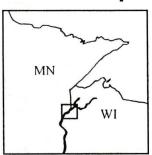
St. Croix Riverway

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Section Map: Riverside to Highway 70



This section map provides information for the 46.5 mile section of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway between Riverside Landing and Highway 70 Landing. For specific information on water levels, area outfitters, or to speak with a park ranger, contact the Marshland Visitor Center, 15975 State Hwy 70, Pine City, MN, 55063, (320) 629-2148 or (320) 629-3870. Information is also available at Park Headquarters, (715) 483-3284. Additional handouts describing canoeing and camping within the Riverway are available.

For Your Safety

Water Levels

The water level between Riverside and Highway 70 Landings provides good canoeing all summer except in times of extreme drought.

Hazards

Overhanging trees, downed trees, bridge piers, or strainers, can overturn a canoe and trap canoers underwater. Be alert. Your waterfilled canoe can pin you against obstacles.

Life Jackets

Wearable personal floatation devices are required onboard for each person. It is recommended that

Ticks

Ticks are found along the Riverway. Learn the symptoms for Lyme disease. Bring repellent for ticks and mosquitoes.

Drinking Water

Bring an adequate water supply. The safest method of purifying river water for drinking is to bring it to a rolling boil for at least 1 minute.

Poison Ivy

The three, shiny, large-toothed leaves of poison ivy are common at wood's edge.

you wear them. Seat cushions are no longer legal by themselves.

Parking

Lock your vehicle and take valuables with you. Obey parking signs and do not block landings.



Protect Your Riverway



Trash

Pack it in - pack it out! Keep the Riverway free of litter. Bring a trash bag. Do not dispose of trash in toilets or fire rings.

Restrooms

Primitive toilets are available at campsites and landings. If toilets are not available, bury human waste 6 inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from the river and campsites.

Fires

Use a stove. If you must have a fire use dead and down wood. Build them only in metal fire rings.

Erosion

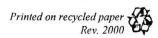
Help prevent riverbank erosion. Sand banks are fragile and often are turtle nesting sites. Please keep off.

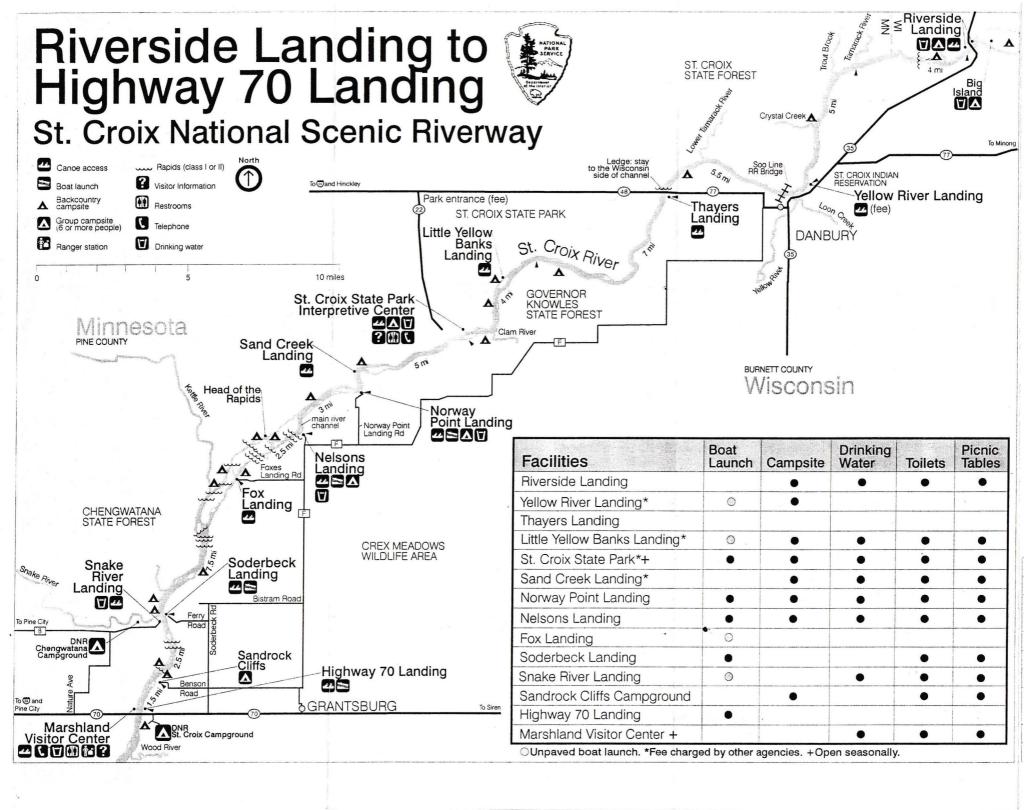
Mussels

Mussels, also known as freshwater clams, and their empty shells are protected. Some species are endangered. Please do not disturb them.

Camping

Camping is permitted in designated sites only. There is a one night limit at each site. Please read the National Park Service handout titled "Camping" for more information.





The St. Croix River flows through a wide valley with low banks formed by glacial activity. Class I and II rapids exist on this stretch of the river. River currents and water levels vary depending on the amount of precipitation the watershed receives, however, paddling difficulty is usually at class I. A ledge above the Highway 48/77 bridge is best navigated by staying toward the Wisconsin side of the river. The most difficult rapids exist at the confluence of the Kettle and St. Croix rivers. River speeds average three miles per hour. Superb scenery exists in the Sandrock Cliffs area and a fivemile loop trail is available for hiking and skiing.

International Scale of River Difficulty

Class I: Moving water with few riffles and small waves. Few or no obstructions.

Class II: Easy rapids with waves up to three feet, and wide channels. Some maneuvering is required.

Class III: Rapids with high, irregular waves capable of swamping an open canoe. Narrow passages require complex maneuvering.

Distance Between Locations

Example: To find the distance between Thayers Landing and Nelsons Landing, move vertically down from Thayers Landing and move horizontally left from Nelsons Landing. You should arrive at the square reading 19 miles.

9.5	Landing										
14.5	5.5	Thay	ers ing								
22.5	13.5	8	Little Yellow Banks Landing								
25.5	16.5	11	3	St. Croix State Park Interpretive Center							
30	21	15.5	7.5	4.5	4.5 Sand Creek Landing						
30.5	21.5	16	8	5	0.5	Norw Land	nding				
33.5	24.5	19	11	8	3.5	3	Neisc				
36	27	21.5	13.5	10.5	6	5.5	2.5	Fox Land	ing		
42.5	33.5	28	20	17	12.5	12	9	6.5	Snake/Soderbeck Landings		
45	36	30.5	22.5	19.5	15	14.5	11.5	9	2.5	Sand Cliffs	rock
46.5	37.5	32	24	21	16.5	16	13	10.5	4	1.5	Marshland Visitor Center Highway 70

Yellow River