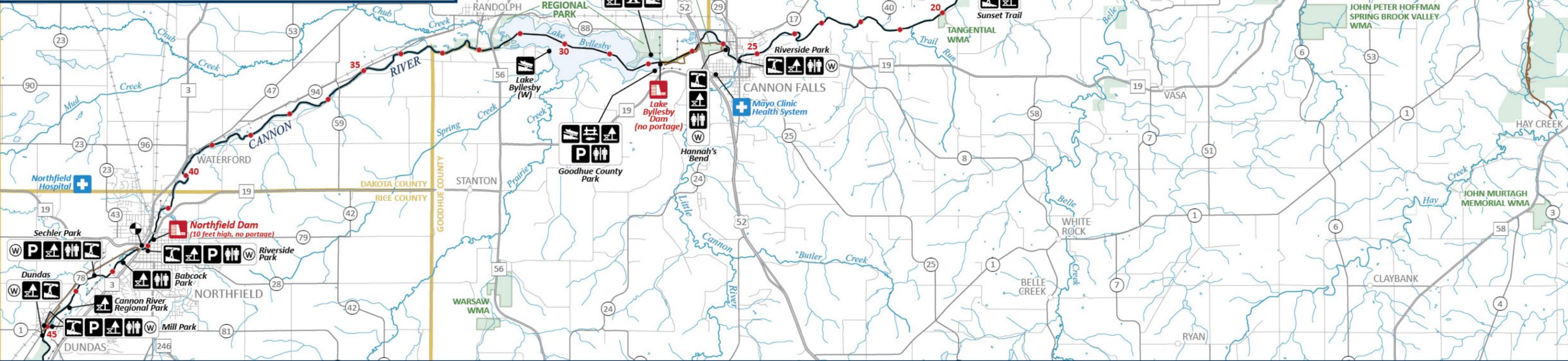
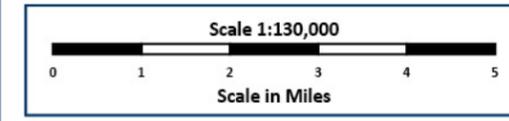


CANNON RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

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



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.
- 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.
- 43.6 Mill Towns State Trail parallels river here.
- 43.5 (L) Sechler City Park. Carry-in access, picnic shelter, restrooms and drinking water.
- 43.3 Powerline crossing.
- 42.7 (R) Babcock City Park. Rest area and restrooms.
- 42.1 (R) Riverside City Park. Carry-in access just above Highway 3 bridge, restrooms, rest area, drinking

- 41.9 5th Street bridge.
- 41.9 Northfield Dam. 10 feet high; no developed portage. 4th/Water Streets bridge.
- 41.8 Highway 19 (2nd Street) bridge.
- 41.1 Powerline crossing.
- 39.5 (L) Town of Waterford.
- 38.5 Canada Avenue bridge.
- 35.8 County Road 59 bridge.
- 32.2 Remnants of Cascade Mill Dam can be seen.
- 31.8 Highway 56 bridge. Enter Lake Byllesby.
- 30.2 (R) Lake Byllesby (W) trailer access.
- 27.8 (L) Goodhue County Park. Trailer access, restroom, rest area and fishing pier.
- 27.8 (L) Lake Byllesby Regional Park. Trailer access, rest area, campsites, restrooms and drinking water.
- 27.8 (R) Lake Byllesby Dam. 60 feet high, no portage.
- 27.5 Powerline crossing.
- 26.8 Highway 52 bridge. Gemini Aquatic Management Area.

- 26.0 9th Street bridge.
- 25.9 (R) Hannah's Bend Park and Fairground. Carry-in access, restrooms, picnic shelter and drinking water. Managed by Cannon Falls.
- 25.5 (R) Riverside City Park. Little Cannon River. Carry-in access, restrooms, drinking water. Highway 20 bridge.
- 25.4 3rd Street bridge.
- 24.0 Mill Towns State Trail bridge crossing.
- 22.9 (L) Confluence with Pine Creek.
- 20.8 (R) Confluence with Trail Run.
- 20.0 (R) Tangential Wildlife Mangement Area.
- 19.1 (R) Sunset Trail carry-in access. Rest area.
- 18.5 (L) Meisville Ravine County Park Reserve. Carry-in and rest area. Confluence with Trout Brook. Powerline crossing.
- 18.0 Powerline crossing.
- 16.5 River splits around a large island.
- 13.6 (R) Rest area. River level gauge.
- 13.6 County Road 7 bridge. Outfitter at Welch.

- 11.5 Begin Cannon River Turtle Preserve Scientifica and Natural Area.
- 11.2 (R) Confluence with Belle Creek.
- 7.8 Long backwater splits from the river. The main channel is the left fork.
- 7.5 Powerline crossing.
- 6.8 (L) Highway 61 carry-in access and bridge. Town of Harliss.
- 6.1 Cannon Bottom Road bridge. This site is the last takeout before the Mississippi River. (not a developed access)
- 3.4 Powerline crossing.
- 2.6 Canadian Pacific Railroad bridge.
- 0.0 Confluence with the Mississippi River.

Continue on to Mississippi River Guide - Hastings to Iowa

END OF MAP SERIES

CANNON RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 2 - DUNDAS TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER



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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.

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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



NORTHFIELD HOSPITAL
2000 North Avenue
Northfield, Minnesota 55057
507-646-1000

MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM
32021 County Road 24 Blvd.
Cannon Falls, MN 55009
507-263-6000

MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM
701 Hewitt Blvd.
Red Wing, MN 55066
651-267-5000

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911



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

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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