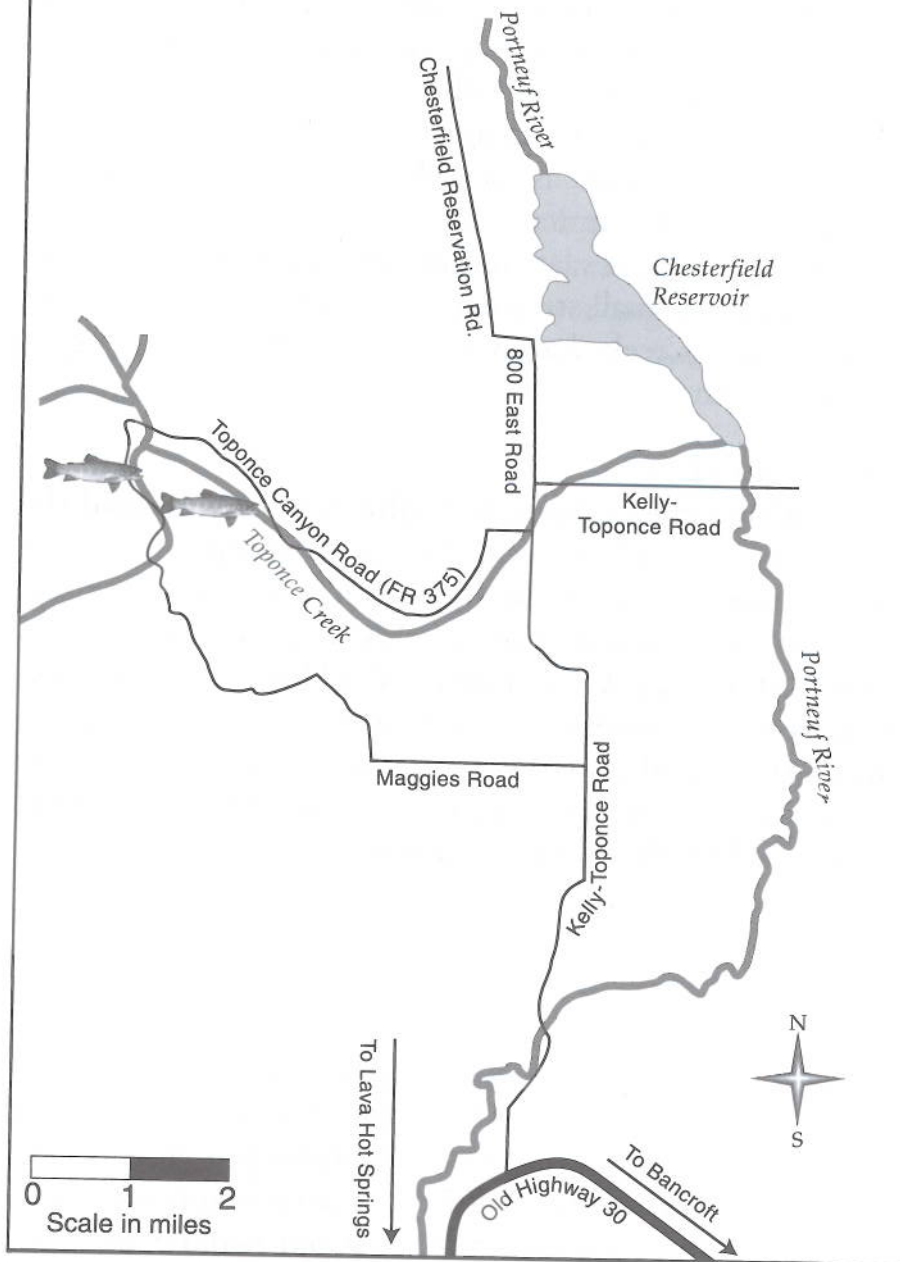


TOPONCE CREEK



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TOPO

Nestled in the tinder-c
marked surface of Topo
hopefully unaware of m

Carefully, I moved m
any sudden move woul
— a mistake that woul

After a few seconds, I
get. I sprang. Success.

Between my left fore
hopper squirmed help
my Granddad used to c
tinued its fight as I walk
near bank of Toponce
and a long run of wha
downstream of my posi
well and watched as it c
quick waters with a love

Floating high, and st
seemed to sense his ov
floated beneath an overh
curved and the bug was
a big one for Toponce, a
beneath a life raft and e

That was good news f

Moments later, after r
size 10 Joe's Hopper, I w
by a bushy willow. A co
later, my 'hopper imitat
fishy run as I fed line