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## KENTUCKY - VIRGINIA - WEST VIRGINIA

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**ACCESS ROUTE:** West Virginia claims the entire width of the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River, so this is an instance of a tri-state corner being on land instead of in the middle of the river. We tried to approach this point in May, 1991, but the river was raging with spring run-off, and was much too high to ford. When we returned in October, 1992, it was only knee deep.

From Gilbert, WV, go NW on US 52 about 2 miles to a turn L across a bridge on the Gilbert Creek Road. Then, after 1.8 miles, turn R, avoiding the road to Baisden. Continue up over the height of land, past a mine operation, to Wharncliffe, which stretches out for some distance along the narrow valley of Bens Creek. Pass a turnoff road to the right, which is another route back to US 52, and continue on a poor dirt road down to Wharncliffe Station. When you approach the RR tracks, take a left turnoff that goes down under the tracks to a parking area by the river. Ford the river to an island, and then ford the main branch from the upstream tip of the island. You will then be in KY on the W shore of the river. Hike S along the bank on a poor trail which used to be a jeep road, for 0.6 mile to the tri-state point, which is a USGS survey marker on the top of a 2 foot high iron pipe at the high water mark above the river.



Jack and Joyce Parsell fording the river.

Clark and Jack point to the USGS survey marker.