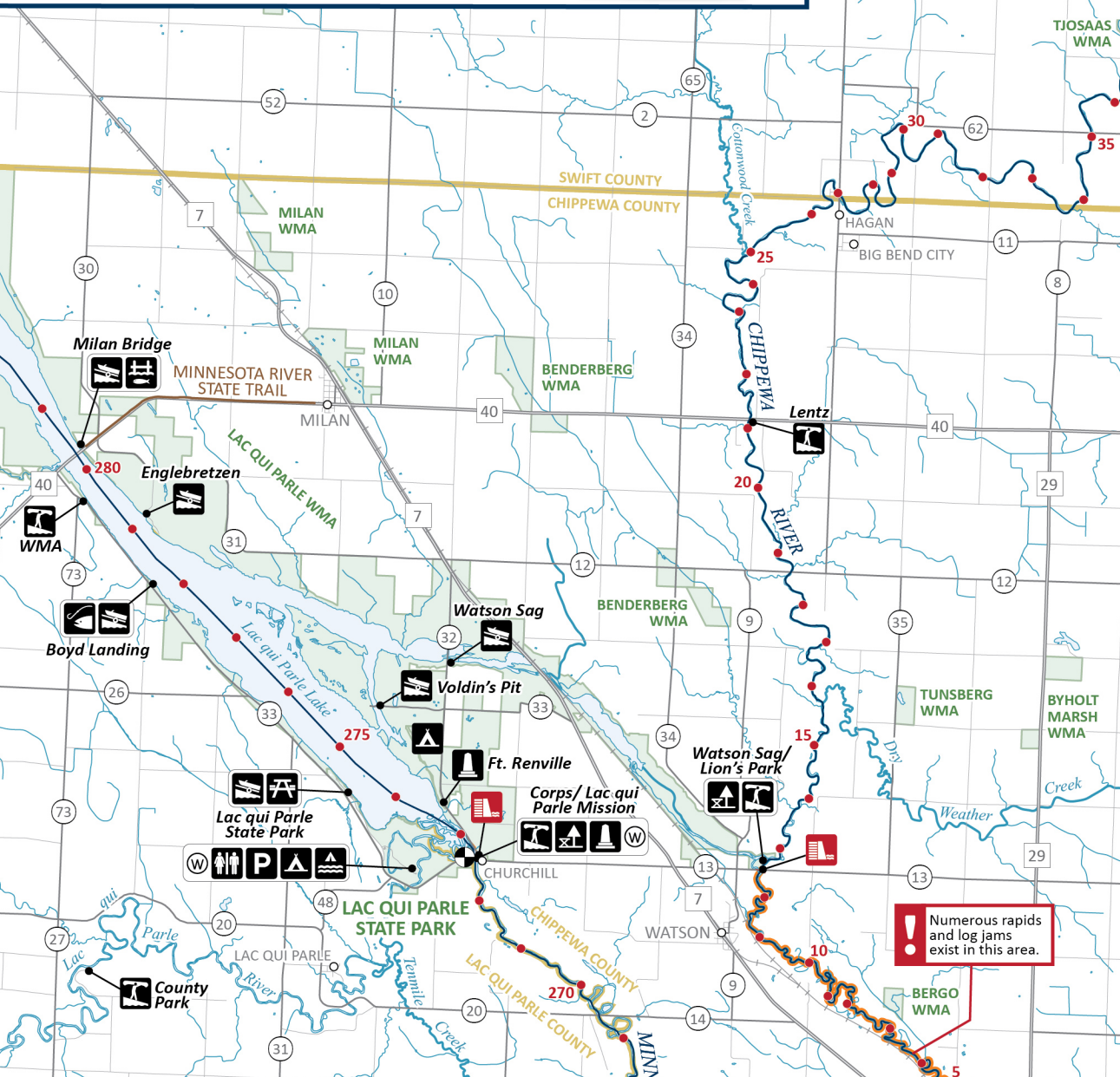
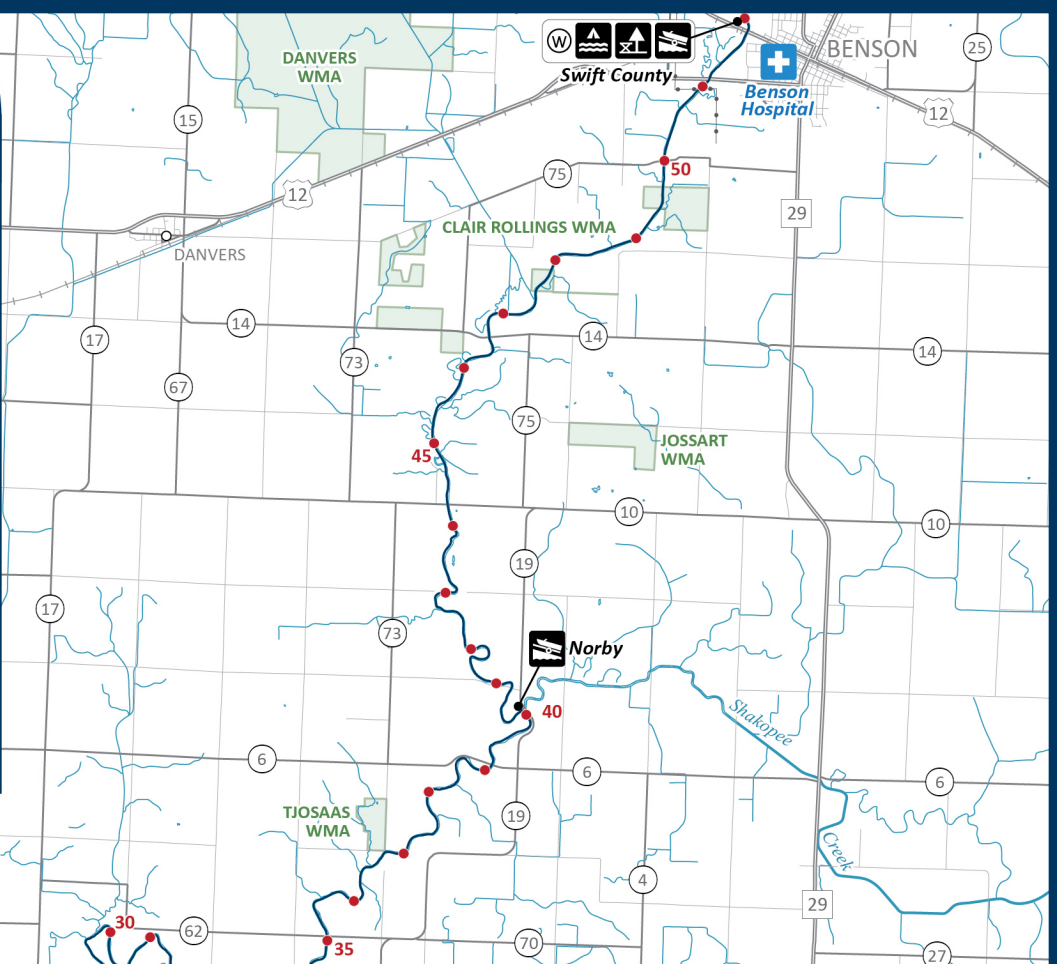
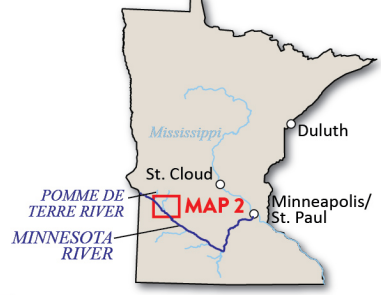
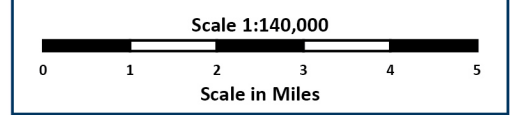


MINNESOTA RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

MAP 2 - Highway 40 to Granite Falls (Includes the Chippewa River)

- Carry-in Access
- Trailer Access
- Parking
- Historic Site
- Hospital/Clinic
- Rest Area
- Fishing Pier
- Shore Fishing
- Campground
- Watercraft Campsite
- Dam
- River Level Gauge
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- State Public Lands
- Wildlife Management Area
- Aquatic Management Area
- Power Lines
- Hazard Areas
- Rapids
- River Miles
- State Trail (paved)



Route Description, Chippewa River

- From the town of Benson, downstream.
R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream
Red text indicates caution areas.
- 52.0 (R) Swift County trailer access. Drinking water, rest area and campground.
 - 52.0 Town of Benson.
 - 51.9 Highway 9 bridge.
 - 51.1 Highway 12 bridge.
 - 50.0 County Road 75 bridge.
 - 49.8-50 Clair Rollings WMA
 - 47.5-47.9 Clair Rollings WMA
 - 46.6 County Road 14 bridge.
 - 44.3 County Road 10 bridge.
 - 40.7 County Road 7 bridge.
 - 40.1 (L) Norby Landing trailer access.
 - 40.0 (L) County Road 9 bridge. Confluence with Shakopee Creek.
 - 39.1 County Road 6 bridge.
 - 35.0 County Road 62 bridge.
 - 33.8 Chippewa/Swift County line.
 - 32.1 Township Road 42 bridge.
 - 27.0 County Road 17 bridge. Town of Hagen.
 - 24.9 (R) Confluence with Cottonwood Creek.
 - 21.1 Hwy 40 bridge.
 - 21.1 (L) Lentz carry-in access.
 - 18.6 County Road 12 bridge.
 - 15.7 (L) Confluence with Dry Weather Creek.
 - 12.7 (R) Watson Sag carry-in access. Lion's Park rest area.
 - 12.5 Dam. County Road 13 bridge.
 - 12.5-3 Numerous log jams and snags exist in this area.
 - 11.5 Town of Watson.
 - 2.9 (L) Confluence with Spring Creek.
 - 1.9 (L) Lagoon Park. Camping, toilets and rest area.
 - 1.2 (R) Montevideo carry-in access. City of Montevideo. Montevideo has drinking water and a carry-in campsite.
 - 1.0 Rock dam. No verified portage.
 - 0.8 Railroad bridge.
 - 0.5 Hwy 59/7 bridge.
 - 0.0 Enter Minnesota River at River Mile 257.9

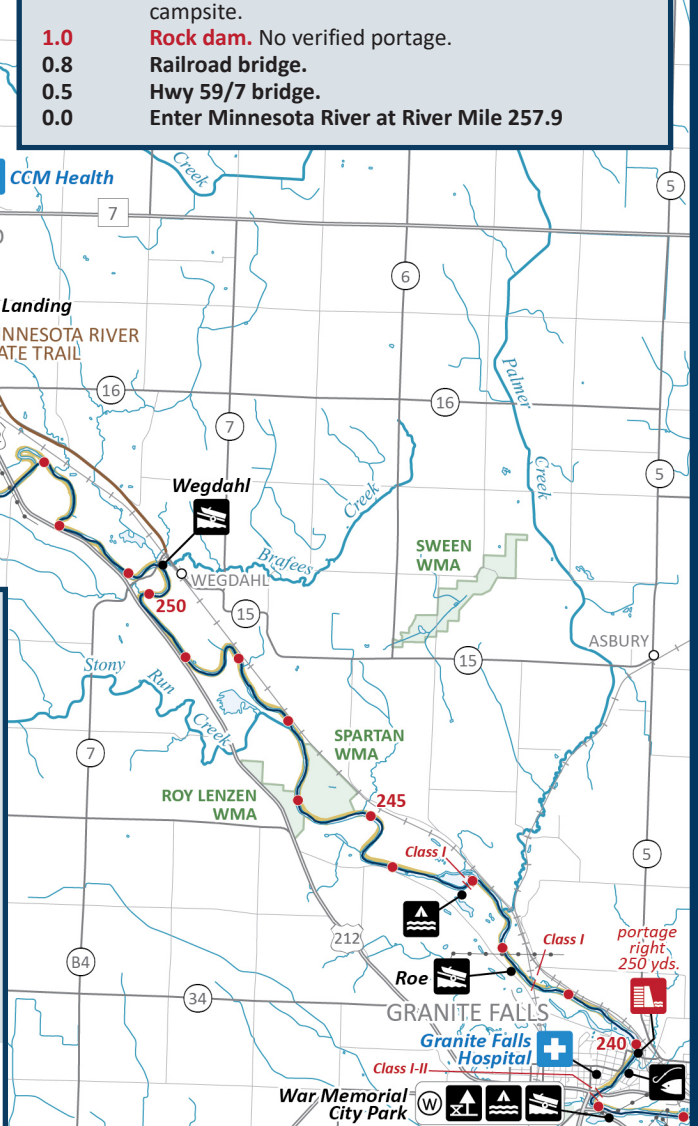
Route Description (RM 282 to 238)

- R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream
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- 282-272.6 Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area.
 - 280.5 (L) Milan Bridge trailer access.
 - 280.2 (R) Confluence with Emily Creek.
 - 280.2 Highway 40 bridge.
 - 279.8 (R) WMA Carry-in access.
 - 279.3 (L) Englebretzen trailer access.
 - 278.4 (R) Boyd Landing trailer access. Shorefishing.
 - 275.5 (R) Watson Sag trailer access. Vehicle permit required.
 - 275.4 (L) Voldin's Pit trailer access. East side of Rosemoen Island.
 - 275-272.6 Lac qui Parle State Park. Both sides of Lac qui Parle Lake. Campground and Ft. Renville historic site.
 - 274.5 (R) Lac qui Parle State Park trailer access. Parking and picnic area. Permit required.
 - 273.5 (R) Confluence of Lac qui Parle River.
 - 272.8 (R) Dam. Portage right 150 yards. River level gauge.
 - 272.7 (L) Corps carry-in access/Lac qui Parle Mission. Drinking water, rest area. County Roads 13/33 bridge.
 - 272.7 (R) Rest area.
 - 272.2 Powerline crossing.
 - 269.7 County Road 14 bridge.
 - 265.7 County Roads 15/18 bridge.
 - 265.6 (R) Camp Release trailer access. County Road 15 bridge.
 - 261.1 (R) Watercraft campsite.
 - 259.0 Class I rapids.
 - 258.5 River level gauge.
 - 257.9 (L) Confluence with Chippewa River. Hwy 59 bridge.
 - 257.8 Highway 212 bridge.
 - 257.6 (L) Prien's Landing trailer access.
 - 253.6 Highway 212 bridge. Powerline crossing.
 - 250.7 Confluence with Brafees Creek.
 - 250.7 (L) Wegdahl trailer access. 490th Street bridge. Town of Wegdahl.

NOTE: Recommended Paddling Sections are highlighted in blue in the route description. See text side for details.

- 246.9 (R) Confluence with Stoney Run Creek.
- 246.8-245.1 (L) Spartan Wildlife Management Area.
- 246.1-245.8 (R) Roy Lenzen Wildlife Management Area.
- 243.2 (L) Watercraft campsite.
- 243.2 Class I rapids.
- 242.4 (L) Confluence with Palmer Creek.
- 242.0 Powerline crossing.
- 241.8 (R) Roe trailer access.
- 241.3 Class I Rapids. Railroad bridge.
- 239.9 (R) Dam. Portage 250 yards river right.
- 239.6 (L) Shorefishing.
- 239.1 Downtown Rapids, Class I-II. Hwy 212 bridge.
- 238.9 (R) War Memorial Park trailer access. Drinking water rest area and watercraft campsite.
- 238.8 Powerline crossing.
- 238.3 Powerline crossings.

Continue on to Map 3 - Granite Falls to Morton



MINNESOTA RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 2 - HIGHWAY 40 TO GRANITE FALLS INCLUDES THE CHIPPEWA RIVER



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

The Minnesota River makes its way through Lac qui Parle Lake, a natural lake formed as a result of the Lac qui Parle River flowing into the Minnesota River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers later built a dam near the confluence of these two rivers. From there, the Minnesota River flows past Montevideo down to Granite Falls over a couple of small Class I rapids on fairly mellow current. The landscape cuts between wooded areas, agriculture fields and grasslands, including a number of wildlife management areas.

One of the more popular rivers to paddle in the Upper Minnesota River Basin is the Chippewa as it twists and turns down to Montevideo. A mainly family-friendly river that may have some challenging log snags at times, cutting through both forested and open grassland areas among a few farmsteads near the riverbanks. The closer it gets to the confluence with the Minnesota River, the steeper the banks and faster the water flows.



Wide channels make for an easy paddle.

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TRIP PLANNING AND SAFETY



- Plan your trip with a map before you leave. Tell someone your plans, including put-in and take-out times.
- Travel with a companion or group.
- Most people paddle 2-3 river miles per hour.
- River levels can affect your speed and trip safety. Check conditions at mndnr.gov/river_levels.
- Don't underestimate the power of wind and waves, especially on large lakes.
- Be cautious of obstacles in the river and avoid overhanging and dead trees.
- Bring clean drinking water and a waterproof container with a first aid kit, waterproof matches and extra clothes.
- Wear a life jacket at all times while on the water.
- Purchase a license for your non-motorized watercraft if it's more than 10 feet in length. If you're not from Minnesota, check your state's watercraft license laws.

WATERCRAFT CAMPING



- Camp only in designated campsites, which are often available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Riverbed camping next to private property is not permitted.
- Stay off private property. Stop only at designated sites; much of the shoreland is private property.
- Be sanitary! Use designated toilet facilities or bury human waste away from the river.
- Practice Leave No Trace principles when camping.
- Follow the rules for firewood. State forests allow you to gather dead wood for a fire, but state parks do not.

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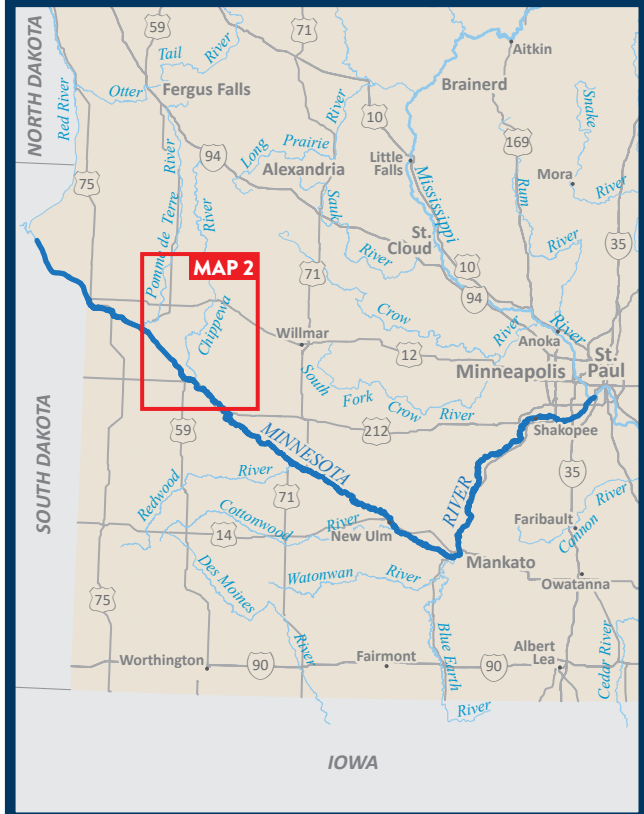
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AVERA GRANITE FALLS
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320-564-6200

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

AREA OVERVIEW



RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Lentz Access to Watson Sag/Lion's Park: Chippewa River

- Put-in location: Lentz Carry-in Access
River mile **21.1**
- Take-out location: Watson Sag Carry-in Access
River mile **12.7**
- Length: **8.4** river miles

A favorite stretch to paddle, the Chippewa River begins to flow a little faster meandering around glacial boulders of all sizes. This route covers a variety of landscapes ranging from agricultural areas to forested sections with a few farmsteads and going under a historic truss bridge.

RECOMMENDED PADDLING SECTIONS

NOTE: River conditions can change at any time. Be sure to check water levels before heading out.

Recommended paddling sections are highlighted in blue in the route description.

At typical water levels, these **Recommended Paddling Sections** offer:

- Enjoyable experience for all ages and abilities
- Fewer obstacles and woody obstructions
- Well-marked and maintained portages and public access facilities
- Variety of options for trip length and duration

mndnr.gov/recommended-paddling

PROTECT THE RIVER

Your experience on the river depends on a healthy environment. As you explore the beauty of this waterway, also do your best to protect it.

Protect Your Waters

Before launching...before leaving

- Clean off aquatic plants and animals.
- Drain all water away from the landing.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

mndnr.gov/invasives/aquatic

Buffer Protection

The Minnesota buffer law establishes new vegetation buffers along rivers, streams and ditches to help filter out chemicals and sediment before they reach waterways.

mndnr.gov/buffers

More Information

mndnr.gov/watertrails

- River level reporting
- River conditions reporting
- Interactive water trail map
- Recommended routes
- River rapids definitions
- Virtual tours

Search for outfitters at exploremnnesota.com

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