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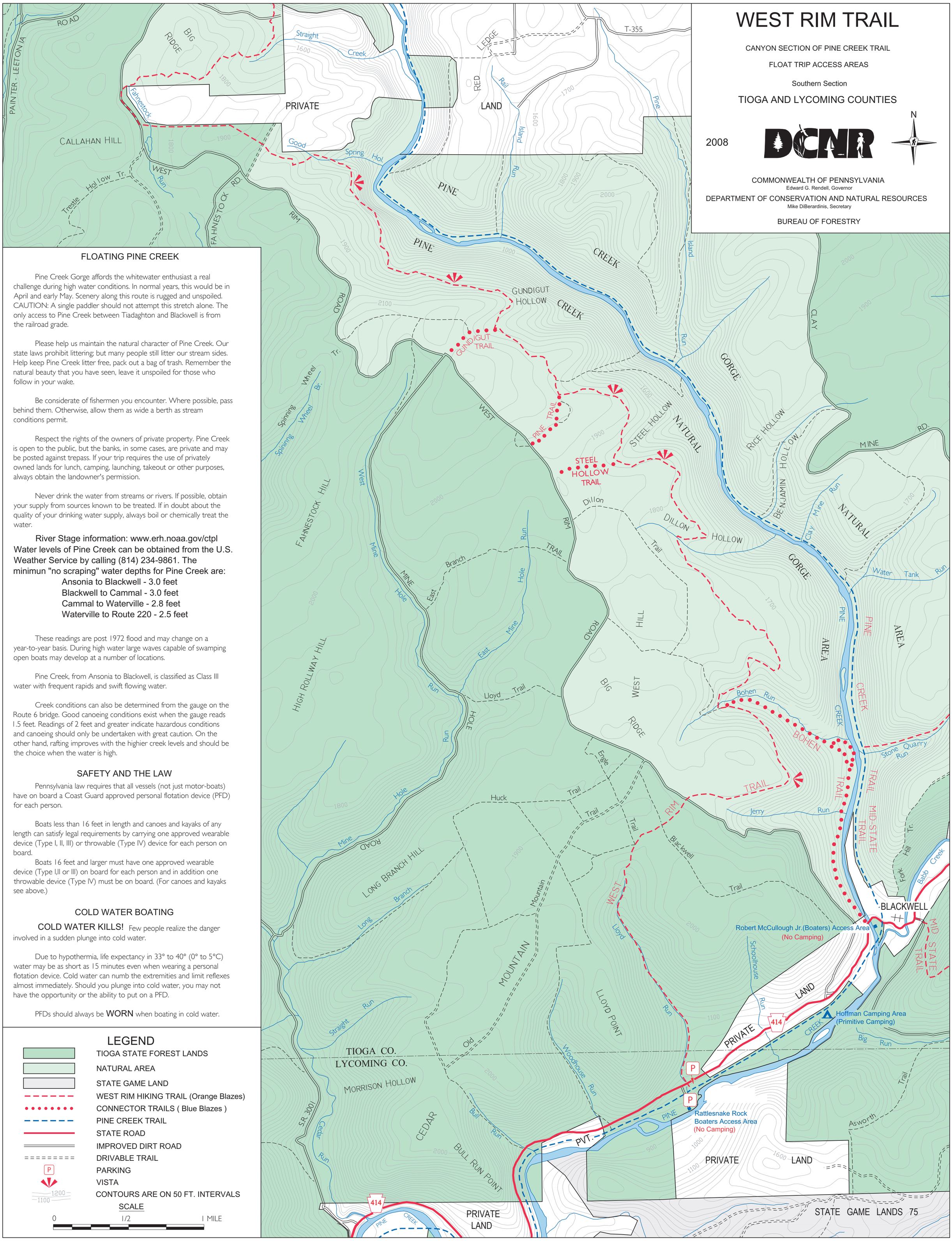

FLOATING PINE CREEK

Pine Creek Gorge affords the whitewater enthusiast a real challenge during high water conditions. In normal years, this would be in April and early May. Scenery along this route is rugged and unspoiled. CAUTION: A single paddler should not attempt this stretch alone. The only access to Pine Creek between Tiadaghton and Blackwell is from the railroad grade.

Please help us maintain the natural character of Pine Creek. Our state laws prohibit littering; but many people still litter our stream sides. Help keep Pine Creek litter free, pack out a bag of trash. Remember the natural beauty that you have seen, leave it unspoiled for those who follow in your wake.

Be considerate of fishermen you encounter. Where possible, pass behind them. Otherwise, allow them as wide a berth as stream conditions permit.

Respect the rights of the owners of private property. Pine Creek is open to the public, but the banks, in some cases, are private and may be posted against trepass. If your trip requires the use of privately owned lands for lunch, camping, launching, takeout or other purposes, always obtain the landowner's permission.

Never drink the water from streams or rivers. If possible, obtain your supply from sources known to be treated. If in doubt about the quality of your drinking water supply, always boil or chemically treat the water.

River Stage information: www.erh.noaa.gov/ctpl
Water levels of Pine Creek can be obtained from the U.S. Weather Service by calling (814) 234-9861. The minimun "no scraping" water depths for Pine Creek are:

Ansonia to Blackwell - 3.0 feet
Blackwell to Cammal - 3.0 feet
Cammal to Waterville - 2.8 feet
Waterville to Route 220 - 2.5 feet

These readings are post 1972 flood and may change on a year-to-year basis. During high water large waves capable of swamping open boats may develop at a number of locations.

Pine Creek, from Ansonia to Blackwell, is classified as Class III water with frequent rapids and swift flowing water.

Creek conditions can also be determined from the gauge on the Route 6 bridge. Good canoeing conditions exist when the gauge reads 1.5 feet. Readings of 2 feet and greater indicate hazardous conditions and canoeing should only be undertaken with great caution. On the other hand, rafting improves with the higher creek levels and should be the choice when the water is high.

SAFETY AND THE LAW

Pennsylvania law requires that all vessels (not just motor-boats) have on board a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each person.

Boats less than 16 feet in length and canoes and kayaks of any length can satisfy legal requirements by carrying one approved wearable device (Type I, II, III) or throwable (Type IV) device for each person on board.

Boats 16 feet and larger must have one approved wearable device (Type I,II or III) on board for each person and in addition one throwable device (Type IV) must be on board. (For canoes and kayaks see above.)

COLD WATER BOATING

COLD WATER KILLS! Few people realize the danger involved in a sudden plunge into cold water.

Due to hypothermia, life expectancy in 33° to 40° (0° to 5°C) water may be as short as 15 minutes even when wearing a personal flotation device. Cold water can numb the extremities and limit reflexes almost immediately. Should you plunge into cold water, you may not have the opportunity or the ability to put on a PFD.

PFDs should always be **WORN** when boating in cold water.

LEGEND

- TIOGA STATE FOREST LANDS
- NATURAL AREA
- STATE GAME LAND
- WEST RIM HIKING TRAIL (Orange Blazes)
- CONNECTOR TRAILS (Blue Blazes)
- PINE CREEK TRAIL
- STATE ROAD
- IMPROVED DIRT ROAD
- DRIVABLE TRAIL
- P — PARKING
- VISTA
- 1200 / 1100 — CONTOURS ARE ON 50 FT. INTERVALS

SCALE

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