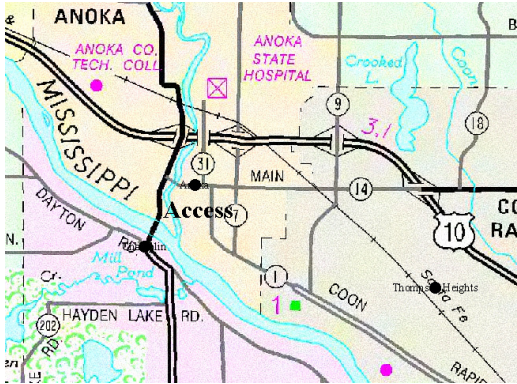


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Map



Anoka Access – River mile 871

The Anoka access to the Mississippi River is located at Akin Park in the City of Anoka. Akin Riverside Park consists of approximately 3.5 acres. It is bordered by the Rum River on the west and River Avenue on the east and extends from Jefferson Street to Bridge Square.

There is parking available for several cars near the access. A boat ramp allows launching of boats and canoes. A biffy is available.

Access at Anoka via Rum River



Canoeing and Scenery

The Mississippi is more like a reservoir in this area. The Coon Rapids Dam (five miles downstream of Champlin) completed in 1914, operated as a hydroelectric dam until 1966. The dam created a reservoir and numerous homes are prominent along the river. The Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park has been operated by Three Rivers Park District since 1969.

Fishing

In the City of Anoka the Rum River joins the Mississippi. A dam on the Rum, 1 mile upstream of the Rum's confluence with the Mississippi is a barrier to fish movement. At sites like these fish congregate because they can go no further upstream; and fish seem to prefer the turbulent water behind the dam. The first time we electrofished here we were pleasantly surprised by the number of smallmouth bass that we caught.

For several years a smallmouth bass tourney was held at this site and anglers were allowed to fish from Coon Rapids to Dayton. More than 400 smallmouth were registered in the catch and release tournament, a testament to the good fishing that this area offers.

More information:

DNR website: www.dnr.state.mn.us

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