Mississippi River Guide – Dayton Access



Access at Dayton, Mississippi River



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The Dayton access on the Mississippi River is located at the mouth of the Crow River. It is located in the City of Dayton right off of North River Road.

There is ample parking in the access lot. A boat ramp allows launching of boats and canoes. Restrooms are available.

Canoeing and Scenery

From Dayton upstream to Elk River (5 miles) the Mississippi is wide and flat. Substrate is cobble with boulder-sized rock also present.

Fishing

Because of the medium gradient, riffle and rock habitat, redhorse are abundant in the Mississippi. Redhorse are members of the sucker family. If you happen to catch a large one it is probably a greater redhorse, which can grow to be more than 10 pounds. Fishes of the sucker family are good to eat but the flesh is softer than other game fish species.

Channel catfish have become abundant in the Mississippi from the Coon Rapids Dam to St. Cloud. The population has grown from stocked fish first introduced in the 1970's. No stocking of any species is being done by the DNR in the Mississippi River. All of the species currently present are maintained by natural reproduction.

Angling at the confluence of two rivers is often good but a deposit of sediment at the mouth of the Crow precludes this from being a good shore-fishing site.

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