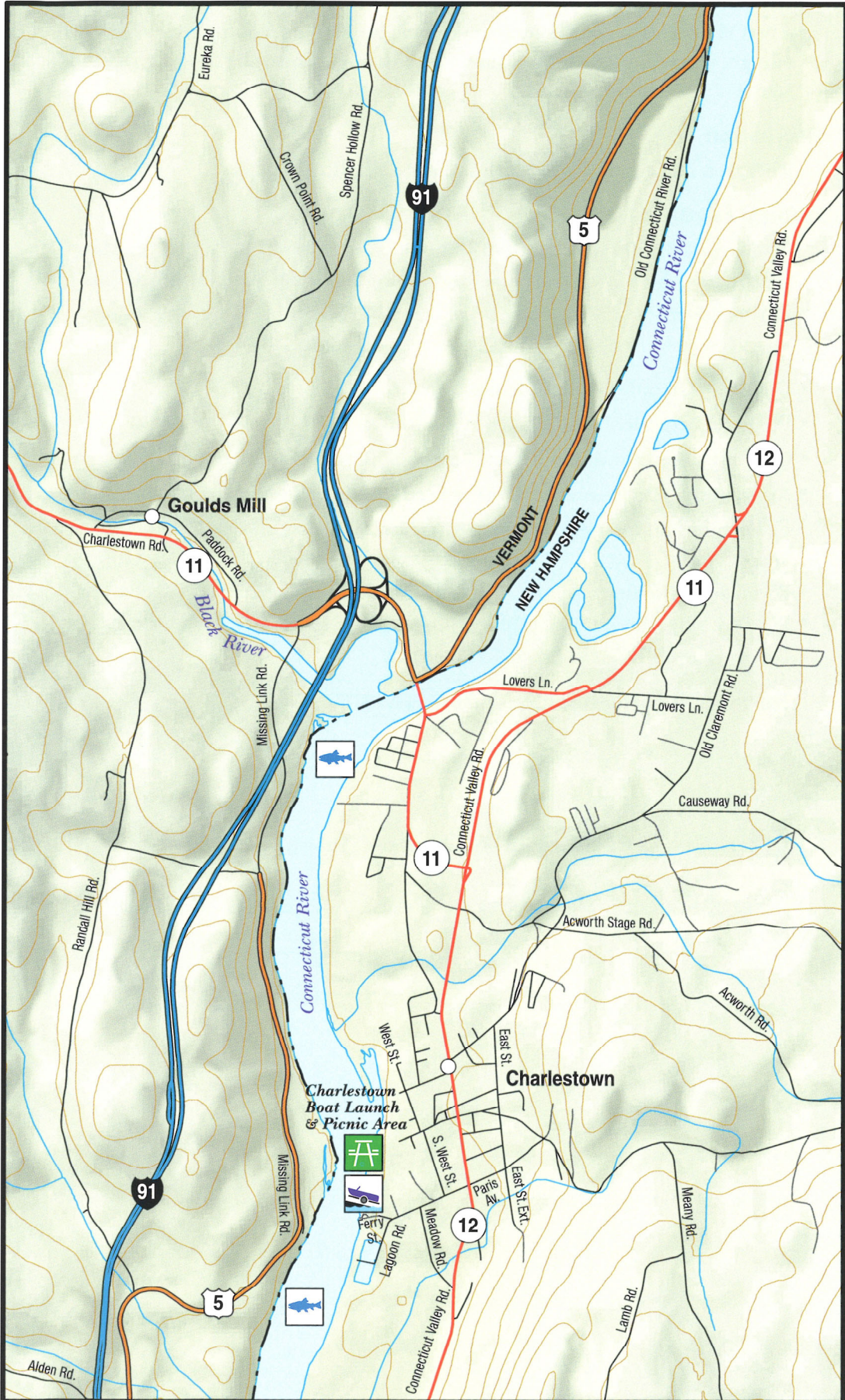


Map 8 CHARLESTOWN



CHARLESTOWN

The Charlestown boat launch and picnic area is just south of Charlestown village. Traveling north on Route 12, take a left on to the landing road just south of the village.

Recreation

The area has good boating, fishing and a picnic area.

Natural Features

Charlestown is 9 miles north of Bellows Falls (Map 9). As noted on Map 9, the Bellows Falls area contains interesting historical structures and has good birdwatching.

Safety

- Daytime use only—camping not allowed.
- PFDs required by Coast Guard regulations.
- Grill fires are allowed in designated picnic areas if fire danger is low.
- All-terrain vehicles and trail bikes are not allowed on any trails or property.
- Fishermen, hunters and trappers must carry appropriate state licenses and permits.
- River flows fluctuate seasonally, daily and sometimes hourly.
- Water levels may change rapidly in the rivers—especially near dams.
- For river conditions, visit www.h2oline.com or call Waterline:
 - Anglers, dial: 1-800-452-1742
 - Boaters, dial: 1-800-452-1737
- For general inquiries, call 802-291-8104 or email communications@greatriverhydro.com

Map Key



Picnic Area



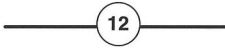
Boat Launch



Fishing



State Boundary



State Route

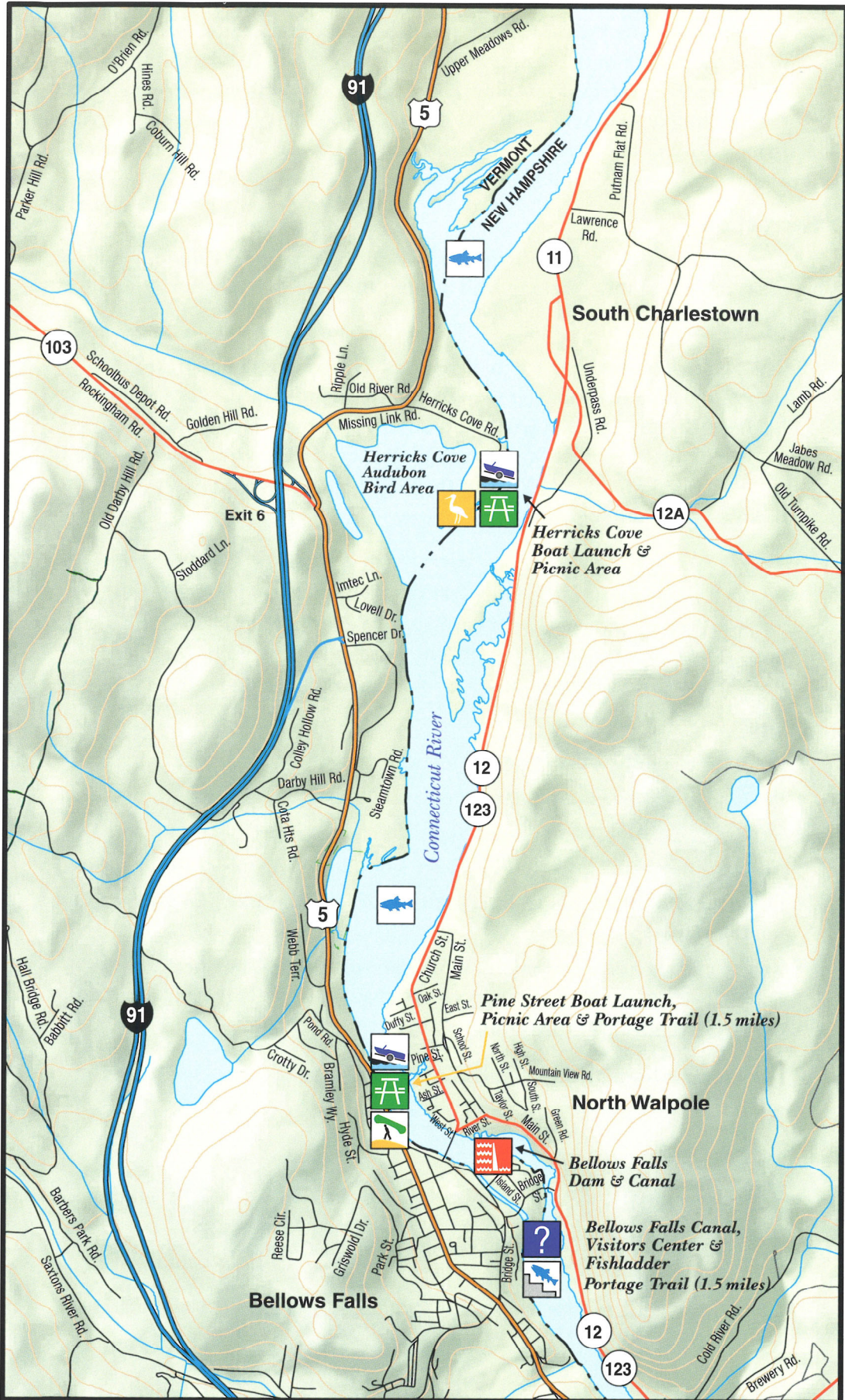


Interstate



U.S. Route

Map 9 BELLOWS FALLS



BELLOWS FALLS

The Bellows Falls Visitor Center and fish ladder are located off Route 5 next to the post office in the center of Bellows Falls. From the north take exit 6 off Route 91 and travel south on Route 5 to a left on Bridge Street. From the south take exit 5 off Route 91 and travel north on Route 5 to a right on Bridge Street. The Visitor Center is open variable hours Memorial Day to Labor Day. See www.nature-museum.org/bellow-falls-visitor-center for details.

Recreation

The area has prime bird watching and a bird scope, good fishing, picnic areas and a 1.5 mile portage trail around the dam and power station.

Natural Features

The Herricks Cove area north of Bellows Falls is a designated Audubon Important Bird Area for the variety of birds sighted in the area. The fish ladder at Bellows Falls provides migratory fish a passageway on their journey along the Connecticut River. Fish can sometimes be seen making their way up the river between Memorial Day and the 4th of July, depending on water temperature and many other variables.













History

The canal was built in the late 1700's and early 1800's for barge traffic and was never used because the railroad was built and took that business away. The station was built in 1928 and uses the canal to move water from the dam to the station.

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Map Key

 Visitor Center	 Picnic Area	 Portage	 Bird Sanctuary
 Dam	 Fish Ladder	 Boat Launch	 Fishing
 State Boundary	 State Route	 Interstate	 U.S. Route