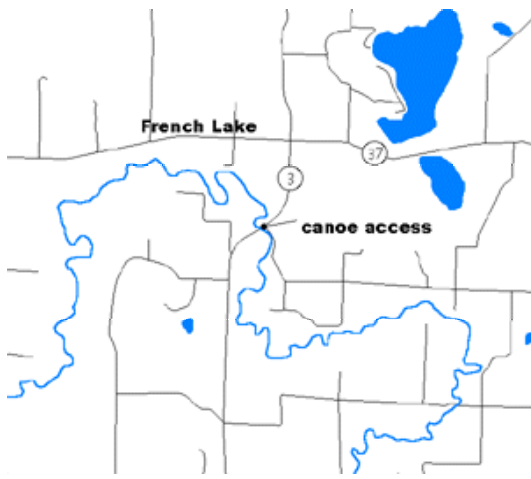


North Fork Crow River Guide – Betty Mason Access

Map



Access at Betty Mason County Park



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Betty Mason Access – River mile 78

The Betty Mason access is part of the Wright County Parks system. It is located immediately east of CSAH 3 south of French Lake.

The access is steep but has been improved. Small boats and canoes may be launched. Water levels at 500 cubic feet per second make for fairly easy canoeing.

Canoeing and Scenery

A pleasant day-trip is from the Betty Mason access to Wildlife County Park, a distance of nine miles. The setting is very wild, great for birding in the spring.

The river is more sinuous from CSAH 3 to CSAH 35 than any place in Wright County. If canoeing, you'll get plenty of practice negotiating turns and river bends. Five erosion sites were observed in this area. All were due to cattle having unrestricted access to the river.

Fishing

The fish most commonly taken during a recent fisheries survey were channel catfish and redhorse. I enjoyed fishing some of the pools on a day trip with my children. We stopped on a sand bar for lunch but the fishing was so fast I had to tend my rod. Using cut bait or fish parts seems to attract larger channel cats whereas night crawlers will take fish of all sizes.