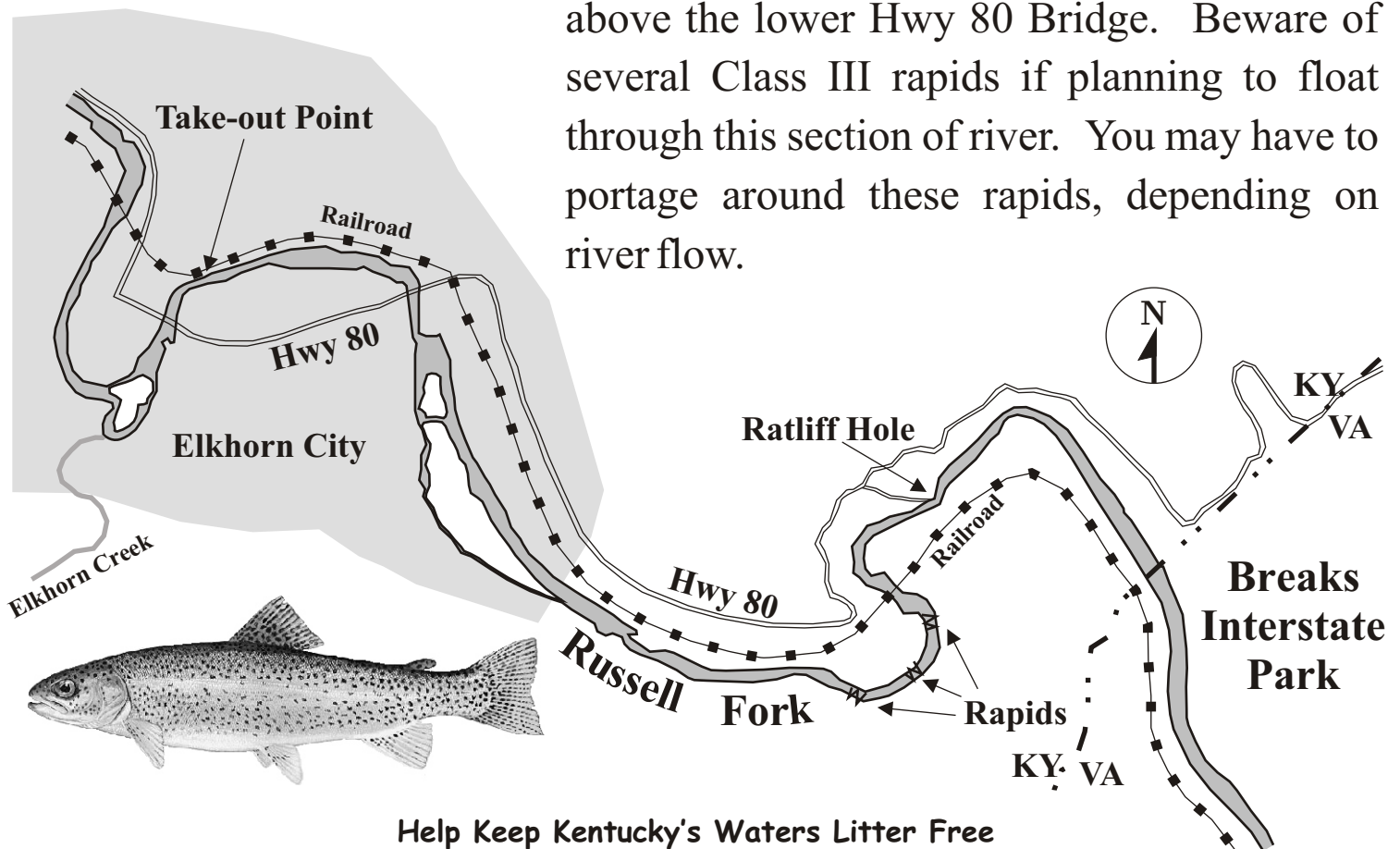


New Floatable Rainbow Trout Fishery at Russell Fork in Pike County

Russell Fork in Pike County will be stocked by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources with 3,000 rainbow trout each month in April, May, and October beginning in 2004. Trout anglers will have a 3-mile section of river that offers bank, wade, and float fishing opportunities. This section begins at the upper stocking site at Ratliff Hole near the Virginia border and extends downstream to the mouth of Elkhorn Creek in the lower end of Elkhorn City. During each stocking month, 1,500 trout will be released at each of two sites - Ratliff Hole and near the second Hwy 80 Bridge at the upper end in Elkhorn City.

This scenic stretch of Russell Fork provides good access to trout anglers at both the Ratliff Hole area and within the 1.6-mile section of Russell Fork in Elkhorn City. Anglers can float fish for trout by entering with their raft at

Ratliff Hole and taking out in Elkhorn City just above the lower Hwy 80 Bridge. Beware of several Class III rapids if planning to float through this section of river. You may have to portage around these rapids, depending on river flow.



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