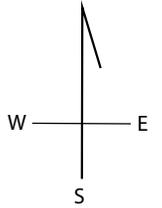
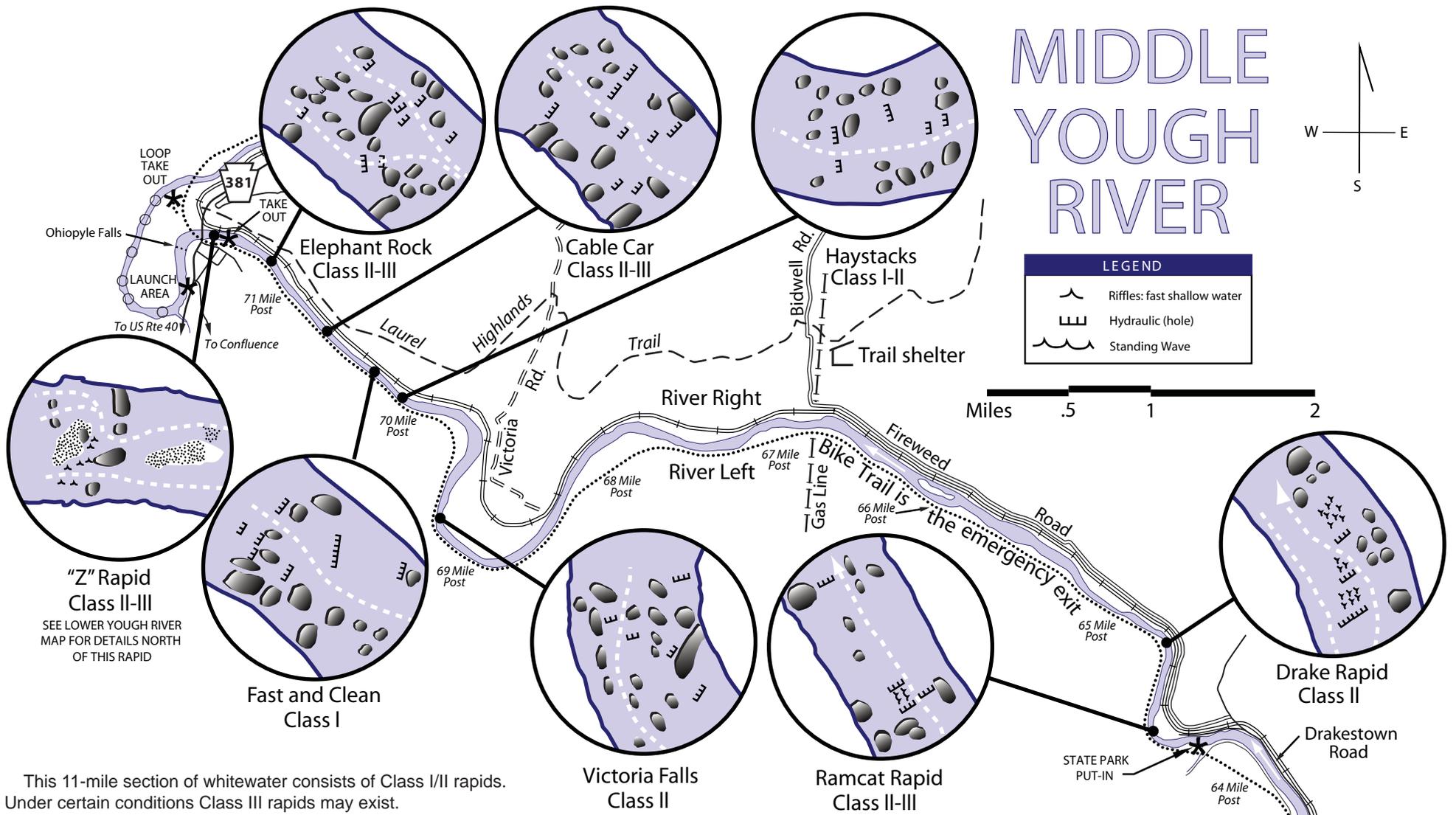
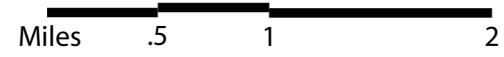


# MIDDLE YOUGH RIVER



LEGEND	
	Riffles: fast shallow water
	Hydraulic (hole)
	Standing Wave



**"Z" Rapid**  
Class II-III  
SEE LOWER YOUGH RIVER  
MAP FOR DETAILS NORTH  
OF THIS RAPID

This 11-mile section of whitewater consists of Class I/II rapids. Under certain conditions Class III rapids may exist.

The classes below are the American version of the rating system used throughout the world. This system is not exact. Rivers do not always fit easily into one category and there may be regional interpretations. This information is from American Whitewater.

**Class I:** Easy - Fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Few obstructions, all obvious and easily missed with little training. Self-rescue is easy.

**Class II:** Novice - Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Occasional maneuvering may be required, but rocks and medium-sized waves are easily missed by trained paddlers.

**Class III:** Intermediate - Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid and which can swamp an open canoe. Complex maneuvers in fast current and good boat control in tight passages or around ledges is often required. Strong eddies and powerful current effects can occur.

- A river map with diagrams should be used only as a reference. It is not a substitute for scouting the rapids.
- Inner tubes and air mattresses are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- All boaters must wear a PFD (personal flotation device) at all times while on the river.
- All boaters must sign in at the kiosk at the state park Ramcat Put-in prior to launching on the Middle Youghiogheny River.
- Watch for the Take Out just past Elephant Rock on river left. Do not miss the take out because Ohiopyle Falls is downstream.

