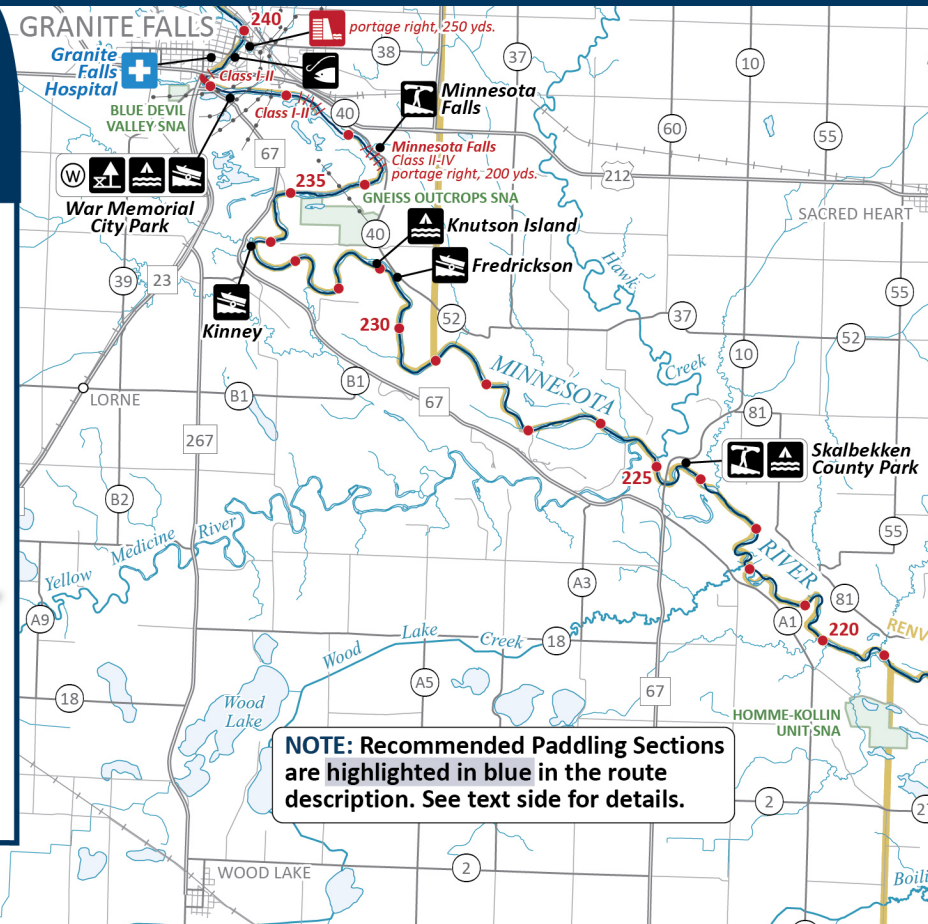
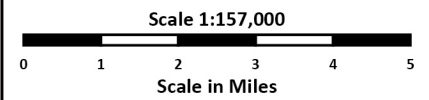


MINNESOTA RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

MAP 3 - Granite Falls to Morton

(Includes the Redwood River)

- Carry-in Access
- Trailer Access
- Hospital/Clinic
- Dam
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Rest Area
- Fishing Pier
- Watercraft Campsite
- River Level Gauge
- Rapids
- River Miles
- Powerlines
- State Public Lands
- Wildlife Management Area
- Aquatic Management Area
- Scientific and Natural Area



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

Route Description RM 240-189

R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream

Red text indicates caution areas.

- 239.9 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 City Park. Trailer access, drinking water and watercraft campsite.
- 238.9-3 Powerline crossings.
- 238.7- 237.9 **Small rapids, Class I-II.**
- 236.5 (R) **Minnesota Falls, Class II-IV rapids.** Portage 200 yards right. Paddlers are strongly encouraged to get out on the portage (R) to scout the rapids before proceeding.
- 235.5 Powerline crossing.
- 235.2 (L) Gneiss Outcrop Scientific and Natural Area.
- 233.8 (R) Kinney trailer access. Town of Kinney.
- 231.3 (L) Knutson Island watercraft campsite.
- 231.0 (L) Fredrickson trailer access. Town of Fredrickson.
- 225.5 (R) Confluence with Yellow Medicine River.
- 225.1 (L) Confluence with Hawk Creek.
- 224.7 County Road 10 bridge.
- 224.5 (L) Skalbekken County Park. Carry-in access and watercraft campsite.

- 222.5 (R) Confluence with Wood Lake Creek.
- 217.9 County Road 7 bridge.
- 214.1 (R) Confluence with Boiling Spring Creek.
- 214.0 County Road 19 bridge.
- 212.7 (R) Confluence with Echo Creek.
- 211.4 - 210.7 **Class I rapids.**
- 210.9 (L) Confluence with Sacred Heart Creek.
- 210.2 (L) Vicksburg County Park trailer access.
- 209.8 (L) Vicksburg County Park. Watercraft campsite and rest area.
- 209.4 County Road 6 bridge.
- 208.2 (L) Whispering Ridge AMA. Carry-in access and watercraft campsite.
- 206.9 - 206.5 **Patterson Rapids, Class I.**
- 206.8 (L) Confluence with Timms Creek.
- 206.8 - 206.0 (L) River Warren Outcrop Scientific and Natural Area.
- 206.2 - 205.2 (R) Cedar Rock Wildlife Management Area.
- 205.8 (R) Confluence with Rice Creek.
- 205.2 County Road 17 bridge.
- 204.5 (L) Confluence with Middle Creek.
- 203.5 - 202.0 (L) Cold Springs Wildlife Management Area.
- 201.0 (L) Confluence with Smith Creek.
- 200.7 - 199.0 (L) Granite Prairie Wildlife Management Area.
- 200.6 - 199.1 (R) Waukon Rim Wildlife Management Area.
- 197.6 (R) North Redwood trailer access. County Rd. 1 bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 197.2 (R) Confluence of Redwood River. City of Redwood Falls.
- 196.8 - 195.0 (R) Riverside Wildlife Management Area.
- 195.6 (R) Watercraft campsite.
- 194.2 (L) Confluence with Beaver Creek.
- 193.0 - 190.7 (R) Tiger Lake Wildlife Management Area.
- 190.9 (R) Confluence with Crow Creek.
- 190.6 - 189.4 (R) Brickyard Aquatic Management Area.
- 189.9 (R) Morton trailer access.
- 189.0 Highways 71/19 bridge. River level gauge.
- 188.9 Railroad bridge.

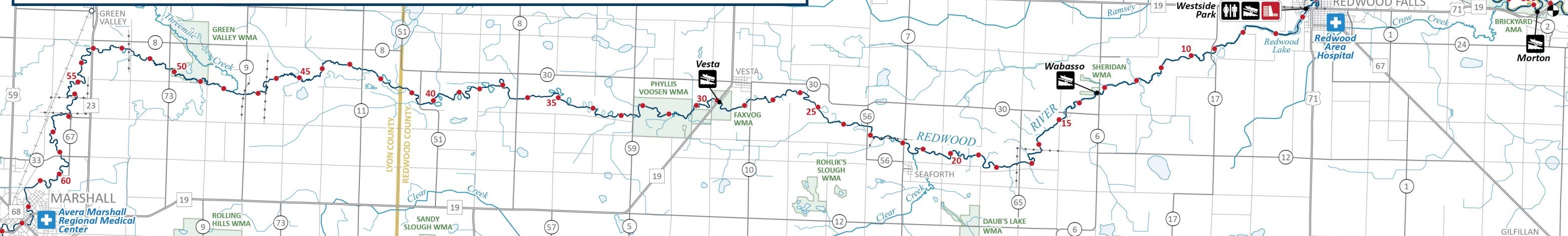
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Route Description, Redwood River - from Marshall to the confluence with the Minnesota River

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 63.0 Highway 68 bridge. City of Marshall. 62.2 Highway 19 bridge. 59.1 County Road 33 bridge. 56.8 300th Street bridge. Powerline crossing. 56.1 Powerline crossing. 53.0 Highway 23 bridge. 51.9 280th Avenue bridge. Powerline crossing. 50.2 County Road 73 bridge. 50.2-48.8 Green Valley Wildlife Management Area. 47.7 (L) Confluence with Threemile Creek. 47.4 County Road 9 bridge. Powerline crossing. 46.6 Powerline crossing. 42.6 County Road 11 bridge. 40.4 County Road 51 bridge. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38.0 Balsa Avenue bridge. 36.3 County Road 8 bridge. 32.6 County Road 59 bridge. 32.6-30.0 Phyllis Voosen Wildlife Management Area. 30.0 - 28.5 Faxvog Wildlife Management Area. 29.1 Eagle Avenue bridge. 28.9 (L) Vesta trailer access. Highway 19 bridge, 27.8 County Road 10 bridge. Town of Vesta. 23.3 County Road 56 bridge. 23-22 Powerline crossings. 22.0 County Road 7 bridge. Town of Seaforth, Garden Avenue bridge. 21.5 (R) Confluence with Clear Creek. 20.4 Harvest avenue bridge. 17.3 County Road 65 bridge. Powerline crossing. 16.2 Powerline crossing. 14.8 County Road 30 bridge. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.3 (L) Wabasso trailer access. County Road 6 bridge. Sheridan Wildlife Management Area. 9.2 County Road 17 bridge. 8.0 Enter Redwood Lake. 5.7 (L) Westside Park trailer access. Restrooms, fishing pier. City of Redwood Falls. 5.7 Highway 19 Bridge and Dam. Impassable with no portage. Vehicle shuttle downstream to Ramsey Park is required. 4.5 (L) County 31 bridge. Confluence with Ramsey Creek. 4.1 (L) Ramsey Park. Rest area. 1.1 County Road 101 and railroad bridge. Town of North Redwood. 0.0 Confluence with Minnesota River. |
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MINNESOTA RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 3 - GRANITE FALLS TO MORTON INCLUDES THE REDWOOD RIVER



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

This stretch is one of the best stretches of the Minnesota River to experience with a number of challenging sections, including the Class II-IV rapids at Minnesota Falls and Class I rapids both upstream and downstream of the Vicksburg County Park area. From Granite Falls to North Redwood, the Minnesota flows through an area of Gneiss outcrops. Some outcrops are the oldest rocks discovered in North America, dating back more than three billion years. The banks along this stretch of river are heavily forested with maple, elm, cottonwood and willow. At the area around Redwood Falls, paddlers will encounter thick forest and high ridges that tower above the Minnesota River. Bordering the river is the recently created Whispering Ridge Aquatic Management Area, part of the effort of the Green Corridor Project to provide a trail system from Skalbekken County Park to Fort Ridgely State Park. You will also find a rock ledge that was once blasted by dynamite to allow steamboats upstream.



Wide channels make for an easy paddle.

CONTACTS

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Spicer, MN 56288
320-409-2051

RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS AND CAMPING
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renvillecountymn.gov

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.

MEDICAL



AVERA GRANITE FALLS
345 10th Avenue
Granite Falls, MN 56241
320-564-6200

CARRIS HEALTH
100 Fallwood Road
Redwood Falls, MN 56283
507-637-4500

AVERA MARSHALL
300 S. Bruce Street
Marshall, MN 56258
507-532-9661

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

AREA OVERVIEW



RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Kinney Access to Skalbekken County Park

- Put-in location: Kinney Trailer Access
River mile **233.8**
- Take-out location: Skalbekken County Park
Carry-in Access
River mile **224.5**
- Length: **9.3** river miles

This is a great stretch of river for beginners! The paddle from City of Kinney to Skalbekken County Park has no rapids to speak of. The river twists and turns for the first few miles before straightening out and offering a mixture of forested and open areas. Skalbekken County Park offers overnight camping.

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 exploreminnesota.com

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