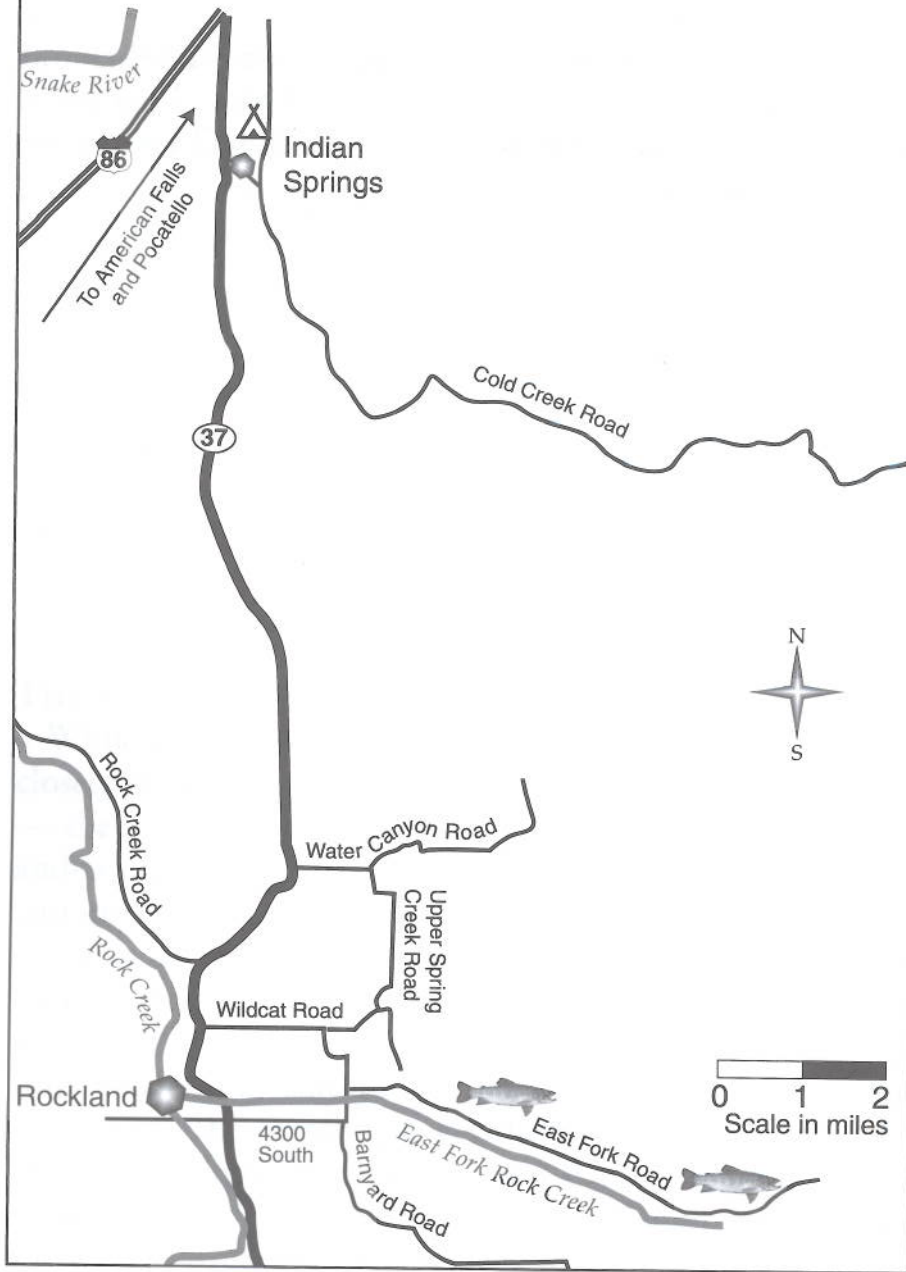


EAST FORK ROCK CREEK



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One of the first things I do when I leave my fly rod in the car is to get a feel for its personality.

Sometimes, I'll just sit there for an hour or longer, just holding the rod and what they call the trout.

Such was the case with the first time I fished Rock Creek for the fly. It was simply called Rockland. On a map, it was just a little trout stream in the mountains of Rockland. On a map, it doesn't flow through the mountains and it doesn't flow through the mountains.

The entire public stream is a BLM Management property. It's part of the Deep Creek Mountain area in the Rockland Valley. Rockland is a tributary to the Snake River.

In short, it's not a typical trout stream. But buying a fly rod is a mistake.

As I sat and watched the trout, I was impressed with the way they would be a definite personality. They would have to be pretentious to take a fly. Add in the cedar and juniper branches and the trout in Rockland's trout stream.