Section 2:
Gathright Dam to Dry Run
(Jackson River mile 43.5 to 26)
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This section normally features crystal clear water, great current, and excellent mountain views. Many class I & II rapids make this section fun and exciting. Due to the continual cold water releases from the dam, it has developed into a famous trout fishery.

While the entire 18 mile section is open to paddlers, two stretches of river run through private property and are closed to fishing. Please respect private property and do not stop on shore or wade in the river. A mandatory take out at the Covington water treatment plant ends this upper section of the Jackson River as it enters an industrial area just upstream of Covington.

Coles Point Boat Ramp
Boat Ramp
1162 Coles Point Drive, Hot Springs
Latitude: +37° 56' 53.52"
Longitude: -79° 58' 7.32"

Gathright Dam *(Mile 43.5)*
Shoreline Access
Stilling Basin Rd., Hot Springs
Latitude: +37° 56' 57.85"
Longitude: -79° 57' 11.14"

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RIVER SECTION CLOSED TO FISHING
(Private Property)

Fortney Branch Boat Ramp
Boat Ramp
101 Fortney Branch Rd., Hot Springs
Latitude: +37° 55' 37.92"
Longitude: -79° 58' 52.68"

Johnson Springs *(Mile 40)*
Shoreline Access
209 Natural Well Rd., Hot Springs
Latitude: +37° 54' 54.33"
Longitude: -79° 58' 20.57"

Jackson River

Smith Bridge *(Mile 36)*
Shoreline Access
588 N. Smith Bridge Rd., Hot Springs
Latitude: +37° 52' 37.56"
Longitude: -79° 58' 33.96"

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Indian Draft *(Mile 33.85)*
Shoreline Access
4401 Jackson River Rd., Covington
Latitude: +37° 52' 7.33"
Longitude: -79° 59' 21.64"

Petticoat Junction *(Mile 30.4)*
Boat Ramp
194 Mays Lane, Covington
Latitude: +37° 50' 31.60"
Longitude: -79° 59' 19.73"

Intervale Park & River Access
Boat Ramp
1903 Dressler Drive, Covington
Latitude: +37°49'05.6"
Longitude: -79°59'14.1"

Dry Run *(Mile 26)*
Boat Ramp
1440 N. Alleghany Ave., Covington
Latitude: +37° 48' 34.09"
Longitude: -79° 59' 16.45"

RIVER HAZARD: Industrial Area

MANDATORY TAKE-OUT POINT
(WestRock Mill Area)