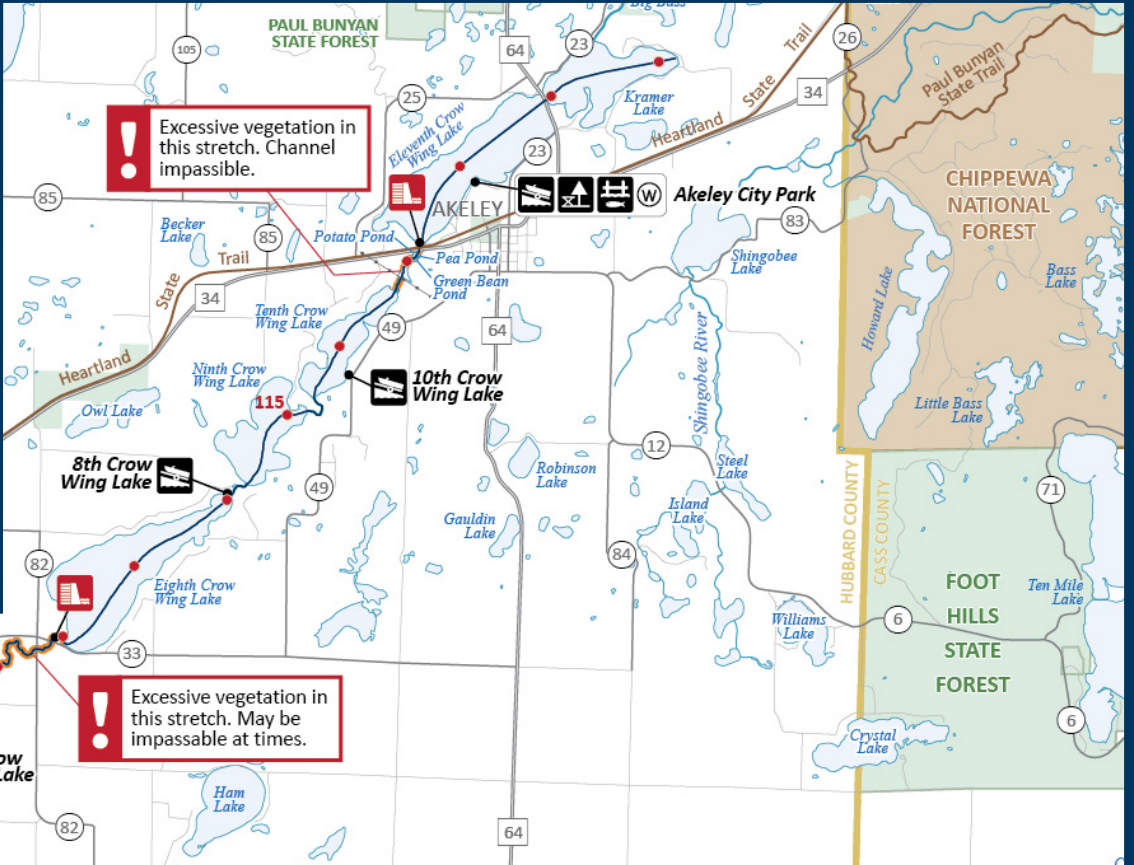
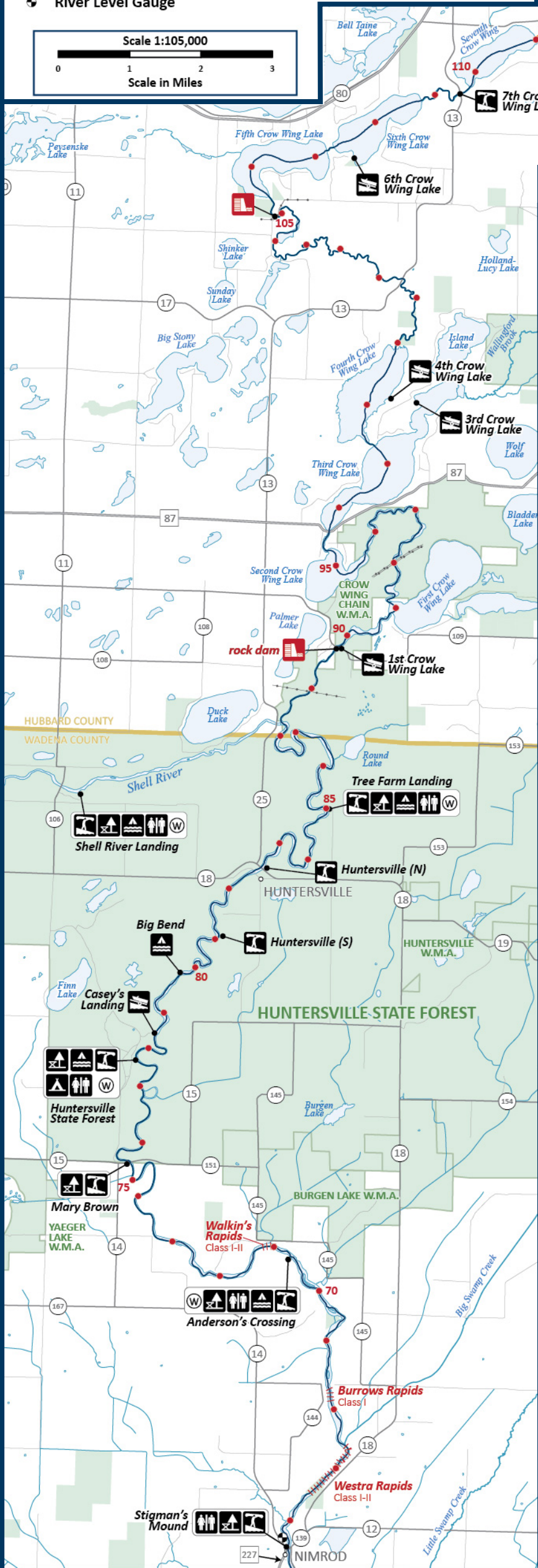
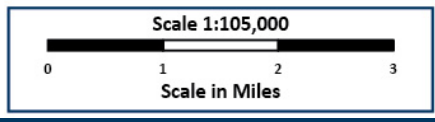


CROW WING RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

Map 1 - Eleventh Crow Wing Lake to Nimrod

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| | Carry-in Access | | State Public Lands |
| | Trailer Access | | Other Public Lands |
| | Rest Area | | National Lands |
| | Toilet | | River Miles |
| | Drinking Water | | Hazards |
| | Parking | | Rapids |
| | Fishing Pier | | Powerlines |
| | Campground | | Heartland State Trail (paved) |
| | Watercraft Campsite | | Wildlife Management Area |
| | River Level Gauge | | |



Route Description, RM 120 to 65

R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream

- 119.0 Highway 64. Mostly lake paddling to the south end of 5th Crow Wing Lake.
- 118.0 Akeley City Park. Access to Eleventh Crow Wing Lake. Trailer access, fishing pier, campground, drinking water and rest area.
- 117.2 (L) **Dam.** Portage left 25 yards around a small dam where the lake joins with the Crow Wing River. River channel is narrow, may be impassible between lakes.
- 117.0 **Heartland State Trail Bridge.** The river flows under the Heartland State Trail trestle, then through a culvert under Highway 34 into a marshy area.
- 116.8 **Powerline crossing.**
- 115.8 (L) **10th Crow Wing Lake trailer access.**
- 114.1 (R) **8th Crow Wing Lake trailer access.**
- 111.9 (R) **Dam.** Portage right 75 yards over County Road 33 (use caution crossing the road). River channel is narrow in this next stretch and may be overgrown with vegetation after June and may be impassible. Scout before paddling.
- 109.5 **County Road 13 bridge.** River paddling along this stretch. 7th Crow Wing Carry-in access located on river left at County Road 13.
- 107.6 **6th Crow Wing Lake trailer access.** On lake's south end.
- 105.1 **Dam.** Portage right 75 yards over Township Road 28 (use caution crossing the road). Primarily lake paddling to this point. Respect private property. Powerline crossing.
- 105 to 100 **"Wilderness" Section.** River paddling downstream from the dam. The next 5 miles of river paddling are in a beautiful wilderness setting, with only a few riverfront cabins.
- 100.5 **County Road 13 bridge.**
- 98.2 (L) **Two lake trailer accesses.** Located on the west bank of 3rd and east bank of the 4th Crow Wing Lakes.
- 95.6 **Highway 87 bridge.** Intermittent river and lake paddling to next portage.
- 94.5-88 **Crow Wing Chain Wildlife Management Area.**
- 92.0 **Powerline crossing.**
- 89.7 (L) **Rock Dam/1st Crow Wing Lake trailer access.** County Road 109, under bridge, rock dam/portage. Experienced paddlers may scout first, then pass through. Others should portage left 65 yards over County Road 109 (use caution crossing the road). 1 mile downstream from the 1st Crow Wing Lake.
- 88.9 **Powerline crossing.**
- 88.2 (R) **Confluence with the Shell River.**
- 85.0 (L) **Tree Farm Landing.** Carry-in access, rest area, watercraft/walk-in campsites, toilet, drinking water, camping (fee), Wadena Co. administered.*
- 82.6 (L) **County Road 18 bridge.** Huntersville (N) carry-in access, town of Huntersville.
- 81.1 (L) **Huntersville (S) carry-in access.**
- 79.8 (R) **Big Bend watercraft campsites.** Huntersville State Forest, no road access.
- 78.6 (R) **Casey's Landing trailer access.**
- 77.6 (R) **Huntersville #4 carry-in access.** Drinking water, rest area, toilets, camping, watercraft campsite.
- 75.3 (R) **Mary Brown Rest Area.** Carry-in access, County Road 15 bridge.
- 71.0 **Walkin's Rapids.** Class I, may go to Class II at high river levels.
- 70.8 (R) **Anderson's Crossing.** Carry-in access, watercraft/walk-in campsites, water, camping (fee), rest area, toilets. Wadena Co. administered.*
- 68.3 **Burrows Rapids.** Class I.
- 67.4 (L) **Confluence with Big Swamp Creek.**
- 67.3-66.5 **Westra Rapids.** Class I, may go to Class II at high river levels.
- 65.7 (R) **Stigman's Mound.** Carry-in access, rest area, toilet. County Road 139 bridge, city of Nimrod. Start of Highway 227. River level gauge.

END OF MAP, CONTINUE ON TO MAP 2 - NIMROD TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER

CROW WING RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 1 - ELEVENTH CROW WING LAKE TO NIMROD



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

Undeveloped shoreline and numerous camping options give this river a wilderness feel. Its crystal waters cut a gentle path rarely interrupted by rapids. Although the river is seldom more than three feet deep, it is nearly always deep enough for canoeing.

Named for a wing-shaped island at its mouth, the river rises in a chain of 11 lakes and then flows southeast for 90 miles before joining the Mississippi River. The Crow Wing River cuts through low marshland in its first 20 miles. It then broadens and its banks rise as it flows southward through pine forest in northern Wadena County. Finally, it passes through river bottom forest before meeting the Mississippi.

Hazards include rapids and dams. Be sure you know the locations of dams and portage routes. Also, be aware that some river channels between the northern chain of lakes can become so thickly filled with vegetation that they are impassable at times.



Stop and enjoy the view from landings in the state forest.

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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



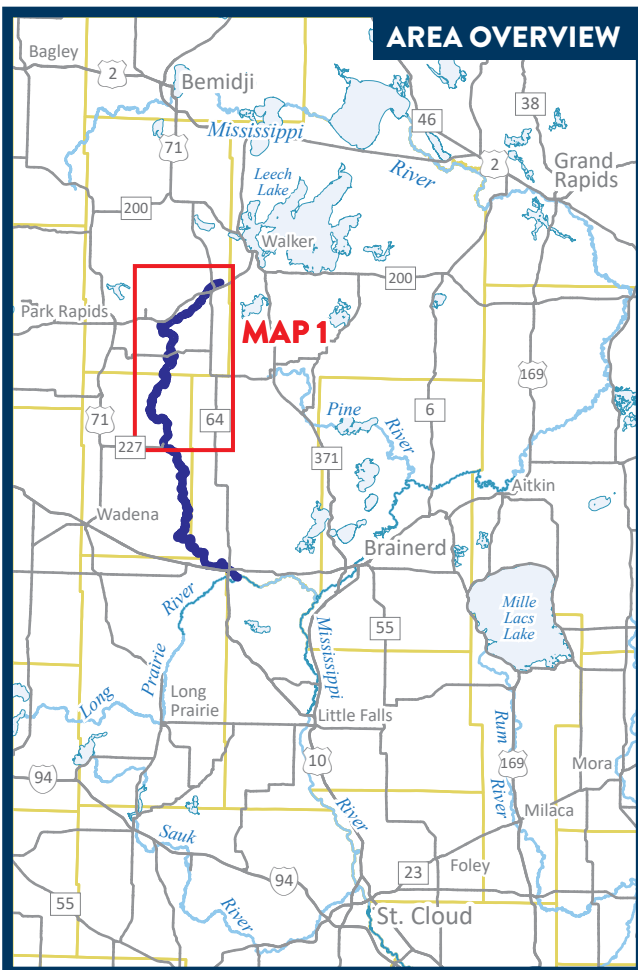
- Camp only in designated campsites, which are often available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Riverbed camping next to private property is not permitted.
- Stay off private property. Stop only at designated sites; much of the shoreland is private property.
- Be sanitary! Use designated toilet 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.

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RECOMMENDED DAY TRIPS

Huntersville (N) to Mary Brown

- Put-in location: Huntersville (N) Carry-in Access
River mile **82.6**
- Take-out location: Mary Brown Rest Area Carry-in Access
River mile **75.3**
- Length: **7.3** river miles

Paddle through Huntersville State Forest and past diverse habitat with low vegetation and mixed trees. Canoe and kayak rentals are available from local outfitters. With several watercraft campsites along the way, you could also lengthen your route for a multi-day trip.

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Huntersville State Forest

Huntersville State Forest offers several landings and watercraft campsites for paddlers. The Huntersville State Forest Landing is a great place to put in and take out, and has a primitive campground with sites available first-come, first served for a fee.

This campground also give you access to logging trails through the forest if you are looking to stretch your legs during a break from paddling.

mndnr.gov/stateforests

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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