

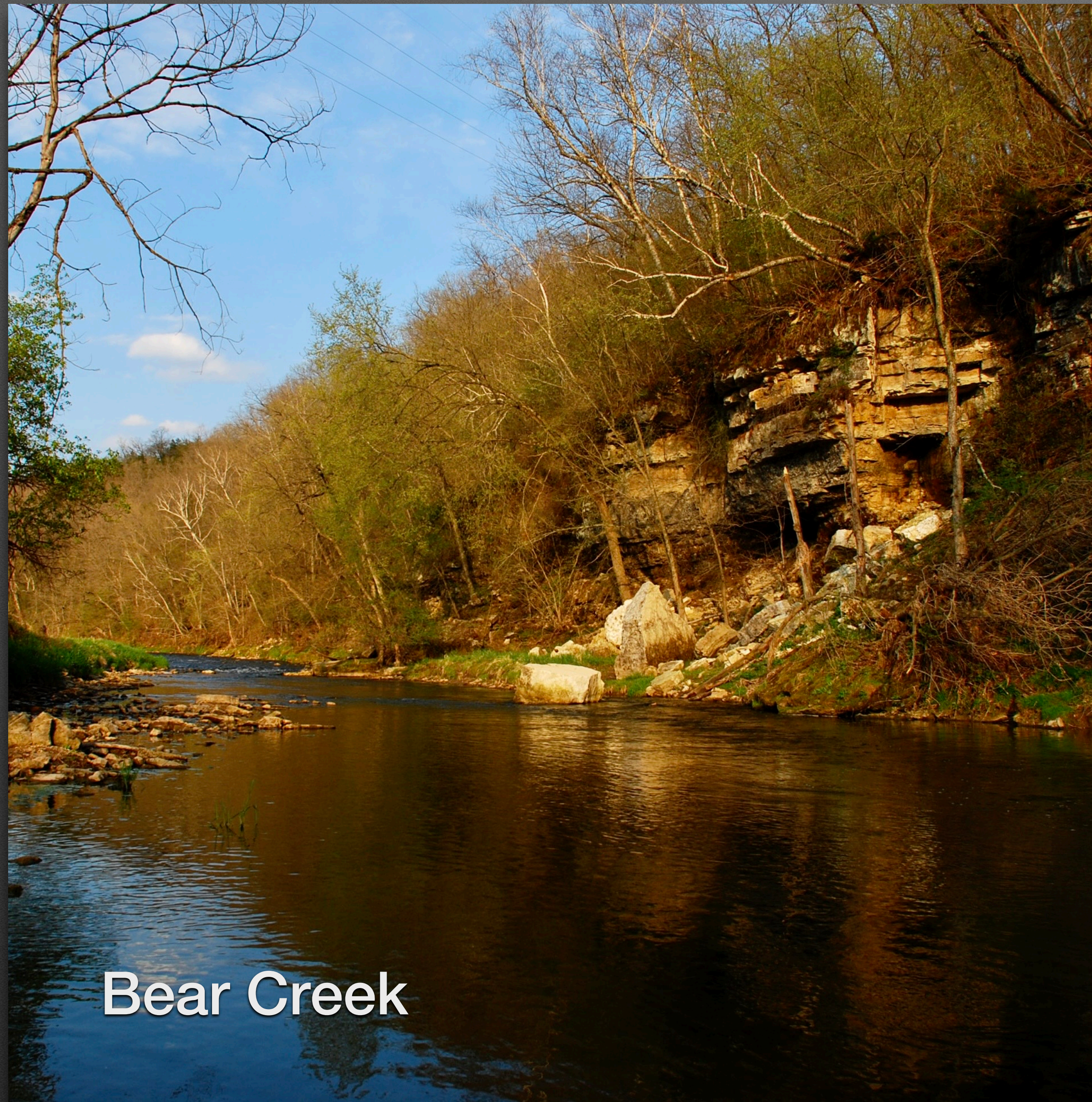


Deep in the Driftless

Exploring the Iowa's Trout Streams



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Iowa Stream Access

- Public Lands
 - State Parks
 - State Forests
 - Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)
 - Primitive camping permitted
- Private Land with Public Access
 - Handshake Agreement
 - Permanent Conservation Easement



Popular Iowa Streams

- North & South Bear
- Waterloo Creek
- French Creek
- Bloody Run
- Sny Magill
- Bankston Creek (Middle Fk Little Maquoketa River)
- “The Mills”
- Richmond Springs (Fenchel Creek)
- Spring Branch Creek



Lesser-Known Gems

- Patterson Creek
- South Pine Creek
- Ensign Hollow
- White Pine Hollow
- Bear Creek (Bixby State Preserve)
- Coldwater Creek
- Pine Spring Creek (Seed Savers Heritage Farm)







Upper Iowa River









Mississippi River at Lansing, Iowa



Echo Valley State Park



Waterloo Creek



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>America's #1 SALTWATER GAMEFISH



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>Alaska STEELHEAD

IOWA TROUT

+ Klamath UNLEASHED



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Bev, the affable owner of this iconic store and the nearby campground and rental cabins. Highlandville stands near the junction of North and South Bear creeks, two of the most popular and productive blue-ribbon trout streams in Iowa.

We head east from Highlandville, following South Bear Creek past the confluence of North Bear, navigating the gravel roads to the top of another high ridge topped with a cluster of farm silos and then back down a steep grade leading to a quiet gravel lane and a pair of old stone gates that once marked the entrance to private property, but now leads to an Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fishing access parking area. The property, formerly Girl Scout Camp Tahigwa, was purchased by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation in 2017 and then transferred to the DNR. It includes nearly a mile of outstanding trout stream.

"We haven't really promoted the acquisition," Brian Malaise, DNR hatchery biologist at the Decorah fish hatchery told us a few days earlier. "There's still work to do on that property and Covid-19 has slowed us down." That work includes removing the few remaining structures on the property.

We park and hike in a quarter mile to an abandoned iron bridge that predates the Girl Scout camp tenure, when a public road ran through the property. The wood planking is rotting away now, and the streamside weeds have grown tall. This once-mani-

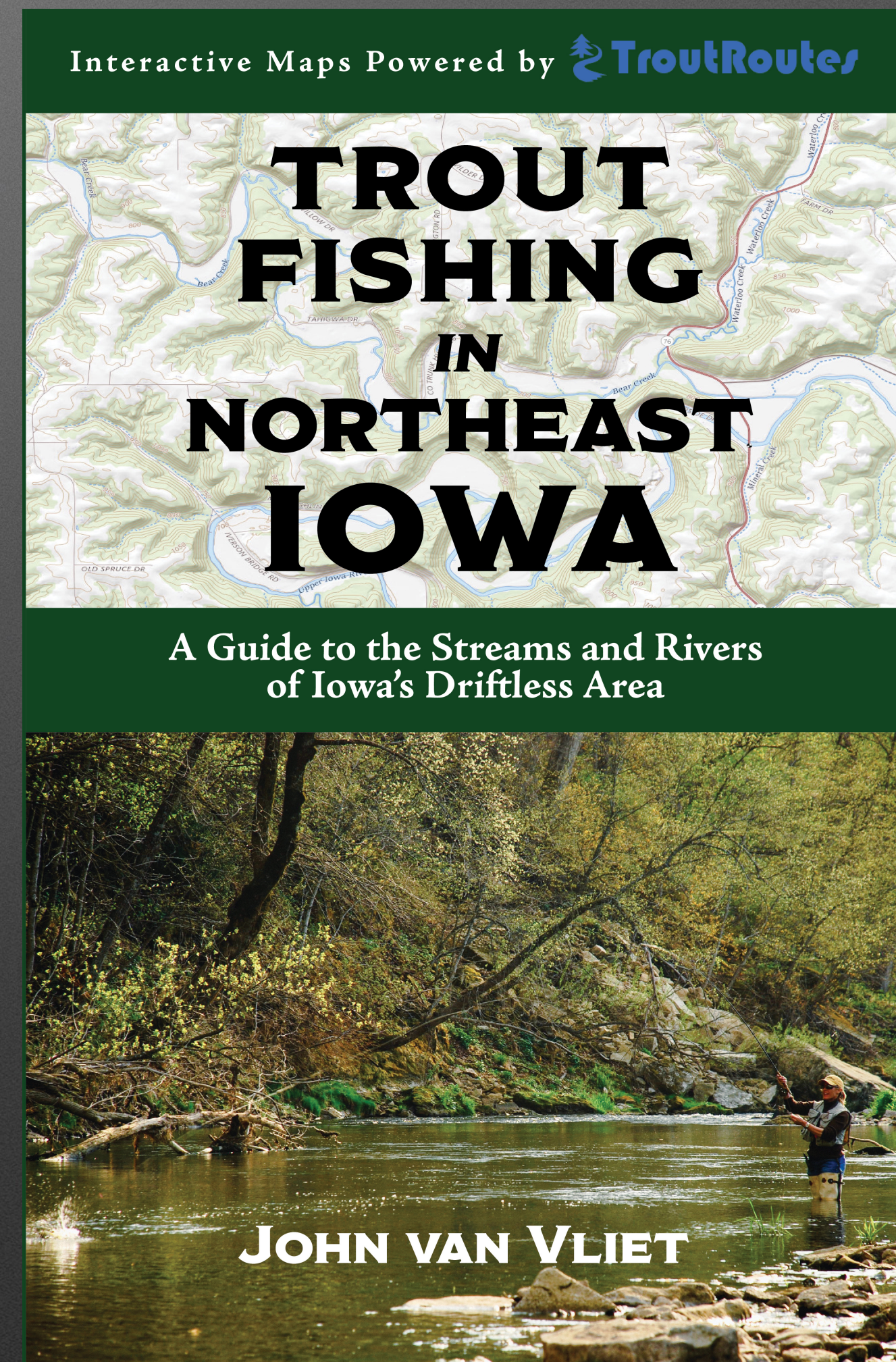


The Driftless Area has wild and holdover brown trout, some of which get quite large. The

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- Descriptions of more than 60 streams
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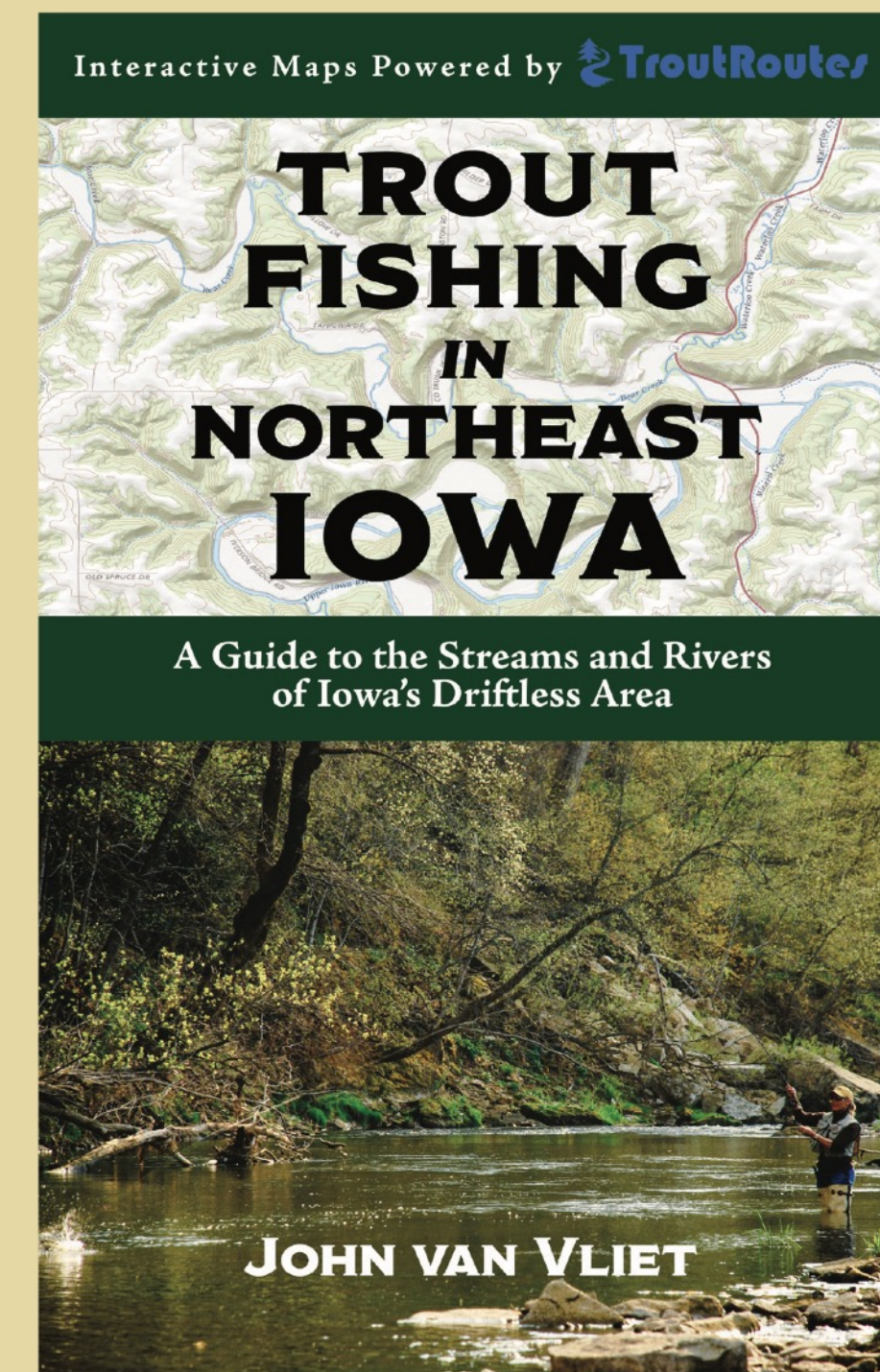
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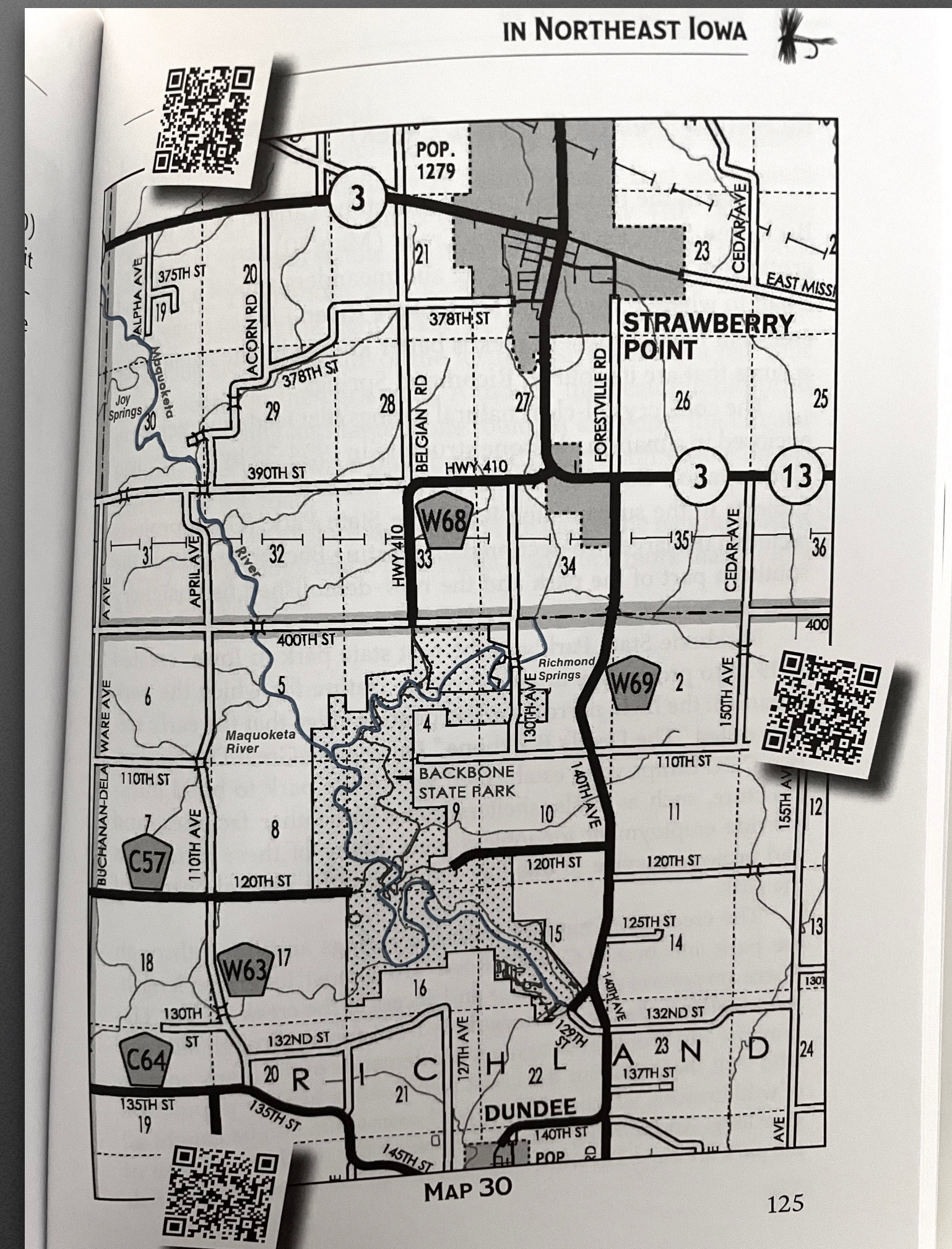
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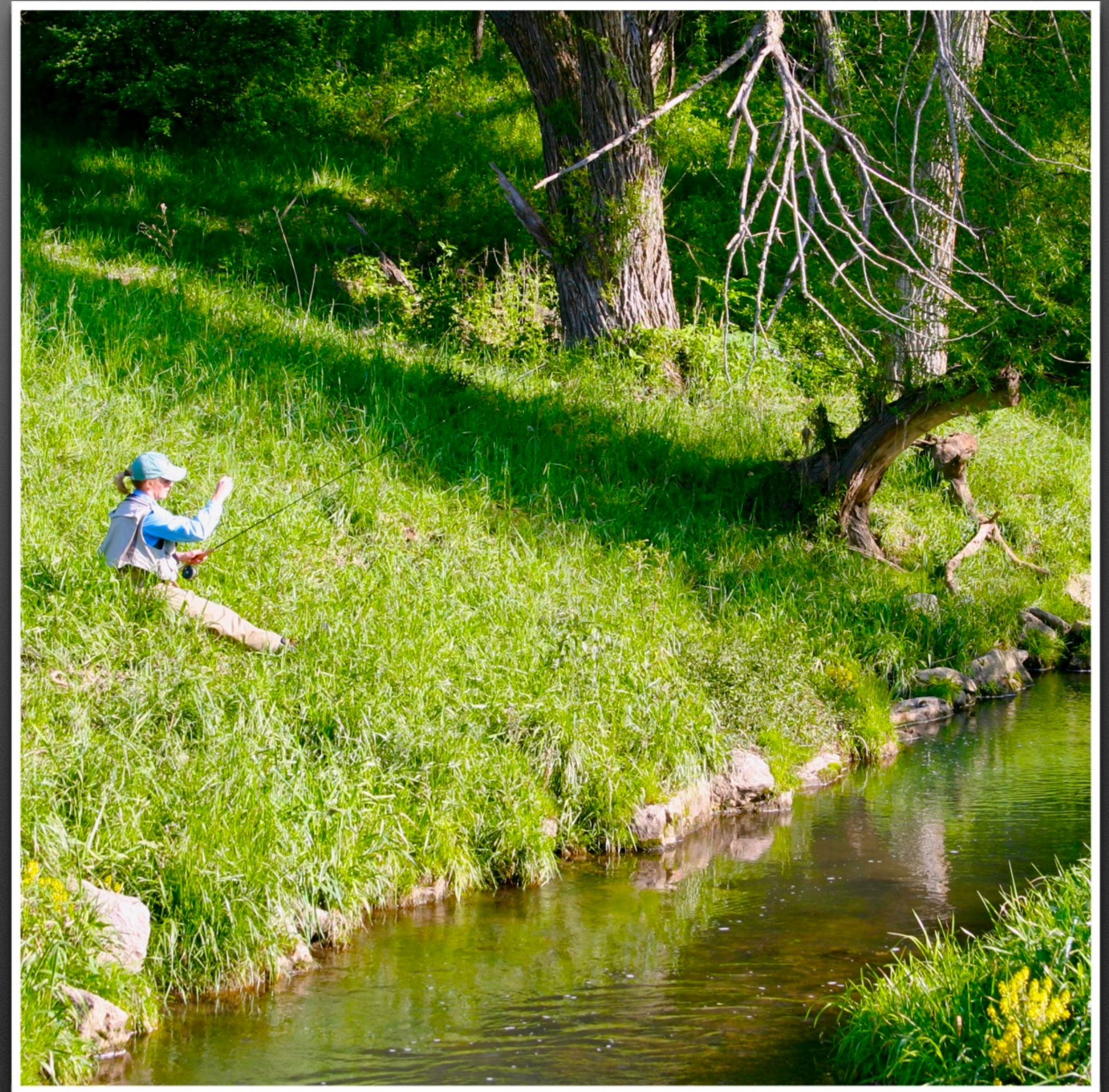
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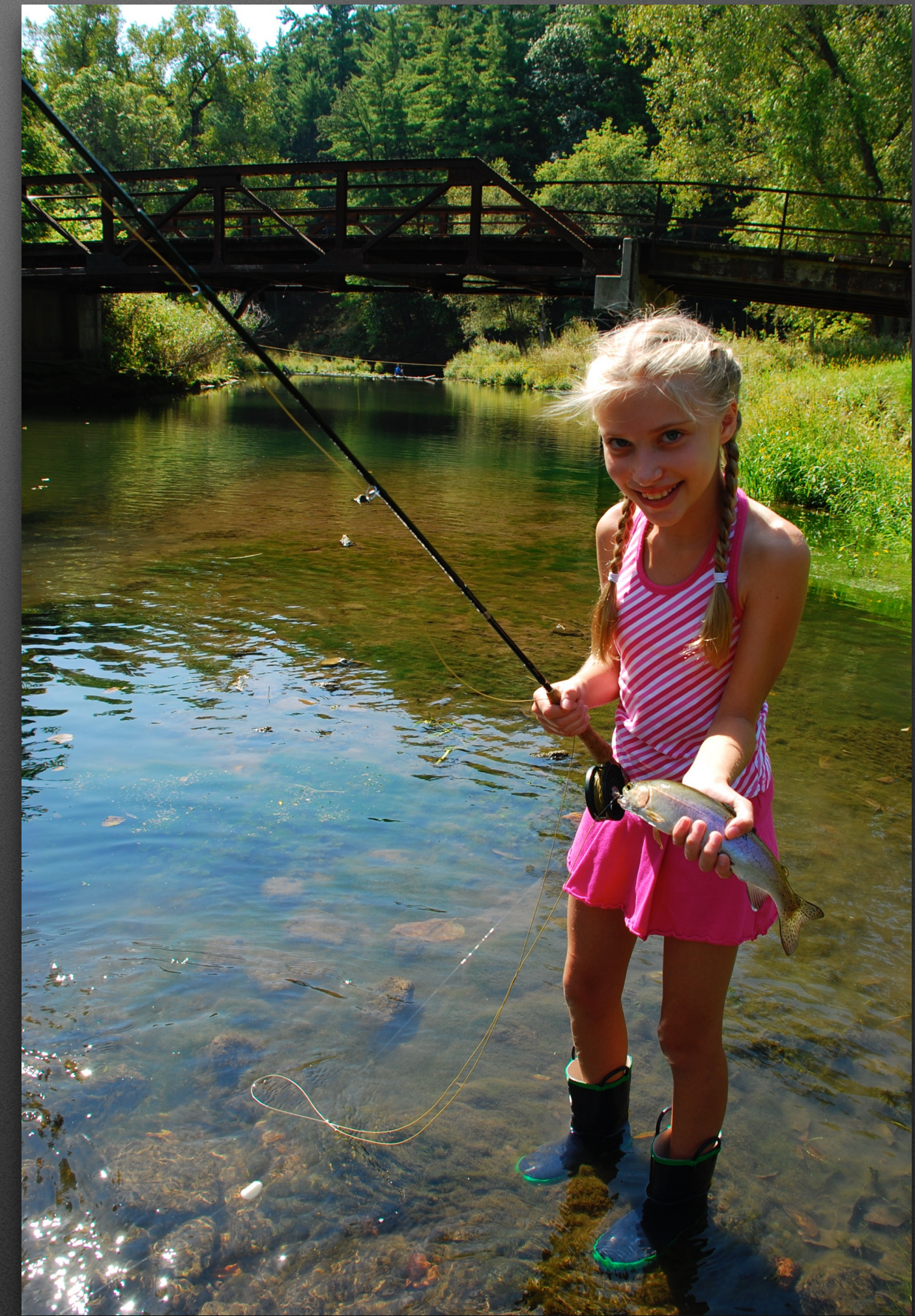
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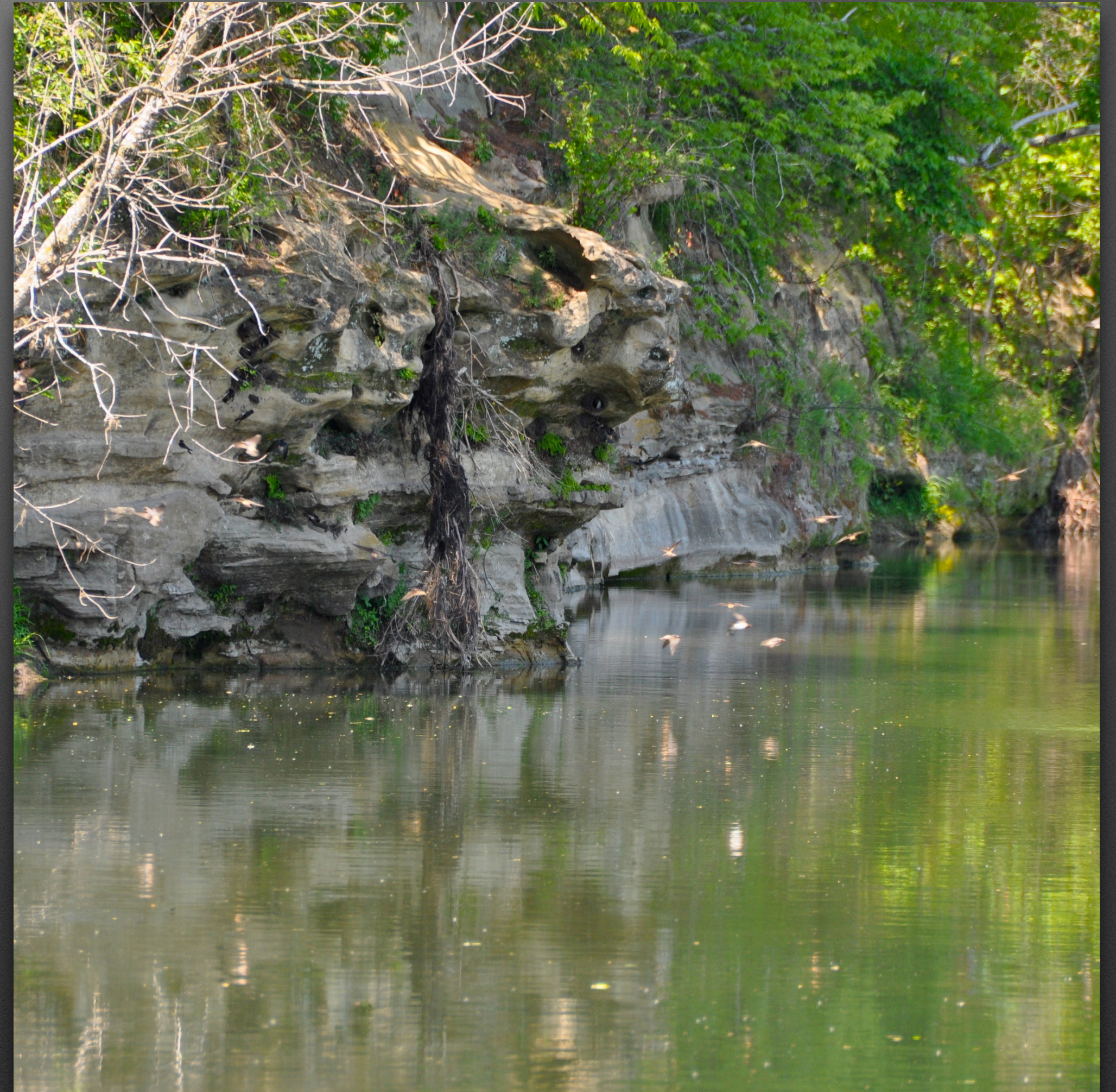
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Thank you!
Let's go fishing in Iowa!