North Fork Crow River Guide – Dayton Access

Map

Dayton Access – River mile 0
The Dayton access is actually on the Mississippi River at the mouth of the Crow River. It is located in the City of Dayton right off of North River Road.

There is ample parking in the access lot. A boat ramp allows launching of boats and canoes. A biffy is available.

Canoeing and Scenery
From Dayton upstream to I-94 (8 miles) the Crow River is characterized by steep banks and a narrow flood plain. Substrate was cobble, and boulder-sized rock is also present. There were 11 riffles in this eight mile segment.

The river here is straight and shallow and few downed trees were encountered in 2000.

Fishing
Because of the medium gradient, riffle and rock habitat, redhorse are abundant here. Redhorse are members of the sucker family. If you happen to catch a large one it is probably a greater redhorse, which can grow to be more than 10 pounds. Fishes of the sucker family are good to eat but the flesh is softer than other game fish species.

Angling at the confluence of two rivers is often good but a deposit of sediment at the mouth of the Crow precludes this from being a good shore-fishing site.

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