

CANNON RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL
MAP 2 - Dundas to the Mississippi River

Carry-in Access

Trailer Access

Parking

Hospital/Clinic

Restroom

Rest Area

Fishing Pier

Campground

Watercraft Campsite

Dam

Drinking Water

State Public Lands

Other Public Lands

River Level Gauge

Power Lines

River Miles

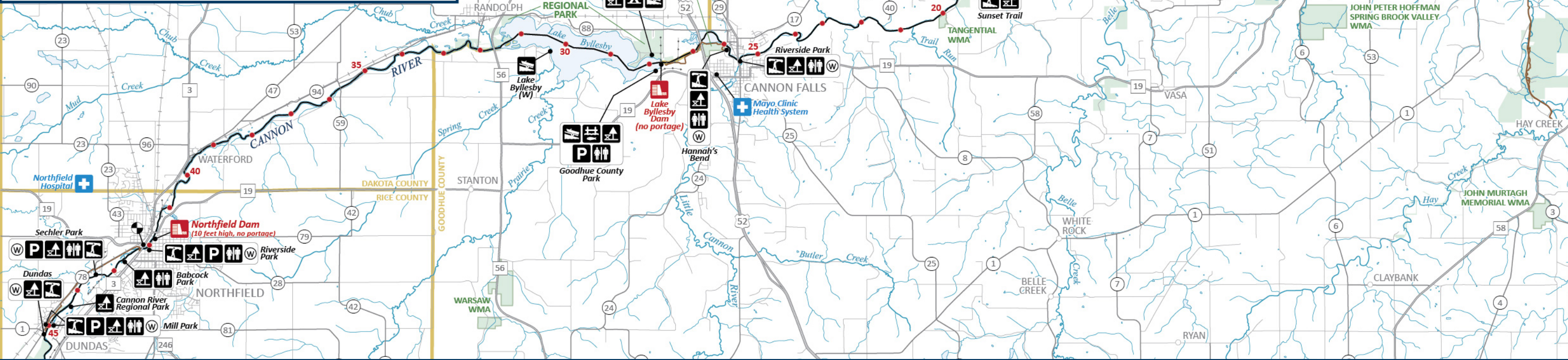
WMA = Wildlife Management Area

SNA = Scientific and Natural Area

AMA = Aquatic Management Area

Scale 1:130,000

Scale in Miles



Route Description

R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream.

CANNON RIVER RM 46 to MISSISSIPPI RIVER

45.2 (L)	Dundas City Park. Carry-in access, rest area, picnic shelter, tables, drinking water, and fire rings. Cannon River Aquatic Management Area.	41.9	water. River level gauge.	26.0	9th Street bridge.	11.5	Begin Cannon River Turtle Preserve Scientific and Natural 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.	41.9	5th Street bridge.	25.9 (R)	Hannah's Bend Park and Fairground. Carry-in access, restrooms, picnic shelter and drinking water. Managed by Cannon Falls.	11.2 (R)	Confluence with Belle Creek.
44.4 (R)	Cannon River Regional Park. Rest area.	41.8	Northfield Dam. 10 feet high; no developed portage. 4th/Water Streets bridge.	25.5 (R)	Riverside City Park. Little Cannon River. Carry-in access, restrooms, drinking water. Highway 20 bridge.	7.8	Long backwater splits from the river. The main channel is the left fork.
43.6	Mill Towns State Trail parallels river here.	41.1	Highway 19 (2nd Street) bridge.	25.4	3rd Street bridge.	7.5	Powerline crossing.
43.5 (L)	Sechler City Park. Carry-in access, picnic shelter, restrooms and drinking water.	39.5 (L)	Powerline crossing.	24.0	Mill Towns State Trail bridge crossing.	6.8 (L)	Highway 61 carry-in access and bridge. Town of Harliss.
43.3	Powerline crossing.	38.5	Town of Waterford.	22.9 (L)	Confluence with Pine Creek.	6.1	Cannon Bottom Road bridge. This site is the last takeout before the Mississippi River. (not a developed access)
42.7 (R)	Babcock City Park. Rest area and restrooms.	35.8	Canada Avenue bridge.	20.8 (R)	Confluence with Trail Run.	3.4	Powerline crossing.
42.1 (R)	Riverside City Park. Carry-in access just above Highway 3 bridge, restrooms, rest area, drinking	32.2	County Road 59 bridge.	20.0 (R)	Tangential Wildlife Mangement Area.	2.6	Canadian Pacific Railroad bridge.
		31.8	Remnants of Cascade Mill Dam can be seen.	19.1 (R)	Sunset Trail carry-in access. Rest area.	0.0	Confluence with the Mississippi River.
		30.2 (R)	Highway 56 bridge. Enter Lake Byllesby.	18.5 (L)	Meisville Ravine County Park Reserve. Carry-in and rest area. Confluence with Trout Brook. Powerline crossing.		
		27.8 (L)	Lake Byllesby (W) trailer access.	18.0	Powerline crossing.		
		27.8 (L)	Goodhue County Park. Trailer access, restroom, rest area and fishing pier.	16.5	River splits around a large island.		
		27.8 (R)	Lake Byllesby Regional Park. Trailer access, rest area, campsites, restrooms and drinking water.	13.6 (R)	Rest area. River level gauge.		
		27.5	Lake Byllesby Dam. 60 feet high, no portage.	13.6	County Road 7 bridge. Outfitter at Welch.		
		26.8	Powerline crossing.				
			Highway 52 bridge. Gemini Aquatic Management Area.				

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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

ABOUT THE WATER TRAILS

The Cannon is a State Wild and Scenic River with a moderate current and few rapids. The river's upper reaches are bordered by rolling hills, farmland and forests. Below Cannon Falls, the river enters a picturesque gorge with bluffs that rise up to 300 feet above the valley floor. The Cannon flows into the Mississippi River, so expect a wide variety of fish species like walleye, catfish, northern pike and smallmouth bass. Also watch for bald eagles, herons and painted turtles.

Unless it has been unusually dry, the river can be paddled and has few rapids to cause problems in low water. Stream flow usually peaks in early April. Very heavy rains can cause the river to flood. The dam at Lake Byllesby affects water levels and canoeing downstream.

Hazards include dams; be sure you know their locations.



Follow the river's twist and turns through varied landscapes.

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.

RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Riverside Park to Meisville

- Put-in location: Riverside City Park Carry-in River mile **25.5**
- Take-out: Meisville Ravine County Park Carry-in River mile **18.5**
- Length: **6.9** river miles

This gently winding route flows past fields and forest and typically takes 2-3 hours. For a longer paddle, take-out at the County Road 7 bridge in Welch. Parking is at a premium in Welch with no developed public access; consider contacting a local outfitter for shuttling.

mndnr.gov/watertrails/recommended

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Mill Towns State Trail

Several miles of this paved trail can be found between Cannon Falls and Lake Byllesby, as well as between the cities of Northfield and Dundas. This offers the opportunity to shuttle by bicycle along some areas of the river.

mndnr.gov/milltowns

Regional, County and City Parks

Stretch your legs or enjoy a picnic at one of the many regional, county and city parks along the river. Some parks even offer camping options. See the map for more details.

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

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MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM

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Cannon Falls, MN 55009
507-263-6000

MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM

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651-267-5000

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More Information

mndnr.gov/watertrails

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

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