

Copper River Public Access: where you can go and where you can't

Map Key

- Copper River Highway
- ▭ Highway right-of-way
- Mile marker
- River or creek

Narrow right-of-way:
less than 300 feet
between MP 1.16 and
MP 1.36

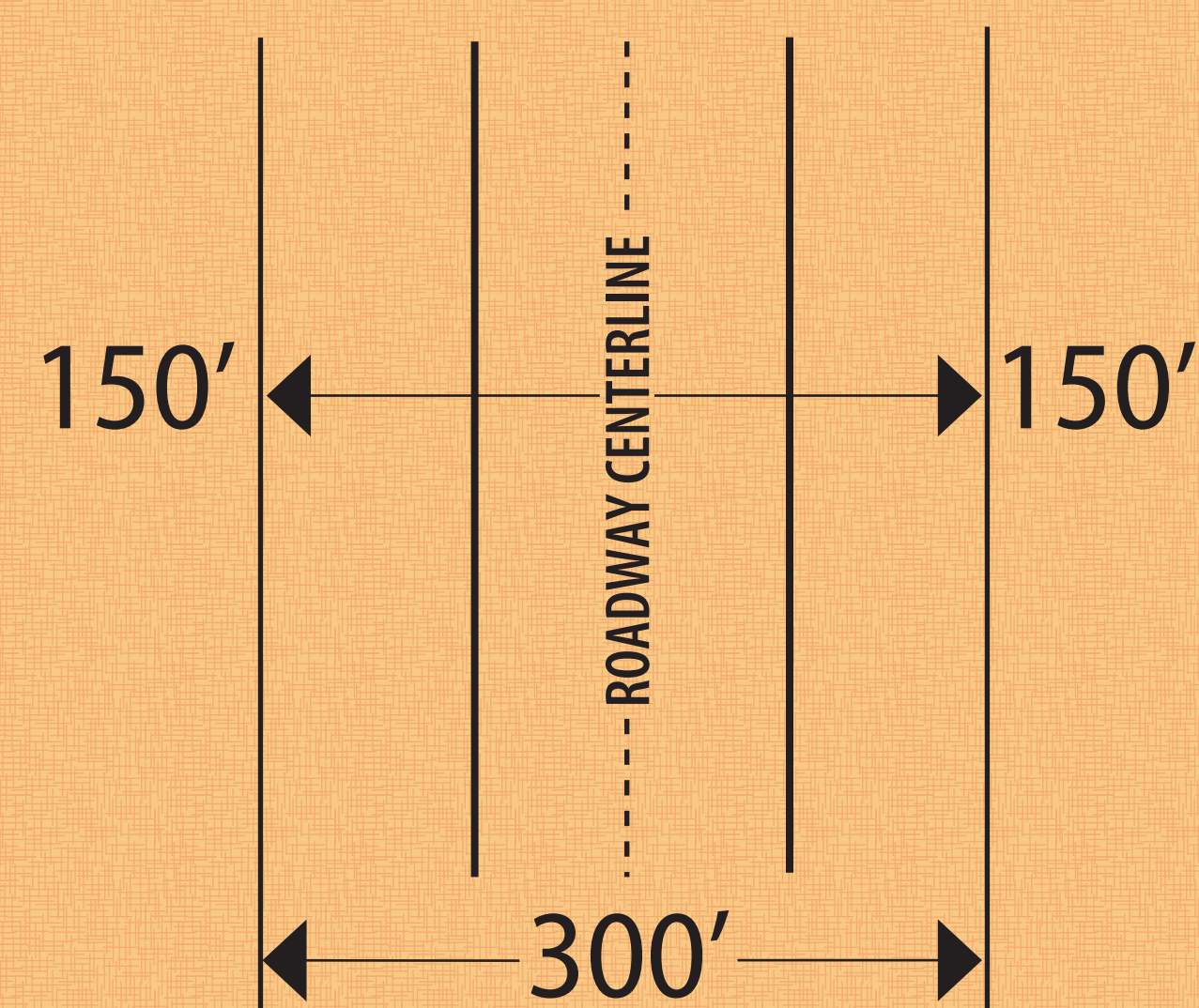
P Parking Area:
pedestrian and
ATV or OHV access
only beyond this point;
restrooms available

Narrow bridge:
the bridge over O'Brien
Creek is approximately
five feet wide, which
is not wide enough for
a car or truck

Landslide Area:
travel beyond
this point at
your own risk

No River Access:
public right-of-way
does not reach ordinary
high water mark

The Copper River Highway
generally has a 300' public
right-of-way (150' on each
side of the centerline)

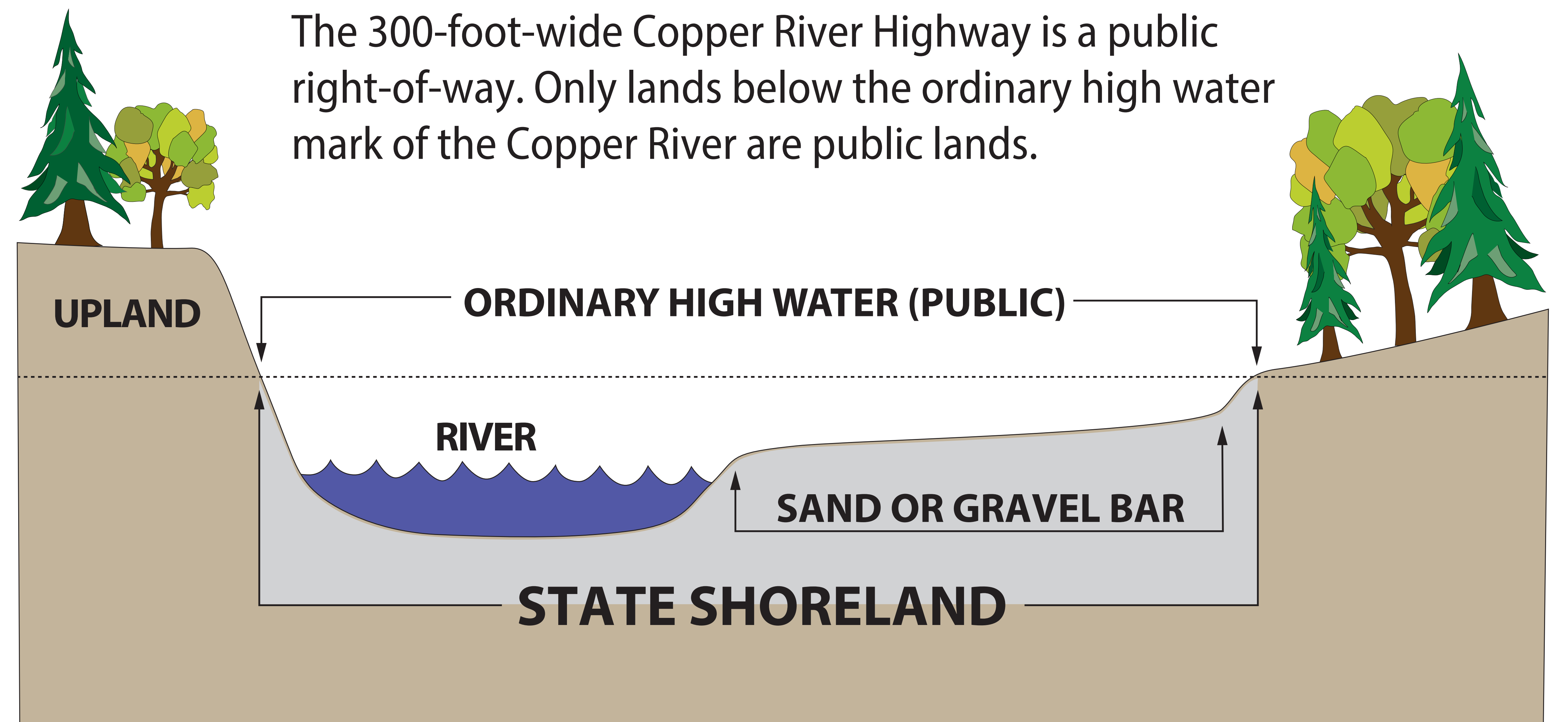


The Copper River cannot be accessed by the general public from all locations along the Copper River Highway. Please note which areas are public and which areas are private before you head out.

All uplands on both banks are privately owned. The highway right-of-way and lands below ordinary high water are the only public access available. Public access to the Copper River near O'Brien Creek is limited to pedestrian and all terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-highway vehicle (OHV) access only. A public boat launch is located on the east bank below McCarthy Road.

What is the ordinary high water mark?

The 300-foot-wide Copper River Highway is a public right-of-way. Only lands below the ordinary high water mark of the Copper River are public lands.



Woodcutting is prohibited. Make sure campfires are out prior to leaving and always pack your garbage out. Thank you!



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