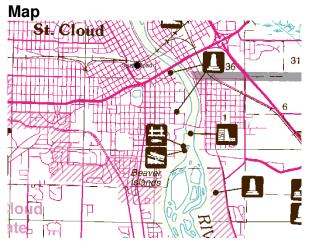
# Mississippi River Guide – St. Cloud Access



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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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