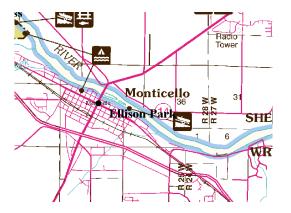
Mississippi River Guide – Ellison Park Access

Map



Access at Ellison Park on the Mississippi River



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Ellison Park Access – River mile 896

The Ellison Park access on the Mississippi River is located off of CSAH 75.

There is a parking area as well as a picnic area, bathrooms and play area for children.

Canoeing and Scenery

This is one of the busier areas of the river. On summer days jet-skis make their presence known especially in the vicinity of the park. Another craft which has become more common is the flat bottomed boat with a jet outboard motor. The jet outboard does not use a propeller and the boat can cruise in water depths of 3-4 inches.

Fishing

Homes are more visible along the river banks in this area. In 2003 we witnessed severe bank sloughing due to development on the bluffs and improper land management.

This is a terrific area for smallmouth bass fishing. "World class" is what some anglers are calling it. Fishing guides can be observed with their customers. It is not uncommon to catch smallmouth 18-20 inches in length. Also, the walleye fishing is the best in the local area considering catch rates of interviewed anglers.

Reproduction and survival of smallmouth bass is especially good during years of low spring flows on the river. Good reproduction can be expected in 3-4 years out of 10.

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