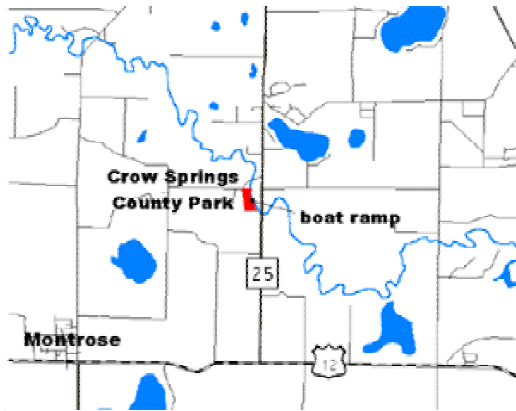


North Fork Crow River – Crow Springs Access

Map



Crow Springs Access – River mile 37

Crow Springs County Park is located four miles south of Buffalo, immediately west of State Highway 25. Situated among large pines, this park has picnic sites, toilets and a canoe campsite.

Water levels at 500 cubic feet per second make for fairly easy canoeing. Mean monthly flows for 10 years are above this level so canoeing should be possible during the summer months in most years.

North Fork Crow River at Crow Springs County Park



Canoeing and Scenery

The river flows through a flood plain forest. This is a low gradient portion of the river and has sand and gravel substrate. Many deadfalls and log jams will be encountered here. However, several large, deep pools provide valuable over-wintering habitat for fish.

Fishing

During a late summer fishing trip in this vicinity we caught several channel catfish using cut bait. I thought my medium action spinning rod, normally used for bass fishing was going to break, such is the power of the larger catfish.

The access site itself is a popular shore fishing site. Anglers are often observed fishing in the quiet of summer evenings.

About six miles downstream is Cook Lake, back water lake of the North Fork of the Crow. Each year we hear of large northern pike and walleye taken by anglers there.

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