190 yd. walk from the take-out + \$12 ea. (age 7-17 \$7) mid-Mar.-Nov. 30 Wed.-Sun. gets tours (10:30, 1, & 3 Wed.-Fri.) or interpreters all Sat.-Sun. Visitor Ctr., store, 1760 house, 1720 re-located tobacco barn, archaeology lab, picnic tables. No launch. Dec.-mid Mar. no tours or staff, \$5, Mon.-Fri. 10-4.

- Paddling launch
- - - - Other trail
- Park land
- Other non-built-up govt.-owned land

\* Standard MD law applies: public use only up to the mean high tide line where private marsh or private land begins.

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## London Town Park

38-56.45N 76-32.60W

63 A. A. Co. acres (1.4 mi. shore) & 112 wooded S. River Colony Conservancy acres (largest private woods on the South R.)