





The river also holds some monster brown trout >>

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**Topaz Mill** - A three day, overnight float from Topaz Mill during the spring if there is enough water. You will have to pack enough gear and food to sleep on gravel bars for at least two nights and feed yourself for three days. Spring floats only

**Hales Crossing** - This can be a two or three day float. There is excellent smallmouth bass and Goggle-eye fishing up here. Spring floats only.

**County Road E 276 – Low water.**  
**36.94803 -92.20125**

**County Road E-277 – Low water.**  
**36.91665 -92.19399**

**PunchOut Hollow – Low water.**  
**36.88227 -92.18753**

**Hebron** - A steel bridge crosses the North Fork 21 miles upstream from Sunburst Ranch. This can be a 2-day overnight float or a REALLY long 1 day float. Spring floats only.  
**36.85092 -92.18670**

**Twin Bridges** - It is 7-8 hours 17 miles to Sunburst Ranch. There is generally enough water to float this stretch until July. Some do this float as an overnight, camping in Mark Twain National forest. Smallmouth bass fishing the first day and Rainbow and Brown Trout the second.  
**36.81127 -92.14872**  
<http://www.twinbridgescanoe.com/>

**North Fork Campground, Highway CC**  
**36.75848 -92.15267**

**Hammonds Mill**  
**36.75798 -92.15440**

12 miles to Sunburst Ranch. This float averages about 5-6 hours long. This trip includes **Blue Spring** which can be found at the downstream tip of **Hammond Mill park**. Is on the left at river level. Canoes can be paddled into the spring. The flow is seldom less than 7 million gallons per day. A Nature Trail is maintained in the spring area by the USDA Forest Service. **Rainbow Spring** is a double spring on the right. A private member club owns this spring. No admittance. There is a very rocky riffle on the bend just below the mouth of the lower spring. After you go under **McKee Bridge** you will soon reach The Falls. When you go under Blair Bridge you are less than ½ a mile from camp. Your takeout point is the brown Sunburst Ranch sign.



One of the sources of the river is Blue Spring >>

#### **Rainbow Springs**

**36.71512 -92.18352**

#### **McKee Bridge**

**36.69820 -92.19296**

**The Falls** - The Falls are a series of rock ledges about 2-3 feet high (depending on the water level) with boulders. Chute is best handled from right, going just to the right of the largest rock. (Inexperienced should portage through rocks on the left side.) Don't approach broadside. **PEOPLE HAVE WRECKED MANY CANOES AT THIS SPOT, USE CAUTION.**

**36.68758 -92.19797**

#### **Blare Bridge**

**36.65984 -92.22874**

#### **Sunburst Ranch**

**36.64941 -92.22492**

**Patrick Bridge** – Low water bridge. Go under the bridge, pull off onto the gravel bar left. Walk into the woods & follow trail Althea Spring & waterfall.

**36.64259 -92.22550**

**Dawt Mill** – The Landing, a takeout point.

**36.60961 -92.27906**

#### **Tecumseh**

**36.58967 -92.29004**

#### **Norfolk Lake**

**Permits:** - A trout permit, in addition to the prescribed fishing permit, is required to possess and transport trout. If you are not keeping trout you do not need the additional trout stamp.

**Felt soles** are banned in Missouri and don't forget your license. This river is full of wild rainbow and catch and release is highly encouraged. If you do keep fish, you will need to purchase a trout stamp.

**Blue Ribbon Trout Area** (Rainbow Spring to Patrick Bridge) - Fishing regulations include an 18-inch minimum length limit on all trout, and a daily limit of one trout. Fishing will be restricted to flies and artificial lures only. Giggling of non-game fish will not be permitted. These restrictive regulations are designed to sustain the maximum density of adult trout and offer the chance to harvest a trophy-sized trout. The North Fork is stocked below Blair Bridge in the fall with brown trout. All rainbow trout are naturally reproducing wild fish.

**Red Ribbon Trout Area** (Patrick Bridge to Norfolk Lake) There is a 15-inch minimum length limit on trout from these streams, and a daily limit of two trout. Giggling of non-game fish will be permitted. These streams will provide good catch-and-release fishing and a chance to harvest quality-size trout.

The November outing is being held Saturday Nov. 7 at the North Fork of the White River in Missouri. We're floating out of Sunburst Ranch, [www.sunburstranchcanoe.com](http://www.sunburstranchcanoe.com), on the morning of Saturday the 7th, 8AM. The float most common is from Sunburst Ranch to their landing just above Dawt Mill. This is a Rainbow and Brown trout section of the river. Sunburst rents kayaks for \$30 and canoes for \$40. If you prefer primarily rainbow above Sunburst or a warmer water float please let Justin and Amy at Sunburst know ahead of time. Sunburst has some accommodations, including RV parking, cabins and sleeper cabins. I can also recommend River of Life Farm, [www.riveroflifefarm.com](http://www.riveroflifefarm.com) which is very near Sunburst. They offer cabins, RV parking and lodge style rooms. River of Life is on the Blue Ribbon Mile of this river and has great wade access for Rainbow. The nearest town with hotels is West Plains. There you can find a Holiday Inn, Super 8 and 1 or 2 others. People will float their own pace on Saturday, please bring a lunch. We'll get back together for a group dinner at the cabin located at Sunburst's take out point, The Landing, at 7PM. Directions to the landing are posted on Sunburst's web site, or just hang out after the float.

Directions to Sunburst Ranch from Tulsa, Go to Springfield, MO, from Springfield, take Route 60 East to Mansfield, then Hwy 5 South to Gainesville. From Gainesville, take 160 East for 11 miles to Hwy. PP, turn left and go 6 miles to H Hwy, turn right and go 1.25 miles and there you will see our sign on the left on CR 352. Turn left on to CR 352, and follow the gravel drive, through our front gate.

