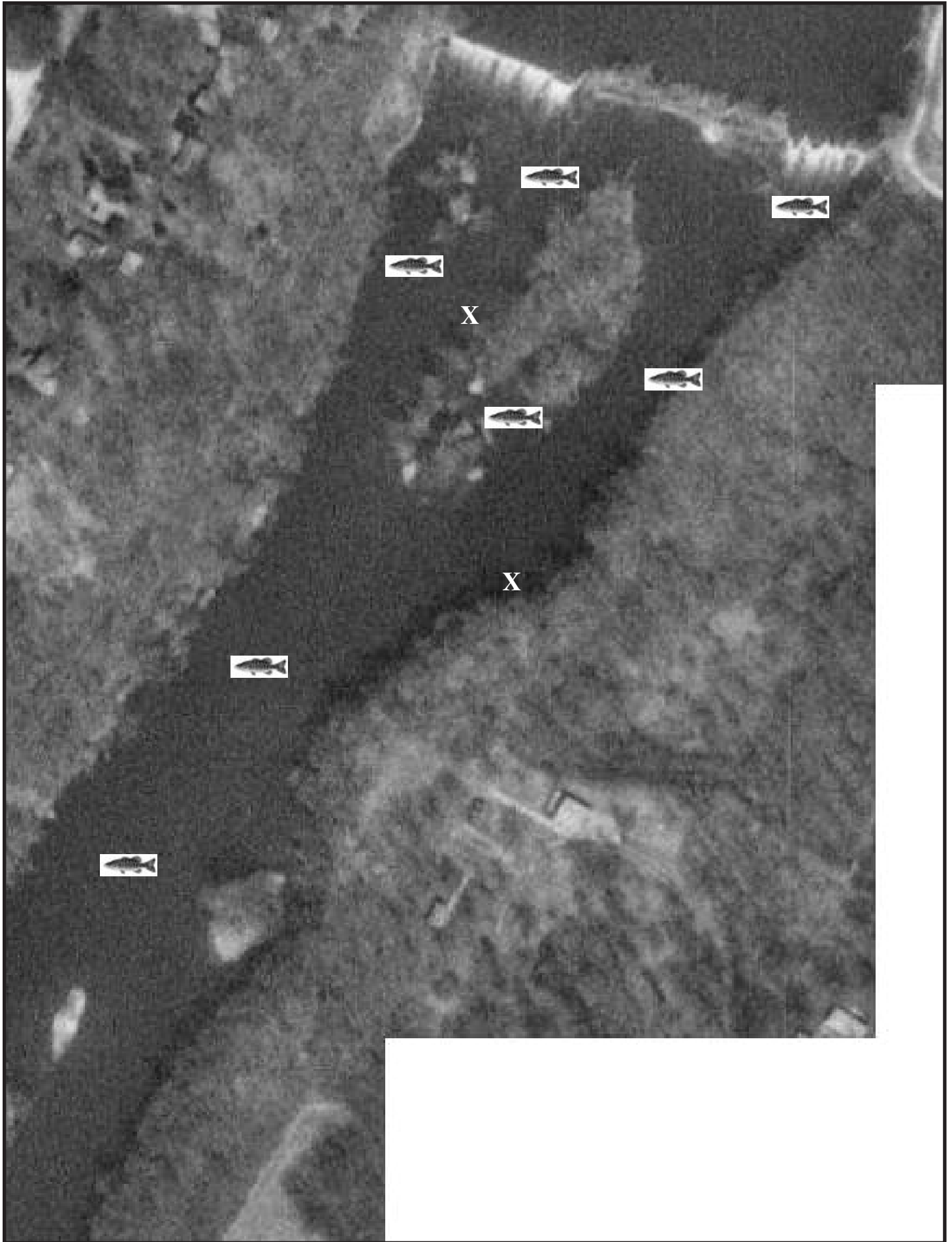


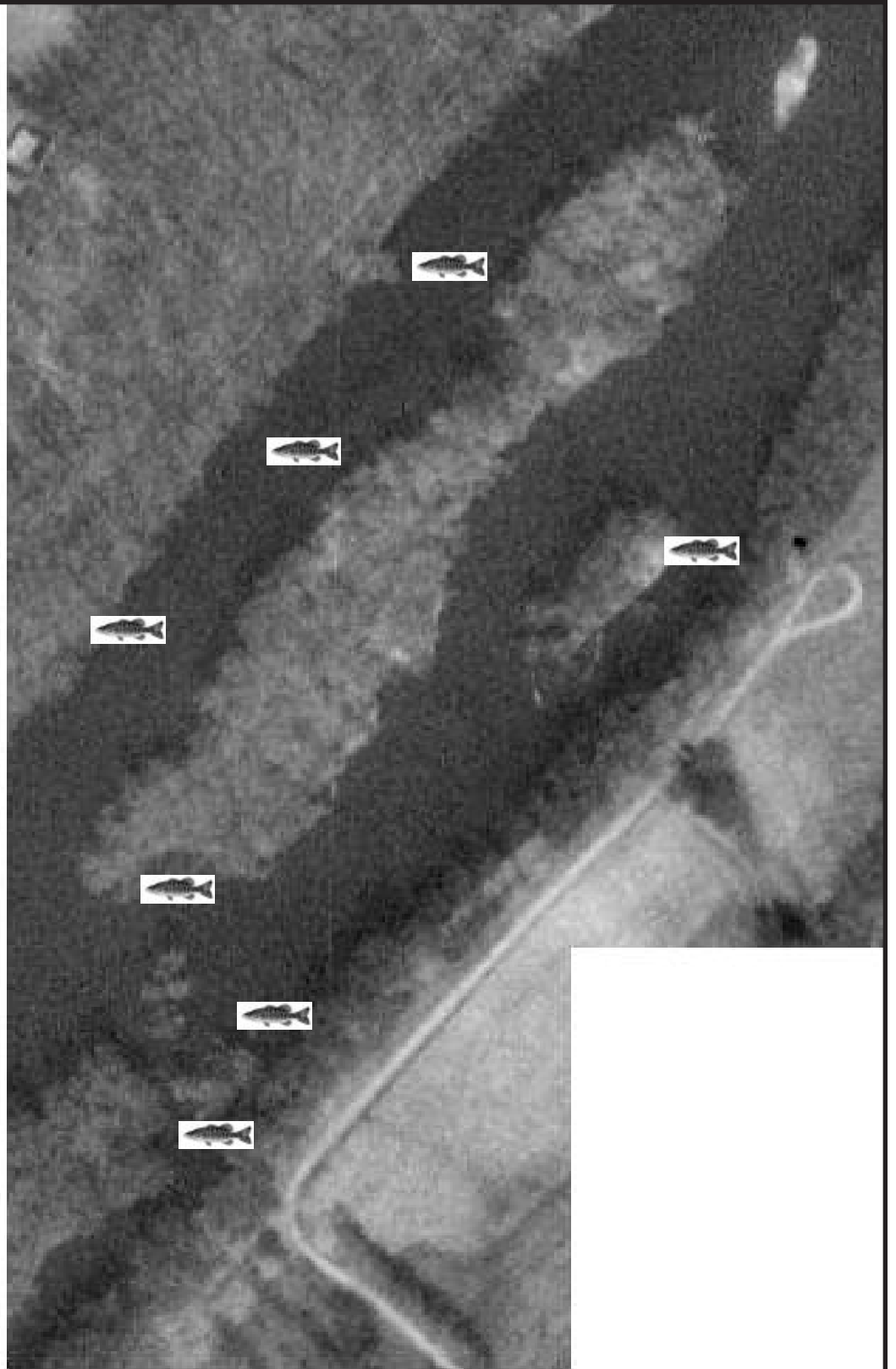


Park here!
Glenwood Forest Preserve,
Batavia, off of Route 25

Starting here, which is generally known as Lower Batavia Dam, and going down stream for about 1 and 1/2 miles, is one of the most productive areas of the upper Fox River. Verified catches of 22 inch smallies have occurred here and rumors abound of 24 inch smallies. Getting bit off by toothy critters is not uncommon and it is possible to catch a wide variety of fish species, on a good day. The following pages are marked with spots where I have caught smallies. I have also marked with X's spots you should walk around. There are very few, if any, areas I would consider dangerous to wade on any of the following maps, except of course around the dams.

When you park at Glenwood, you will see trails that head north to the dam. This whole area is worth exploring. A friend tells me, but I've never verified it, that this time of year the smallies sit on along the edges of the run directly out from the Glenwood parking lot. Let me know if he's right.

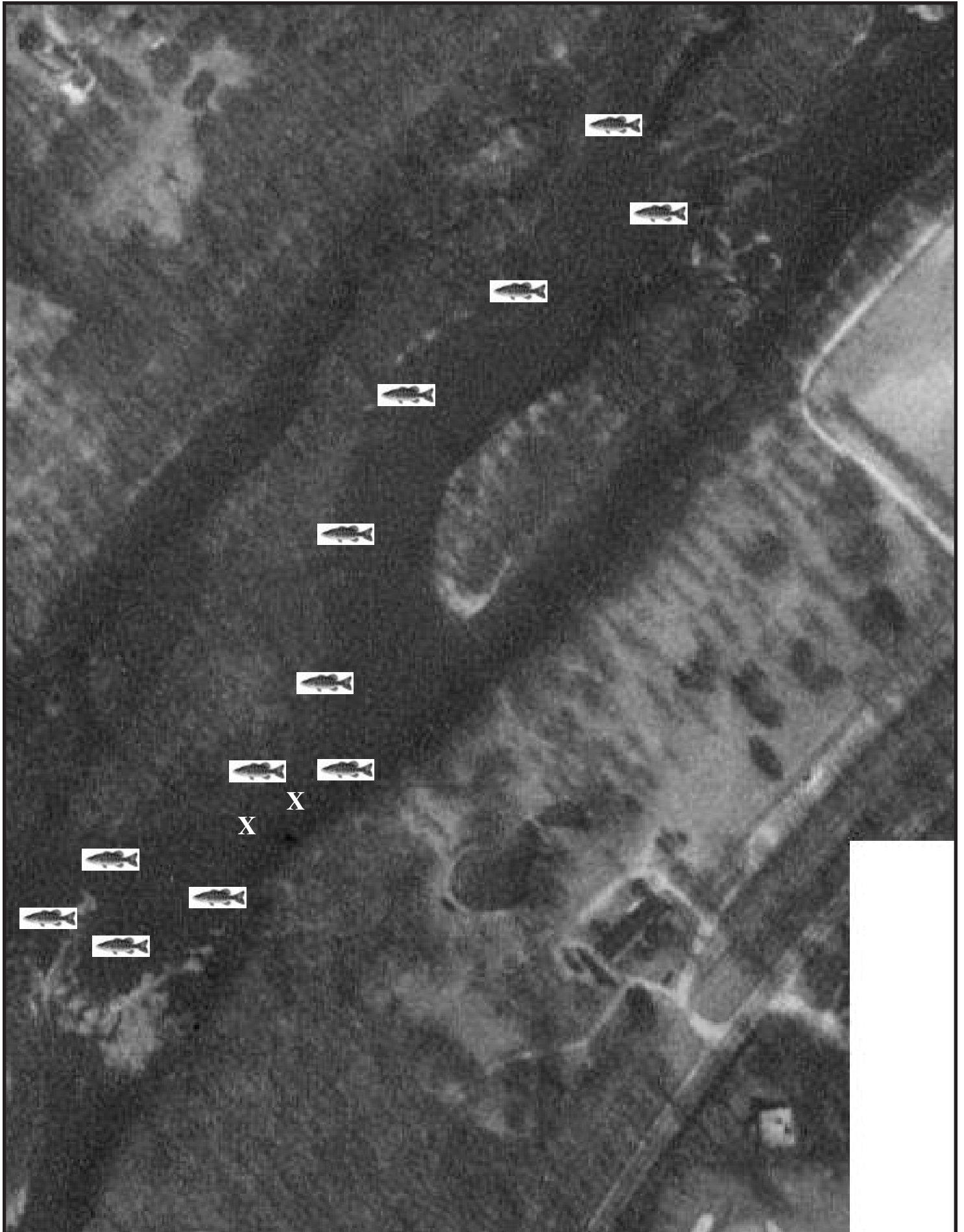


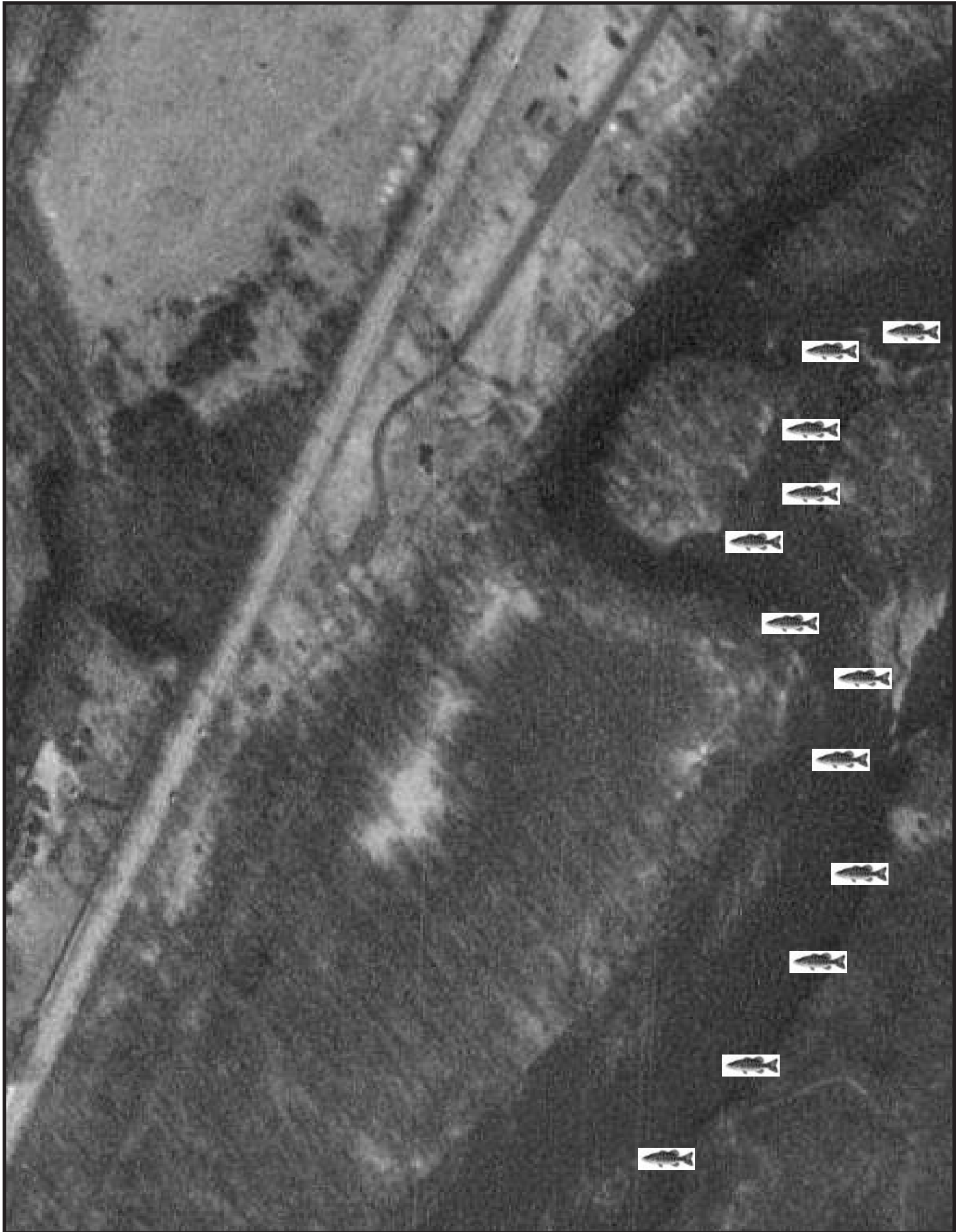


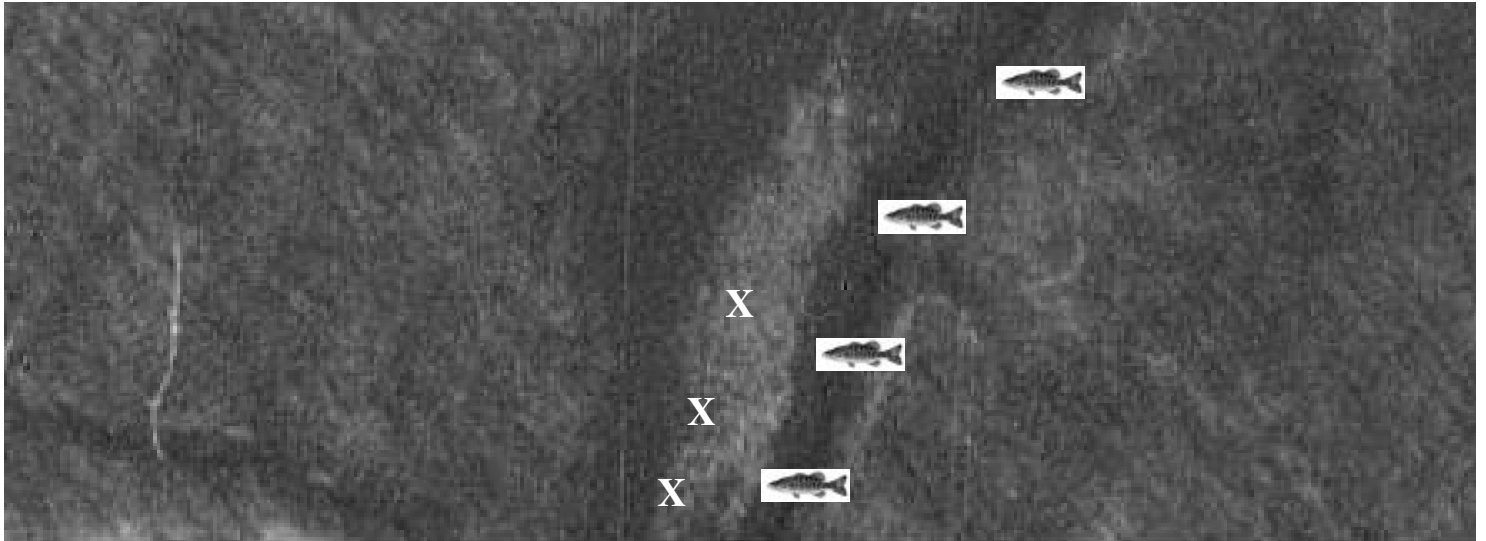


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Les Arends Forest Preserve,
Batavia, off of Route 31

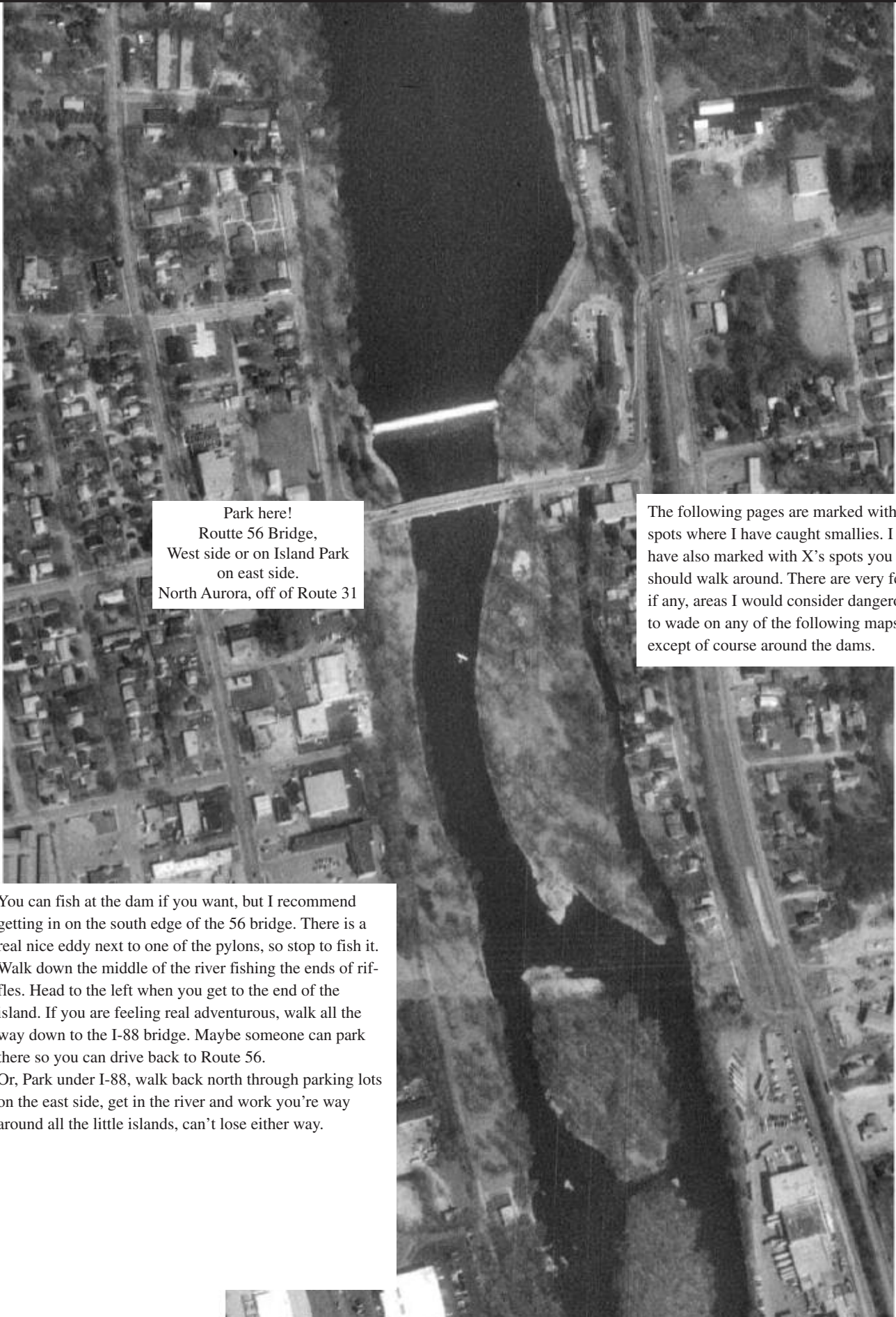
Walk directly toward the river, turn north on the bike path. When the channel gets within a few feet of the path, drop down into the channel and continue heading north into the main river. You'll see a gravel bar to start fishing below. Start walking down stream for one of the most beautiful stretches of the Fox. Nice fish too, if you can find them.







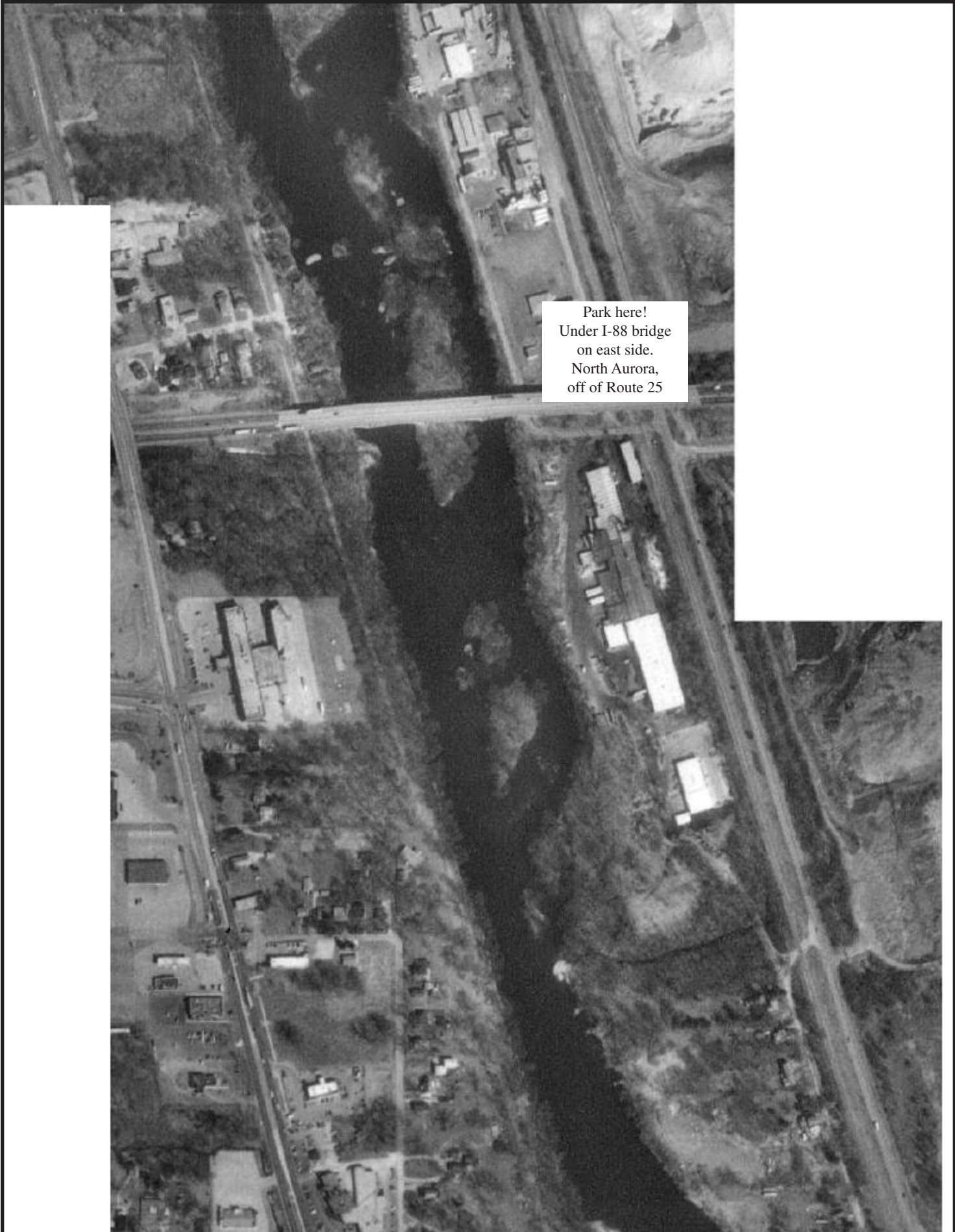
Stay close to the bluffs in this area. If you are near the mouth of Mill Creek, you can't make it across the river. If you stay along the east shore you can walk along for another quarter mile to a spot you can get out. You can then walk back north along the bike path to where you started, pretty much anyway. The west shore south of Mill Creek is totally unexplored territory with a rumor of a 17 foot hole behind an island somewhere. I'd avoid it.



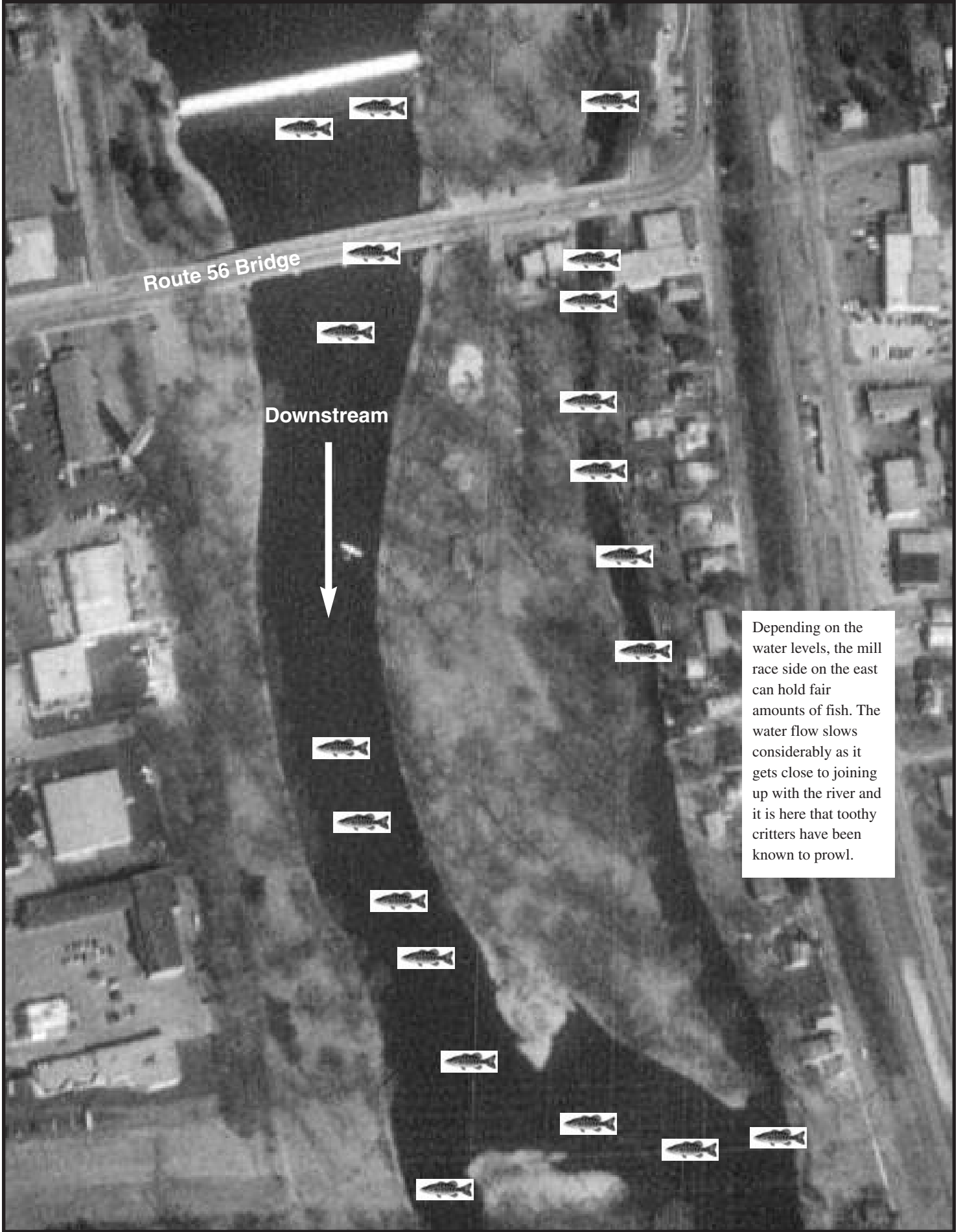
Park here!
 Route 56 Bridge,
 West side or on Island Park
 on east side.
 North Aurora, off of Route 31

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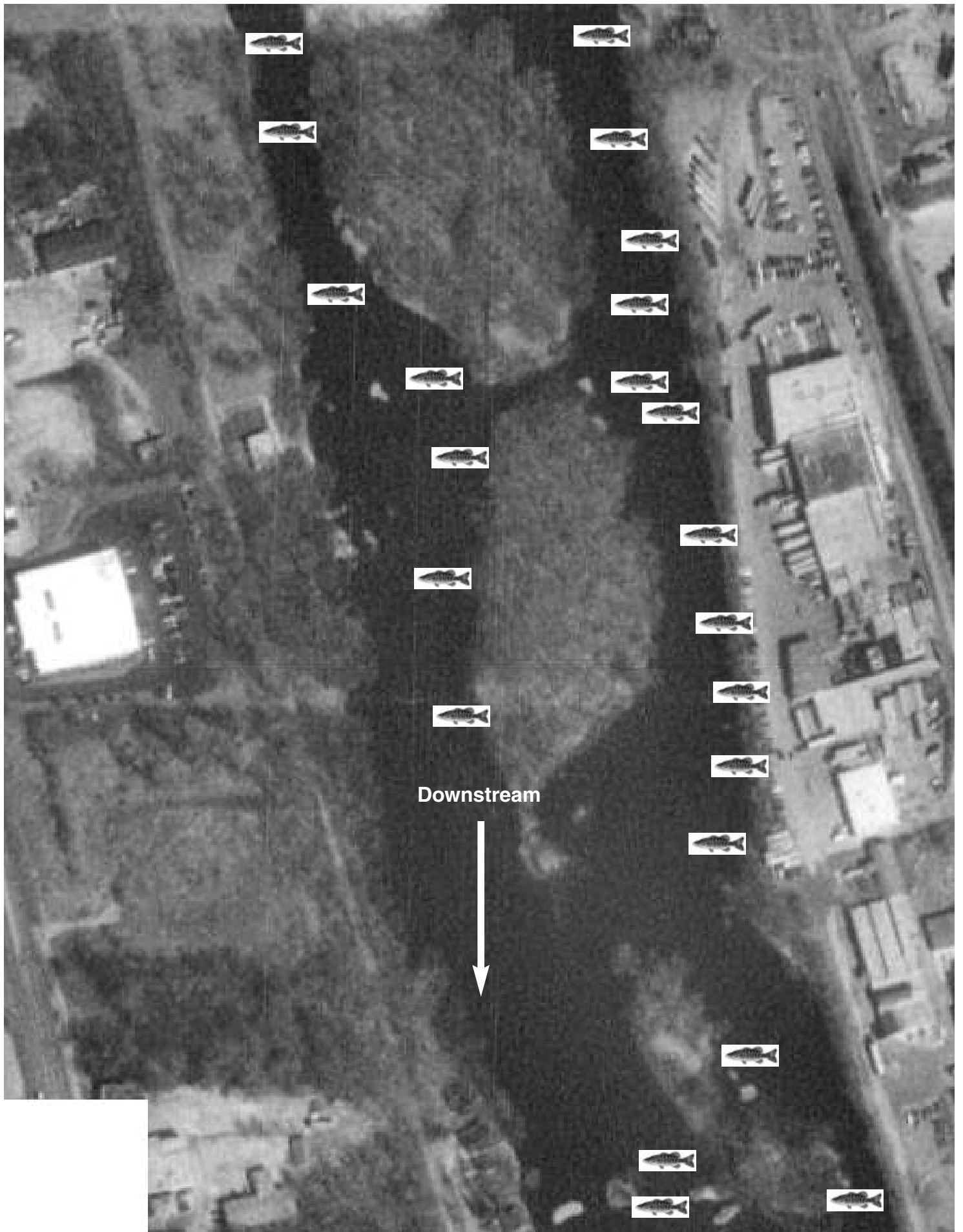
You can fish at the dam if you want, but I recommend getting in on the south edge of the 56 bridge. There is a real nice eddy next to one of the pylons, so stop to fish it. Walk down the middle of the river fishing the ends of rifles. Head to the left when you get to the end of the island. If you are feeling real adventurous, walk all the way down to the I-88 bridge. Maybe someone can park there so you can drive back to Route 56. Or, Park under I-88, walk back north through parking lots on the east side, get in the river and work your way around all the little islands, can't lose either way.

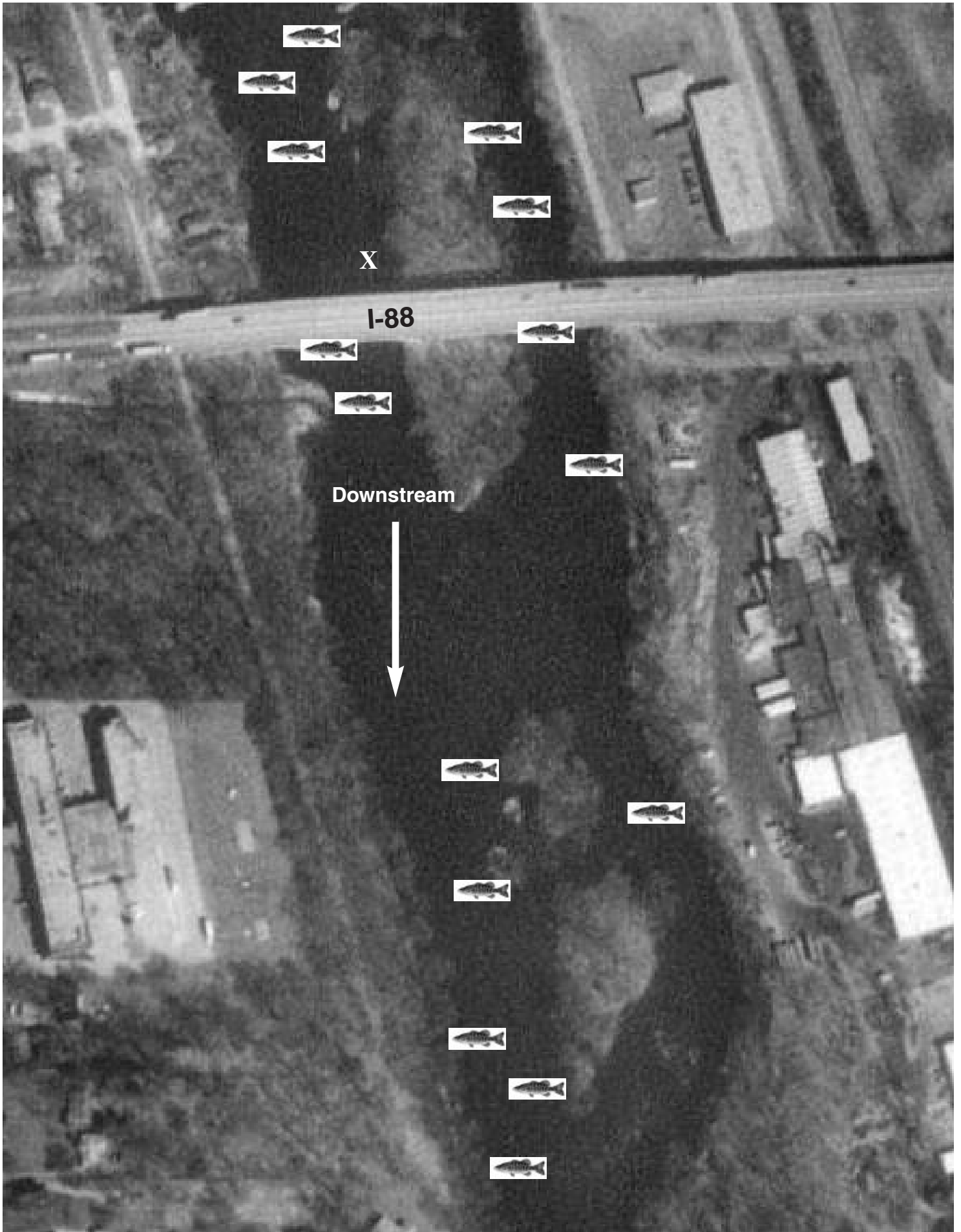


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Under I-88 bridge
on east side.
North Aurora,
off of Route 25

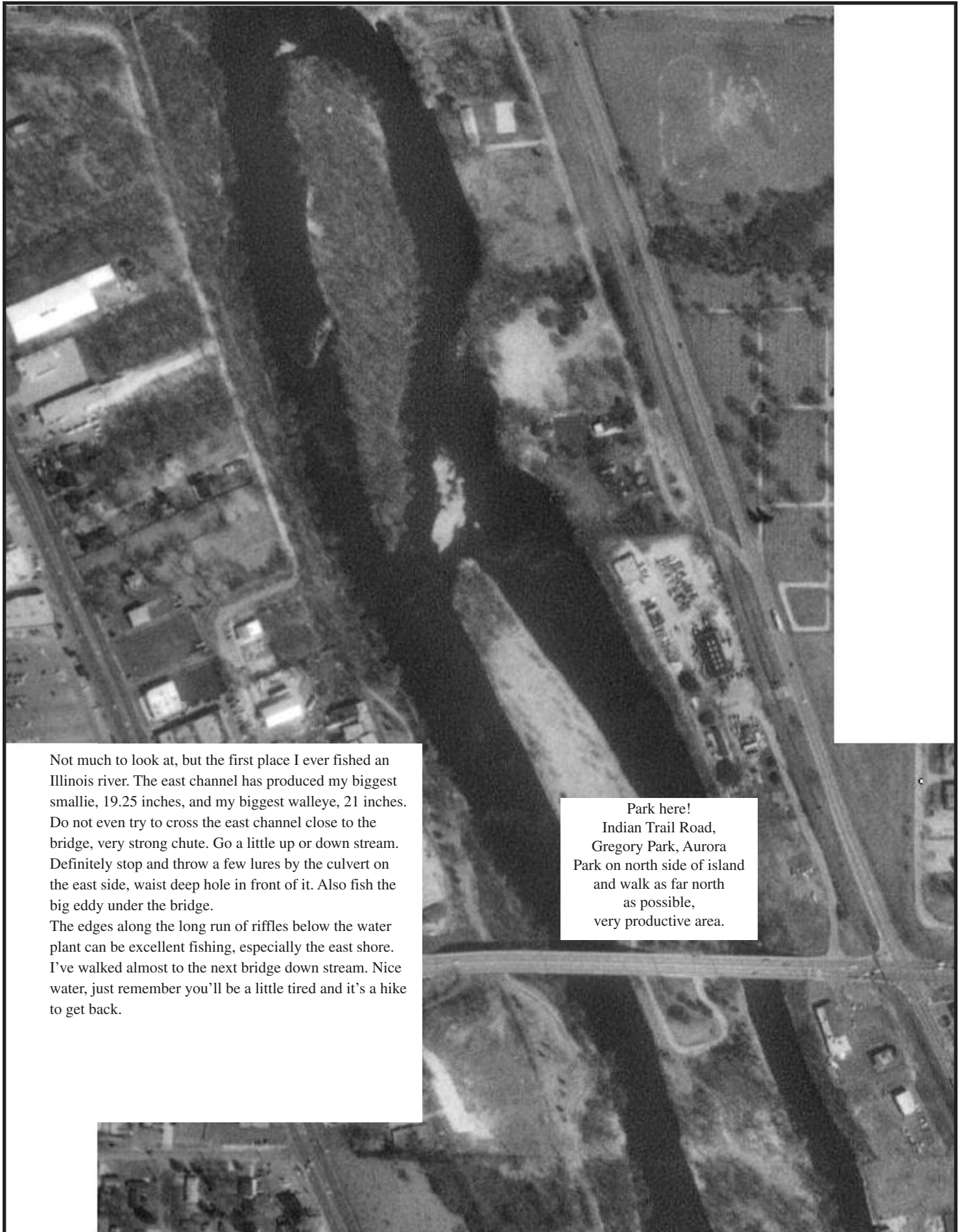


Depending on the water levels, the mill race side on the east can hold fair amounts of fish. The water flow slows considerably as it gets close to joining up with the river and it is here that toothy critters have been known to prowl.









Not much to look at, but the first place I ever fished an Illinois river. The east channel has produced my biggest smallie, 19.25 inches, and my biggest walleye, 21 inches. Do not even try to cross the east channel close to the bridge, very strong chute. Go a little up or down stream. Definitely stop and throw a few lures by the culvert on the east side, waist deep hole in front of it. Also fish the big eddy under the bridge.

The edges along the long run of riffles below the water plant can be excellent fishing, especially the east shore. I've walked almost to the next bridge down stream. Nice water, just remember you'll be a little tired and it's a hike to get back.

Park here!
Indian Trail Road,
Gregory Park, Aurora
Park on north side of island
and walk as far north
as possible,
very productive area.



