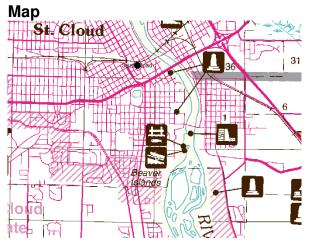
Mississippi River Guide – St. Cloud Access



Access at St. Cloud on the Mississippi River



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St. Cloud Access – River mile 926

The St. Cloud access on the Mississippi River is located on the west side of the river near the St. Cloud State University campus.

There is a parking area as well as a fishing pier.

Canoeing and Scenery

Immediately upstream is the 10th Street dam which impedes the movement of fish and canoeists. A hydropower facility has operated since about 1986 and is part of the dam. Immediately downstream are the Beaver Islands, a maze of wild, flood-plain growth. A day-trip is a 13 mile paddle to the Clearwater Landing. In this area the Mississippi has been designated Scenic and Recreational.

We conducted a survey of several of the campsites on the river in 1997. We found that the most popular campsites were occupied about 20% of the time but much less during weekdays.

Fishing

Fishing is always good below the dam. The deep pool is likely an overwintering site for many species in great numbers. We shocked a muskellunge below the dam but muskies are considered scarce below the dam. In fact, it seems likely that muskies may drift down from upstream waters where natural reproduction occurs.

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