

# **SITE DESCRIPTIONS** • East Section



### T.U. Research Station

Directions: From M-72, go north on Wakeley Bridge Road, approximately 3 miles. About one mile past the bridge, and 150 yards before reaching Connors Flat Rd., turn left onto a two-track. After .1 miles, you will find a large area for parking. Follow the path down the steep hill for 1/4 mile.

Comments: The river is wadeable upstream and downstream. There is good trout cover, and there are reports of large fish being caught in this area. The current is generally slow to moderate, although some of the fastest current on the mainstream is in front of the Thunderbird Club. From this access, it is a comfortable three to four hour wade to Wakeley Bridge. Use caution when wading downstream, as there is a deep hole in a bend on the north side of the river. There is also an extensive outcropping of marl just above the bend, upstream from the bridge.



## Wakeley Bridge

Directions: From M-72, go north on Wakeley Bridge Road, approximately 2 miles. About 150 yards before coming to the bridge turn right onto the road marking the access site. Bear left at the first split in the road to go to the launch site. Boats must be carried down to the water at this site. Bear left for parking. At the second fork, bear left (there are private homes if you bear right). Walk 100 yards north to the river. There are pit toilets at the access site.

Comments: There are good gravel bars and riffles here that often hold rainbow trout. This is excellent hexagenia water, with a mucky bottom in places. Some parts are tricky, with fast water and deep holes. Wade carefully!



# **Conners Flat Public Access**

Directions: From M-72, head north on Wakeley Bridge Road. After 3.1 miles, turn right on Conners Flat Road. Turn right after 4.1 miles, and proceed to the access point, 0.2 miles further. There is ample parking.

Comments: There is a boat launch here. The river bottom is sandy and fine gravel, with muck in some places. This is good hexagenia water! Wade near the shoreline, as the water is deep in the center. This is slow, flat water, approximately 60 feet wide.



## Rainbow Bend

Directions: From M-72, head north on Wakeley Bridge Road. After 3.1 miles, turn right on Conners Flat Road. Turn right after 4.7 miles, and right again, into the parking area.

Comments: The conditions here are similar to Conners Flat. There is also parking for 6 – 8 vehicles.



### McMaster's Bridge

Directions: From M-72, head north on McMasters Bridge Road, county road F-97. The bridge is 4.1 north of M-72. There is parking for 15 vehicles on the southeast side of the bridge.

Comments: This area is surrounded by private land. From McMasters, the water gets deeper and slower, and is best fished from a boat or canoe.