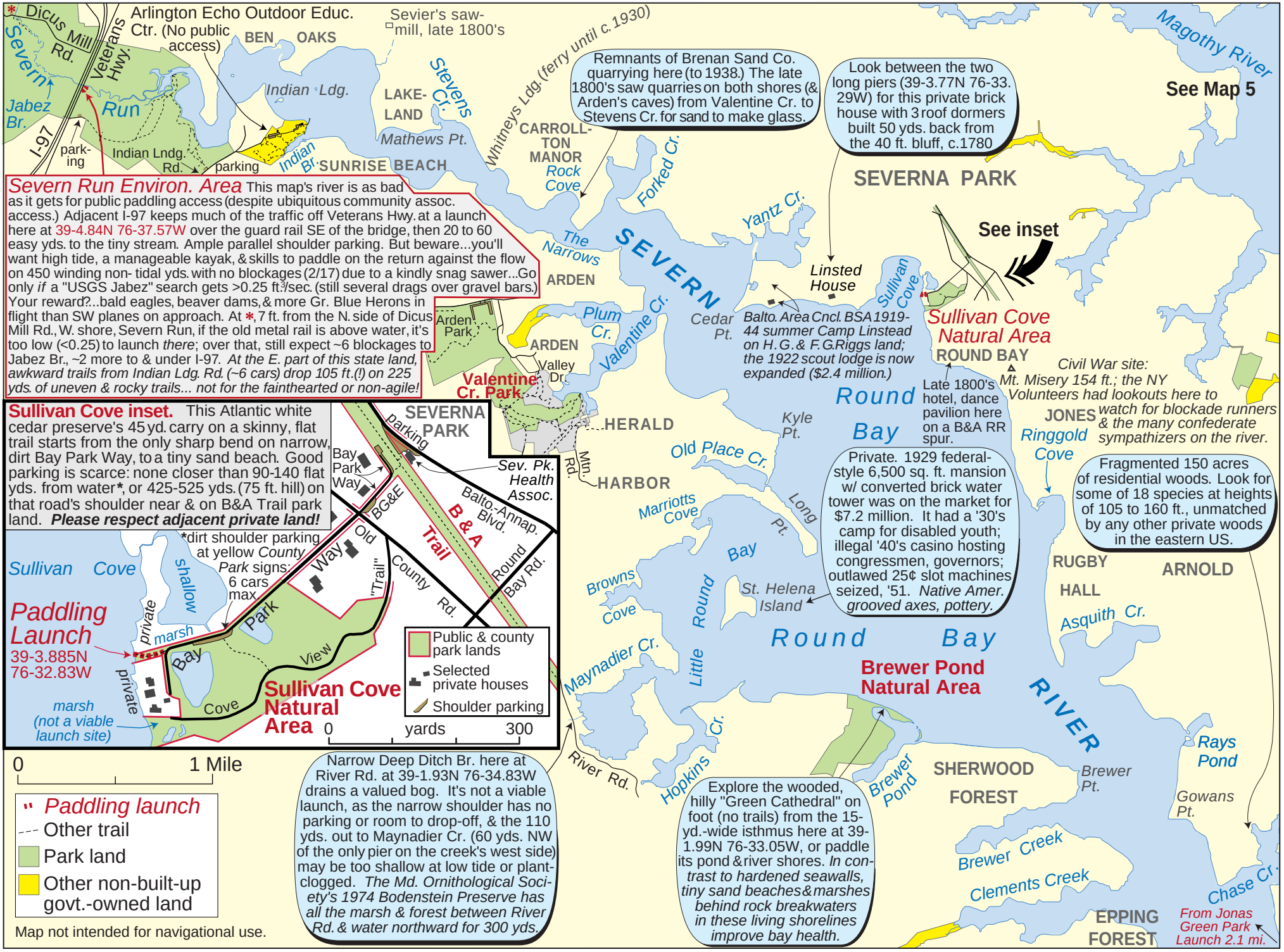
Anne Arundel County Water Trail (AACWT.org): MAP 8 - Upper Severn River



Severn Run Environ. Area This map's river is as bad as it gets for public paddling access (despite ubiquitous community assoc. access.) Adjacent I-97 keeps much of the traffic off Veterans Hwy. at a launch here at 39-4.84N 76-37.57W over the guard rail SE of the bridge, then 20 to 60 easy yds. to the tiny stream. Ample parallel shoulder parking. But beware...you'll want high tide, a manageable kayak, & skills to paddle on the return against the flow on 450 winding non-tidal yds. with no blockages (2/17) due to a kindly snag sawer...Go only *if* a "USGS Jabez" search gets >0.25 ft³/sec. (still several drags over gravel bars.) Your reward?...bald eagles, beaver dams, & more Gr. Blue Herons in flight than SW planes on approach. At *, 7 ft. from the N. side of Dicus Mill Rd., W. shore, Severn Run, if the old metal rail is above water, it's too low (<0.25) to launch *there*; over that, still expect ~6 blockages to Jabez Br., ~2 more to & under I-97. *At the E. part of this state land, awkward trails from Indian Ldg. Rd. (~6 cars) drop 105 ft.(!) on 225 yds. of uneven & rocky trails... not for the fainthearted or non-agile!*

Sullivan Cove inset. This Atlantic white cedar preserve's 45 yd. carry on a skinny, flat trail starts from the only sharp bend on narrow, dirt Bay Park Way, to a tiny sand beach. Good parking is scarce: none closer than 90-140 flat yds. from water*, or 425-525 yds. (75 ft. hill) on that road's shoulder near & on B&A Trail park land. ***Please respect adjacent private land!***

*dirt shoulder parking at yellow *County Park* signs: 6 cars max.