

# RIVER ROAD, WESTMORELAND

## DIRECTIONS:

**From the intersection of Route 63 and River Road:** Drive south on River Road for approx. 3¼ miles. You're getting close when you see a mailbox that says "Cooke." When you encounter a cemetery on the west (right-hand) side of the road, you are in the middle of the crossing site.

**From the intersection of Main Street and Brook Street in West Chesterfield:** Drive north on Main Street, which turns into River Road. The crossing begins a little less than 4½ miles from the intersection of Main Street and Brook Street. Look for a cemetery on the west (left-hand) side of the road.

**NOTE:** This crossing is a little less than ½ mile long.

## OTHER INFO:



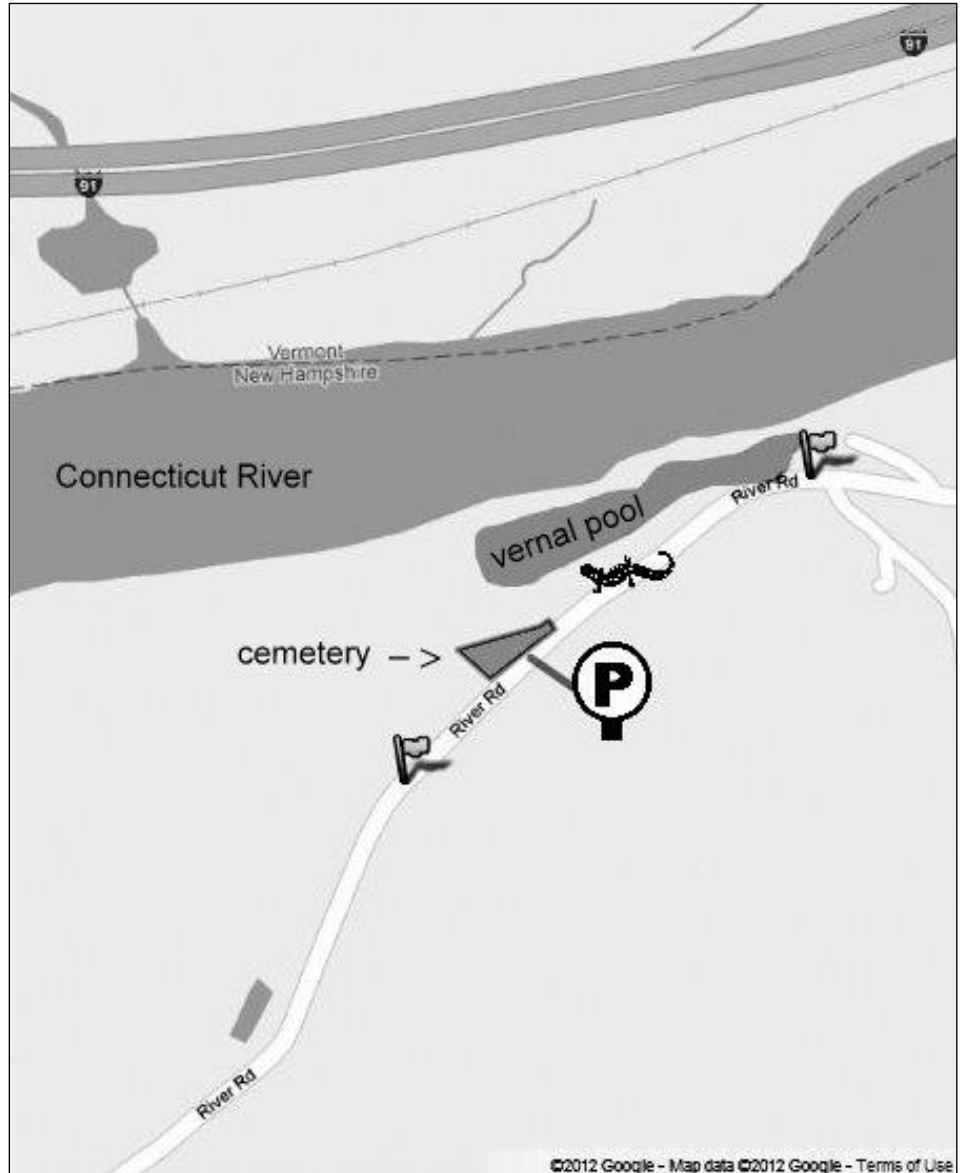
At this site, the bulk of the amphibian traffic occurs through and on either side of the cemetery, but there have also been reports of amphibians crossing at the northern end of the site, where the road runs between a wooded hill (to the east) and the vernal pool (to the west).



If conditions are right, hundreds of spotted salamanders and hundreds more wood frogs will cross River Road in a single night. In 2008, our volunteers counted over 250 spotted salamanders in just two hours. In 2009, they moved 150 spotted salamanders and more than 800 wood frogs in less than three hours! Our very first blue-spotted salamander was also found at this location in 2009.



**PARKING:** Park along the cemetery on the west side of the road.



**MAP KEY:** = Beginning/End of Crossing = Parking

