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Upper Mississippi River

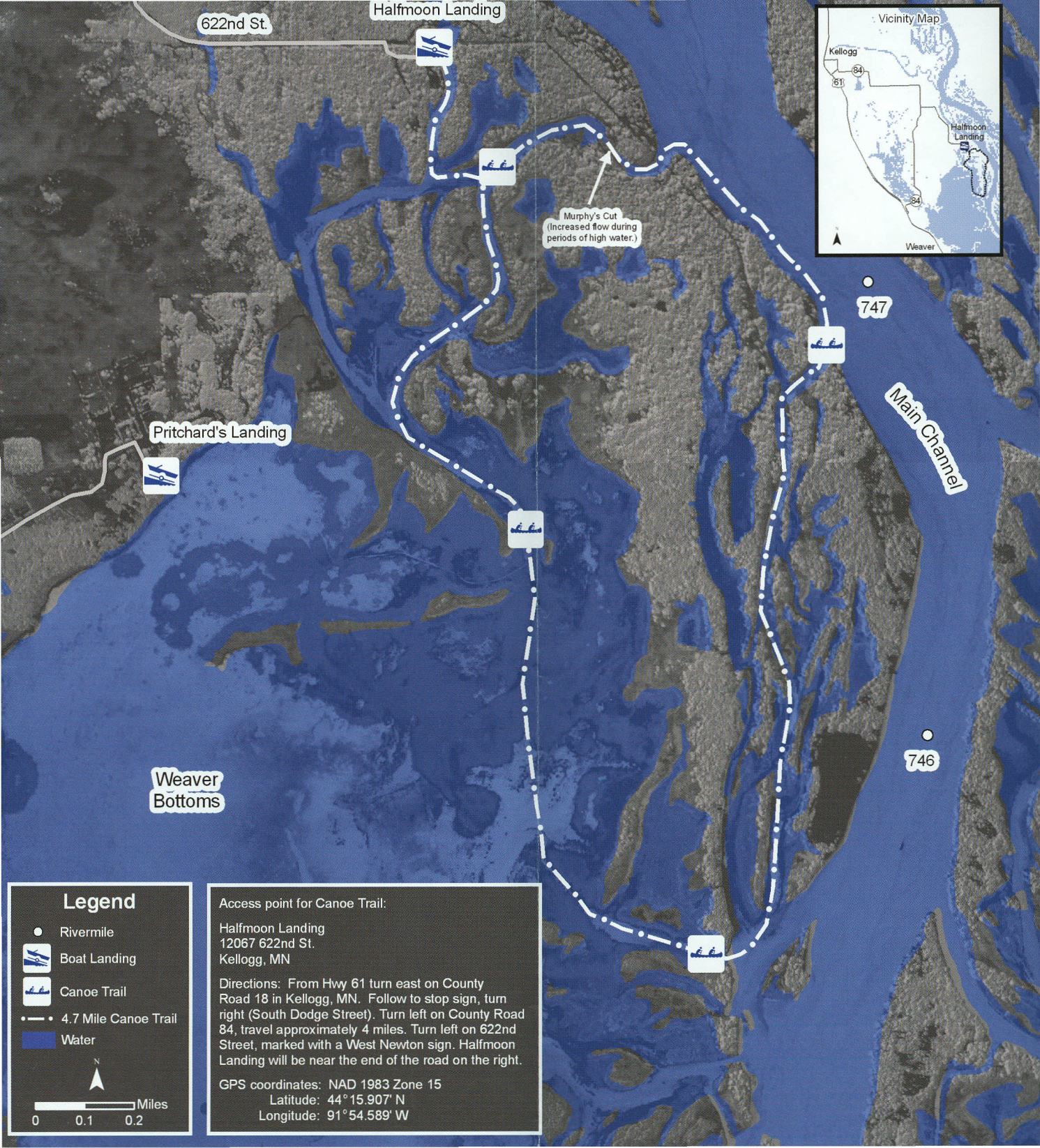
*National Wildlife
& Fish Refuge
Canoe Trails*

Halfmoon (Pool 5)

Verchota (Pool 5A)

Long Lake (Pool 7)





622nd St.

Halfmoon Landing



Murphy's Cut
(Increased flow during periods of high water.)

Pritchard's Landing

747

Main Channel

Weaver Bottoms

746

Legend

- Rivermile
- Boat Landing
- Canoe Trail
- 4.7 Mile Canoe Trail
- Water

Access point for Canoe Trail:
Halfmoon Landing
12067 622nd St.
Kellogg, MN

Directions: From Hwy 61 turn east on County Road 18 in Kellogg, MN. Follow to stop sign, turn right (South Dodge Street). Turn left on County Road 84, travel approximately 4 miles. Turn left on 622nd Street, marked with a West Newton sign. Halfmoon Landing will be near the end of the road on the right.

GPS coordinates: NAD 1983 Zone 15
Latitude: 44° 15.907' N
Longitude: 91° 54.589' W



Welcome to the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

Established in 1924, "Upper Miss" Refuge consists of 240,000 acres and winds over 260 miles through beautiful bluff country. Diverse habitats such as marshes, wooded islands, bottomland forests and upland prairies are home to countless numbers of fish and wildlife. Paddle the canoe trails to enjoy an intimate look at this river refuge.

About the Canoe Routes

Come prepared. Conveniences such as restrooms, water and first aid are not available at landings.

Halfmoon Landing - This 4.7 mile easy trail is posted for clockwise travel. During high water or when dense vegetation is present this trail is more challenging. Murphy's Cut may be impassable due to strong currents during high water. Be aware of the current and river traffic where the trail joins the main channel.

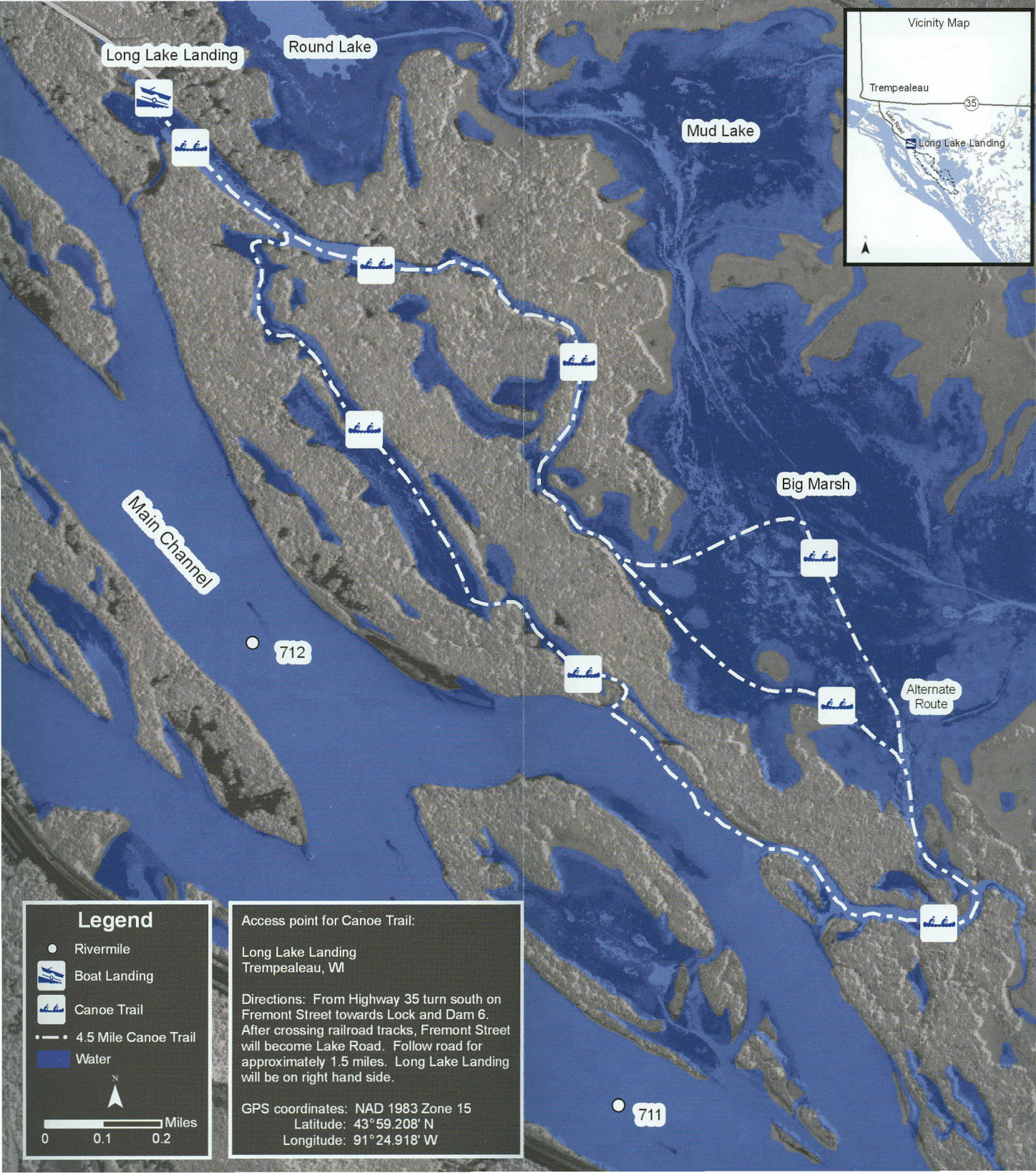
Long Lake Landing - This 4.5 mile easy trail is posted for counterclockwise travel. During the summer months aquatic plant beds can make paddling difficult near the shore in Big Marsh requiring adjustments to deeper water. Expect faster current near the main channel.

Verchota Landing - This 11.2 mile challenging trail is posted for counter-clockwise travel. Best for stronger, experienced paddlers, there is a lot of upstream paddling and the current can be strong. During low water, rock obstructions are exposed and you may need to portage. You may wish to enter and explore the slow/no wake and electric motor areas.

Paddling on the Mississippi River

- Always wear a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD).
- Tell someone where you will put in, take out, and your return time.
- Thunderstorms can develop quickly. Check the weather forecast before heading onto the water. If a storm approaches, get off the water.
- There are no restrictions to where canoes can go on Mississippi River backwaters. If you feel comfortable, explore off trail.
- Be aware of river traffic. Motorboats and barges can throw large waves which can swamp a canoe.
- Some areas along canoe trails are popular with hunters. Be extra cautious when canoeing during hunting seasons.
- Make yourself visible - wear bright colors, put reflective tape on your paddle or boat, carry a light and whistle.
- The bluffs can "tunnel" the wind making it stronger and causing more waves, especially in open areas.
- Be aware of currents. If you begin moving too fast, paddle toward the shore.
- Backwaters can be dangerous if the water is high and the current is flowing through log jams, snags and low hanging branches.
- Scout ahead for possible hazards and portage areas.

See Public Use Regulations brochure for more information



Legend

- Rivermile
- Boat Landing
- Canoe Trail
- 4.5 Mile Canoe Trail
- Water

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0 0.1 0.2 Miles

Access point for Canoe Trail:
Long Lake Landing
Trempealeau, WI

Directions: From Highway 35 turn south on Fremont Street towards Lock and Dam 6. After crossing railroad tracks, Fremont Street will become Lake Road. Follow road for approximately 1.5 miles. Long Lake Landing will be on right hand side.

GPS coordinates: NAD 1983 Zone 15
Latitude: 43°59.208' N
Longitude: 91°24.918' W

Long Lake Landing

Round Lake

Mud Lake

Main Channel

Big Marsh

712

Alternate Route

711



Legend

- Rivermile
- Boat Landing
- Canoe Trail
- 11.2 Mile Canoe Trail
A to B 1.0 Miles
- Water
- Rock Obstruction

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Miles
0 0.2 0.4

Access point for Canoe Trail:
 Verchota Landing
 27988 Harbor Dr.
 Minnesota City, MN

Directions: From Hwy 61 take either Minnesota City exit (Bridge Street). Turn onto Wenonah Road, take a left turn onto Harbor Drive. Verchota Landing will be on the left past the Minnesota City Boat Club.

GPS coordinates: NAD 1983 Zone 15
 Latitude: 44° 5.544' N
 Longitude: 91° 43.214' W

Portage required when rock obstruction is exposed during low water.

Optional route to avoid portage during periods of low water.

Change in current due to underwater rock obstruction.

Snyder Lake Electric Motor Area

Denzers Slow, No Wake Area

Minnesota City

Bridge Street

Harbor Drive

MN City Boat Club

Verchota Landing

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Main Channel

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