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Coyote Creek is a quiet natural creek that feeds into Fern Ridge Reservoir. Once Fern Ridge Lake is filled in the spring (April) until it is drained in the fall (October) Coyote Creek is a popular Canoe and Kayak destination for enjoying the scenery, birds or a nice picnic date. Coyote Creek is a fun adventure for kids, a treat for visitors and beginners learning to paddle.

You can wind your way along a tree shaded stream to a lovely picnic spot at Cantrell Road less than a mile in. You can often explore a bit further upstream depending on conditions. You can also paddle north onto Fern Ridge lake to see the reeds and birds in that environment as well. Mornings and evenings are best for viewing wildlife. Best of all no motors are allowed up Coyote creek.

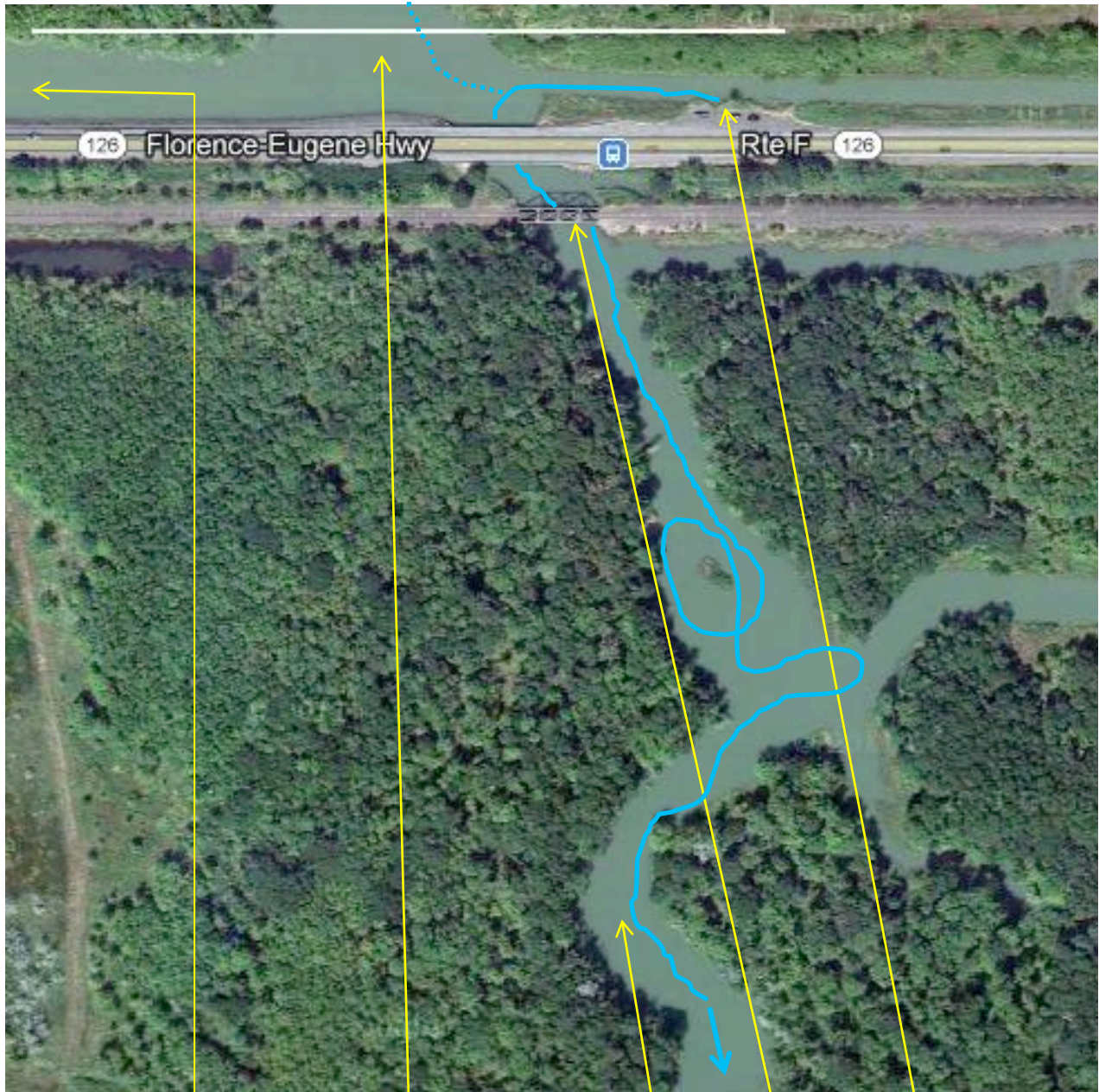
### PUT IN:

On HWY 126 west of Eugene, look for railroad bridge on your left. There is a small pullout on the right just before the hwy crosses the creek. Perkins Peninsula Park is about ½ mile further and you can put in there as well and paddle back to the railroad bridge at Coyote Creek. An alternative is to put in at the park along Cantrell Road and float downstream.

Time: One to two hours round trip   Skill: Beginner/Recreational   Boat: Canoe or Kayak

Aprox 2 miles round trip   Season: Spring, summer Fall   Water: calm





To Perkins Peninsula Park To Fern Ridge Lake Coyote Creek RR Bridge Parking and put in

Getting in your boat is the hardest thing on this trip since the put in is primitive but shallow.

From the put in, paddle under the highway and rail road bridges onto Coyote Creek.

Clearance is low under the bridges so watch your head and warn any kids jumping into the water from the bridge that you are coming out.

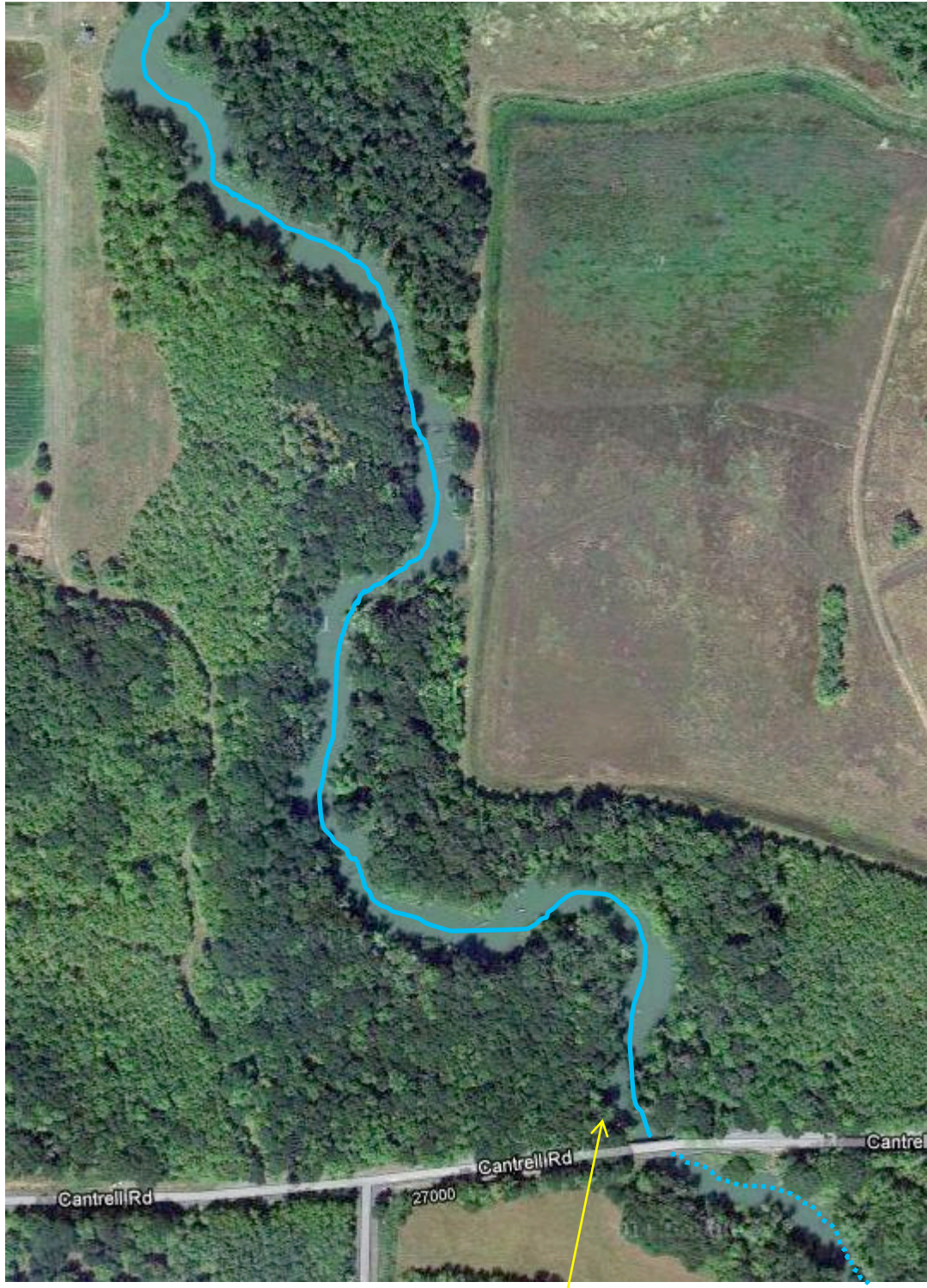
Follow the River Right channel. The other channels are for pirates....





**You are soon in a silent natural paradise of overhanging trees and wildlife. Look out for and avoid floating logs and branches. No, there haven't been any sightings of Crocodiles that we know of...yet.**

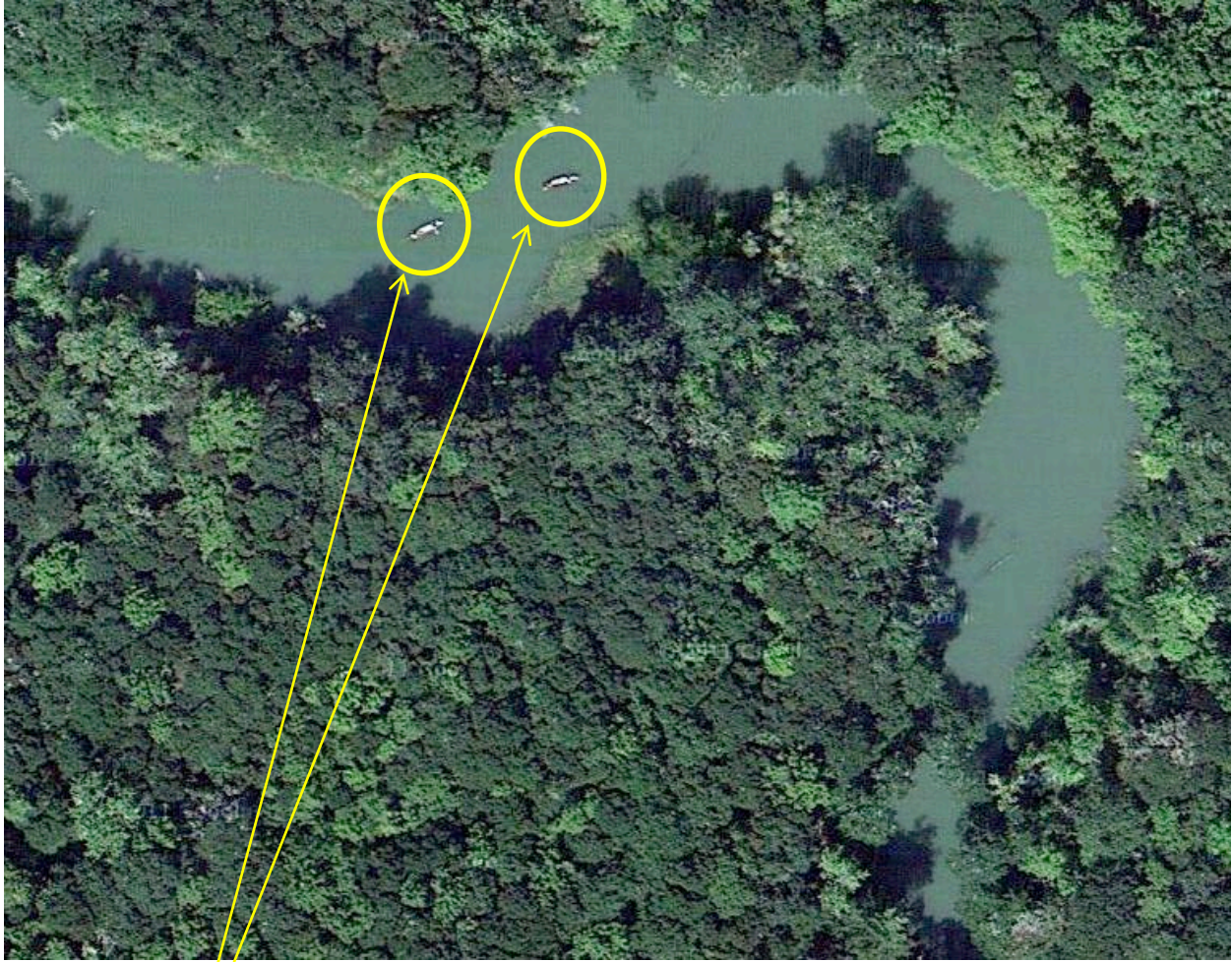




**Cantrel Park**

**You can stop and rest at the nice park at Cantrel Road and then return to modern life, or explore further passing under the Cantrel Road bridge and see how far you can go before shallow water or logs and brush blocks your passage.**





(Unidentified Floating Objects)

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Eugene Parks and Recreation offers classes in kayaking and water safety: [www.Recenroll.org](http://www.Recenroll.org)

Be sure you have proper safety equipment and understand water safety rules and signals.

Water conditions are always changing and **new hazards can appear at any time.**

Tell people where you are going and when you will be back.

**Never boat alone.** Have experienced paddlers with you.

**High water flows are not safe for water sports.**

Local paddling clubs [www.canoe.freeshell.org](http://www.canoe.freeshell.org), [www.facebook.com/potluckPaddlers](http://www.facebook.com/potluckPaddlers), [www.wkcc.org](http://www.wkcc.org)

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