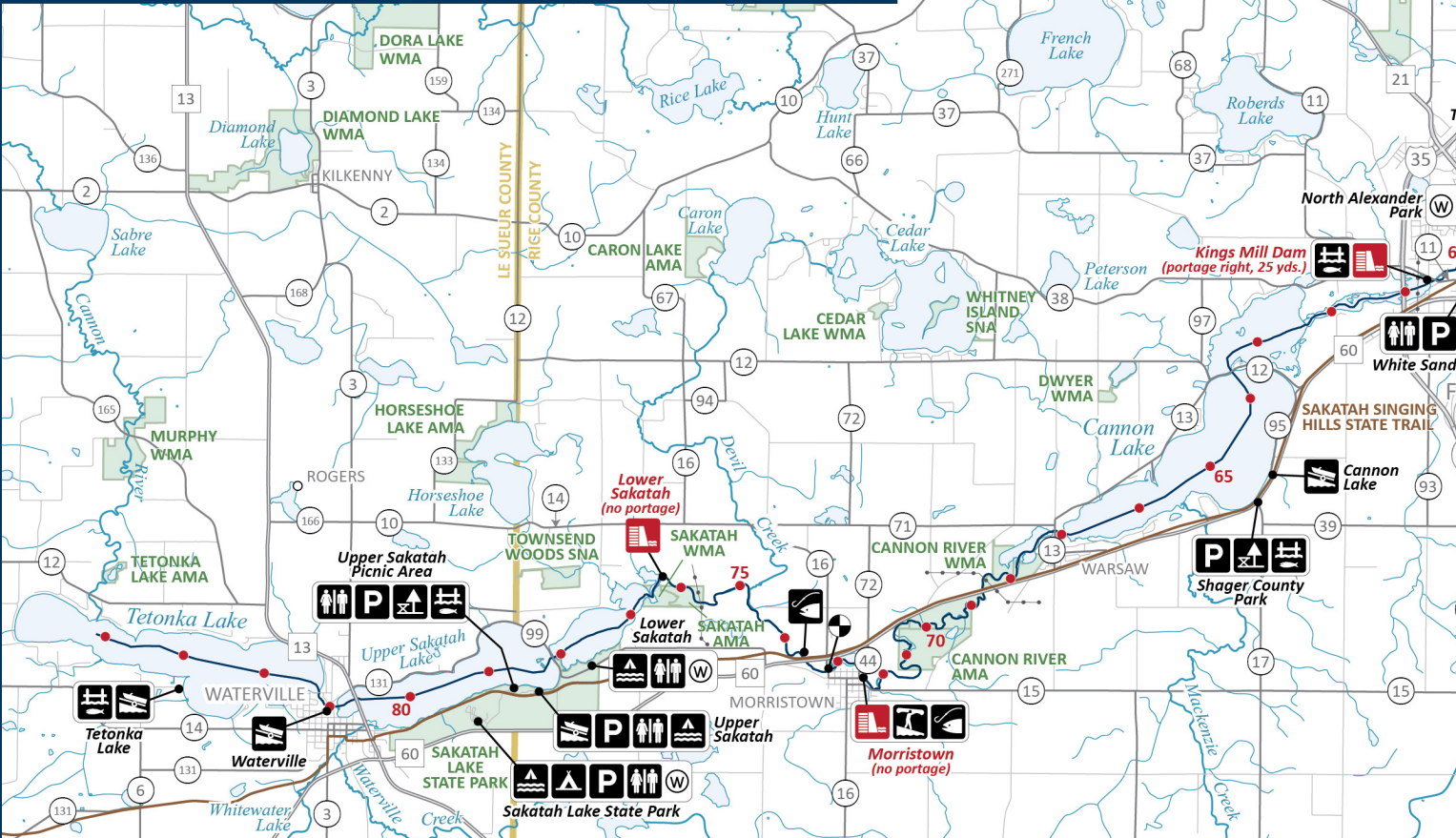


CANNON RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL
MAP 1 - Tetonka Lake to Dundas
(Includes the Straight River)

Legend for symbols: Carry-in Access, Trailer Access, Parking, Hospital/Clinic, Restroom, Rest Area, Fishing Pier, Shorefishing, Campground, Watercraft Campsite, Dam, Drinking Water, State Public Lands, River Level Gauge, Power Lines, Rapids, River Miles, WMA = Wildlife Management Area, SNA = Scientific and Natural Area, AMA = Aquatic Management Area.

Scale 1:140,000
Scale in Miles: 0 to 5

North arrow



Route Description

R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream.

CANNON RIVER RM 84 to 44

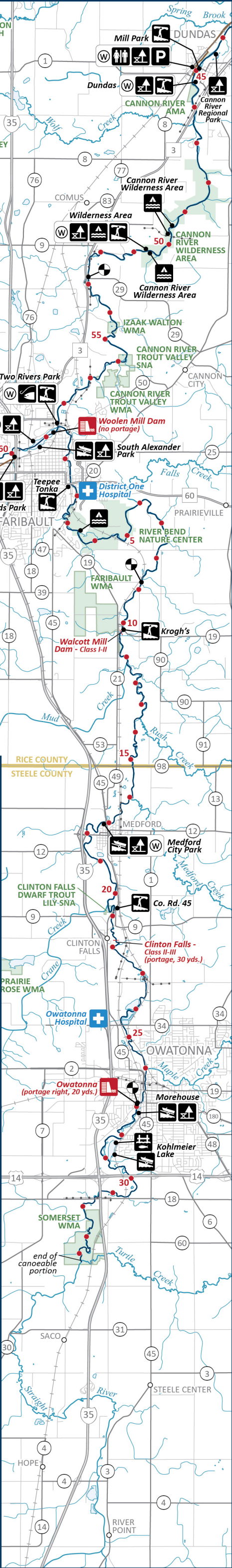
- 83.0 (R) Tetonka Lake trailer access and fishing pier.
- 81.0 (R) Waterville trailer access on Sakatah Lake.
- 80.7 State Highway 13 bridge.
- 80.4-77.2 (R) Sakatah Lake State Park. The park has remnants of the “big woods,” a forest of elm, oak, walnut and other hardwoods. The park has campgrounds with drinking water, a rest area at river mile 79.3, a fishing pier at 78.9, a trailer access at mile 78.4 and a watercraft campsite at 77.8. Fee for camping and parking.
- 78.0 “The Narrows” at County Road 99 bridge.
- 76.4 (R) Sakatah Wildlife Management Area.
- 76.3 Lower Sakatah Lake Dam. 6 feet high. No developed portage.
- 76.0 Powerline crosses the river.
- 75.8 (R) Sakatah Aquatic Mangagement Area.
- 74.9 (L) Confluence with Devil Creek.
- 73.4 Highway 60 bridge. Along with an old railroad bridge, now used for Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail. Shorefishing.
- 73.0 County Road 16 bridge. River level gauge. Town of Morristown.
- 72.5 Morristown Pond Dam. 8 feet high. County Road 44 bridge is just downstream. No developed portage. Fishing pier at dam.
- 72.4 (R) Carry-in access.
- 71.1-69.8 Cannon River Aquatic Management Area.
- 70-66 Cannon River Wildlife Management Area.
- 68.8 Highway 60/Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail bridge.
- 68.5 Power line.
- 67.1 (R) County Road 13 bridge. City of Warsaw. Enter Cannon Lake.
- 64.8 (R) Shager County Park. Fishing pier and rest area on the southeast shore of Cannon Lake along State Highway 70. Trailer access at 64.6. It has picnic tables, shelter, toilets and swimming beach.
- 63.5 County Road 12 bridge. Enter Wells Lake.
- 61.0 Interstate 35 bridge. Power line crossing.
- 60.9 Powerline crossing.
- 60.7 (L) Kings Mill Dam. 17 feet high. Portage on left. City of Faribault.
- 60.6 County Road 11 bridge.
- 60.0 White Sands Park. Rest area and restrooms.
- 59.9 Highway 21 bridge. Hulet Avenue bridge and powerline crossing immediately downstream.
- 59.7 Railroad bridge.
- 59.3 (L) North Alexander Park. Rest area with water.
- 59.3 (R) South Alexander Park. Rest area, trailer access, drinking water.
- 58.8 Woolen Mill Dam. 12 feet high. No developed portage.
- 58.7 Second Avenue NW bridge.
- 58.5 Two railroad bridges.
- 58.5 Confluence with the Straight River. The Cannon’s largest tributary is wider than the Cannon here. Shore fishing.
- 58.4 (L) Two Rivers Park carry-in access. Powerline crossings.
- 57.5 Railroad bridge.
- 57.0 Powerline crossing.
- 56.0 Cannon River Trout Valley Scientific Natural Area.
- 54.5 Izaak Walton Wildlife Management Area.
- 52.9 County Road 29 bridge. Powerline crossing. River level gauge.
- 52.0-47.5 Cannon River Wilderness Area. A Rice County facility with hiking trails, campsites and other facilities. The river is flanked by wooded bluffs.
- 50.6 (L) Wilderness Area Access and campsite. Toilets, picnic shelter and tables, fire rings and drinking water.
- 50.5 (R) Watercraft campsite.
- 49.8 (L) Watercraft campsite. Powerline crossing.
- 49.5 (L) Watercraft campsite.
- 46.5 (L) Confluence with Wolf Creek.
- 46.1 Highway 3 bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 45.2 (R) Dundas City Park. Carry-in access, rest area, picnic shelter, tables, drinking water, fire and rings. Cannon River Aquatic Management Area.

- 45.0 Mill Park. At (L) Rest area, restrooms, drinking water. Carry-in access at (R). County Road 1 bridge. The river splits around a large island. Town of Dundas, Archibald Mill.
- 44.4 (R) Cannon River Regional Park. Rest area.

MAP CONTINUED ON CANNON RIVER 2

STRAIGHT RIVER

- 34.2 End of canoeable portion. Confluence with Turtle Creek (R). Somerset Wildlife Management Area.
- 31.4 Interstate 35 bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 30.7 Railroad bridge.
- 29.9 Highways 14/218 bridge. Kaplan Woods City Park.
- 29.5 Railroad bridge.
- 29.1 (R) Kohlmeier Lake trailer access. Fishing pier. The lake accesses the river. Golf course bridge just past lake entrance.
- 28.8 Golf course bridge.
- 28.2 Golf course bridge.
- 27.5 Cashman Crossing City Park bridge. City of Owatonna.
- 27.2 (R) Morehouse Park. Trailer access and rest area.
- 26.9 (R) Owatonna Dam. Portage on right.
- 26.8 Railroad/Bridge Street bridge. River level gauge.
- 26.5 Rose Street bridge.
- 26.4 Railroad bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 26.1 North Street bridge.
- 26.0 (R) Confluence with Maple Creek.
- 24.6 County Road 34/26th Street bridge.
- 23.2 36th Street bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 22.4 Railroad bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 21.8 (L) Clinton Falls. Class II-III rapids. Portage left, 30 yards.
- 21.4 50th Street bridge.
- 20.8 (R) County Road 45 carry-in access.
- 20.8 (L) Confluence with Crane Creek. Clinton Falls Dwarf Trout Lily Scientific and Natural Area.
- 18.0 County Road 12 bridge.
- 17.1 (R) Medford City Park. Trailer access, rest area, toilets and water available. City of Medford.
- 17.0 County Road 45 bridge.
- 16.5 Railroad bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 16.0 (R) Confluence with Medford Creek.
- 15.1 270th Street East/County Road 98 bridge.
- 13.6 (R) Confluence with Rush Creek.
- 11.2 (L) Confluence with Mud Creek.
- 10.2 Class I-II rapids from old Walcott Mill Dam.
- 10.1 (R) Kroghs Landing carry-in access. County Road 19 bridge.
- 8.8 227th Street East bridge. River level gauge.
- 7.8 220th Street East bridge.
- 6.9 Large glacial boulder in center of river.
- 6.0 (R) Confluence with Falls Creek.
- 5.8-2.5 Riverbend Nature Center. Watercraft campsites at 3.5 (R). more info at rbnc.org.
- 4.5 Railroad bridge.
- 3.8 Trail bridge.
- 2.9 Powerline crossing.
- 2.4 Railroad bridge. Walking bridge downstream.
- 2.3 Pedestrian bridge.
- 2.0 Teepee Tonka park. City of Faribault.
- 1.7 Bridge to park. Carry-in access. Highway 60/1st Street bridge downstream.
- 1.4 2nd and 3rd Street bridges.
- 1.1 Railroad bridge.
- 0.4 14th Street bridge.
- 0.0 Confluence with Cannon River.



CANNON AND STRAIGHT RIVERS STATE WATER TRAILS



MAP 1 - TETONKA LAKE TO DUNDAS



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAILS

The Cannon is a State Wild and Scenic River with wooded shorelines, a moderate current and few rapids. The level is usually enough for canoeing except during very dry periods. Look for bald eagles, herons and painted turtles. The river is also home to walleye, catfish, northern pike, smallmouth bass and a few species of rough fish.

The Straight River winds through farmland bordered by trees. Along its path it varies from 30 to 80 feet wide and 1 to 4 feet deep. Mild rapids, fast water and rocky, narrow channels make canoeing some stretches a challenge. There is one area of difficult rapids at Clinton Falls that should be portaged. Spring and early summer are the best times to paddle the Straight. By July, the river is often too low for enjoyable paddling.

Hazards on both rivers include dams; be sure you know their locations.



Watch for downed trees and snags.

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Owatonna, MN 55060
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info.dnr@state.mn.us

TRIP PLANNING AND SAFETY



- Plan your trip with a map before you leave. Tell someone your plans, including put-in and take-out times.
- Travel with a companion or group.
- Most people paddle 2-3 river miles per hour.
- River levels can affect your speed and trip safety. Check conditions at mndnr.gov/river_levels.
- Don't underestimate the power of wind and waves, especially on large lakes.
- Be cautious of obstacles in the river and avoid overhanging and dead trees.
- Bring clean drinking water and a waterproof container with a first aid kit, waterproof matches and extra clothes.
- Wear a life jacket at all times while on the water.
- Purchase a license for your non-motorized watercraft if it's more than 10 feet in length. If you're not from Minnesota, check your state's watercraft license laws.

WATERCRAFT CAMPING



- Camp only in designated campsites, which are often available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Riverbed camping next to private property is not permitted.
- Stay off private property. Stop only at designated sites; much of the shoreland is private property.
- Be sanitary! Use designated toilet facilities or bury human waste away from the river.
- Follow the rules for firewood. State forests allow you to gather dead wood for a fire, but state parks do not.

MEDICAL



DISTRICT ONE HOSPITAL
200 State Ave.
Faribault, MN 55021
507-334-6451

OWATONNA HOSPITAL
2250 NW 26th St.
Owatonna, MN 55060
507-451-3850

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Two Rivers to Dundas

- Put-in location: Two Rivers City Park Carry-in River mile **58.4**
- Take-out location: Dundas City Park Carry-in River mile **45.2**
- Length: **13.2** river miles

Paddle below sandstone bluffs and watch for wildlife along wooded shorelines. The river widens a bit along this section. Shorten the route by putting in or taking out at the Cannon River Wilderness Area (50.6). Portions of this route are shallow and rocky during dry periods.

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Sakatah Lake State Park

Hike park trails, cast a line for fish, enjoy a picnic or camp along Upper Sakatah Lake (reservation and fee required).

mndnr.gov/sakatah

Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail

This converted rail-trail offers over 30 miles of paved trail. The path follows the Cannon River, giving paddlers the option to shuttle by bicycle in places.

mndnr.gov/singinghills

PROTECT THE RIVER

Your experience on the river depends on a healthy environment. As you explore the beauty of this waterway, also do your best to protect it.

Protect Your Waters

- Before launching...before leaving
- Clean off aquatic plants and animals.
 - Drain all water away from the landing.
 - Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

mndnr.gov/invasives/aquatic

Buffer Protection

The Minnesota buffer law establishes new vegetation buffers along rivers, streams and ditches to help filter out chemicals and sediment before they reach waterways.

mndnr.gov/buffers

More Information

mndnr.gov/watertrails

- River level reporting
- River conditions reporting
- Interactive water trail map
- Recommended routes
- River rapids definitions
- Virtual tours

Search for outfitters at exploreminnesota.com

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