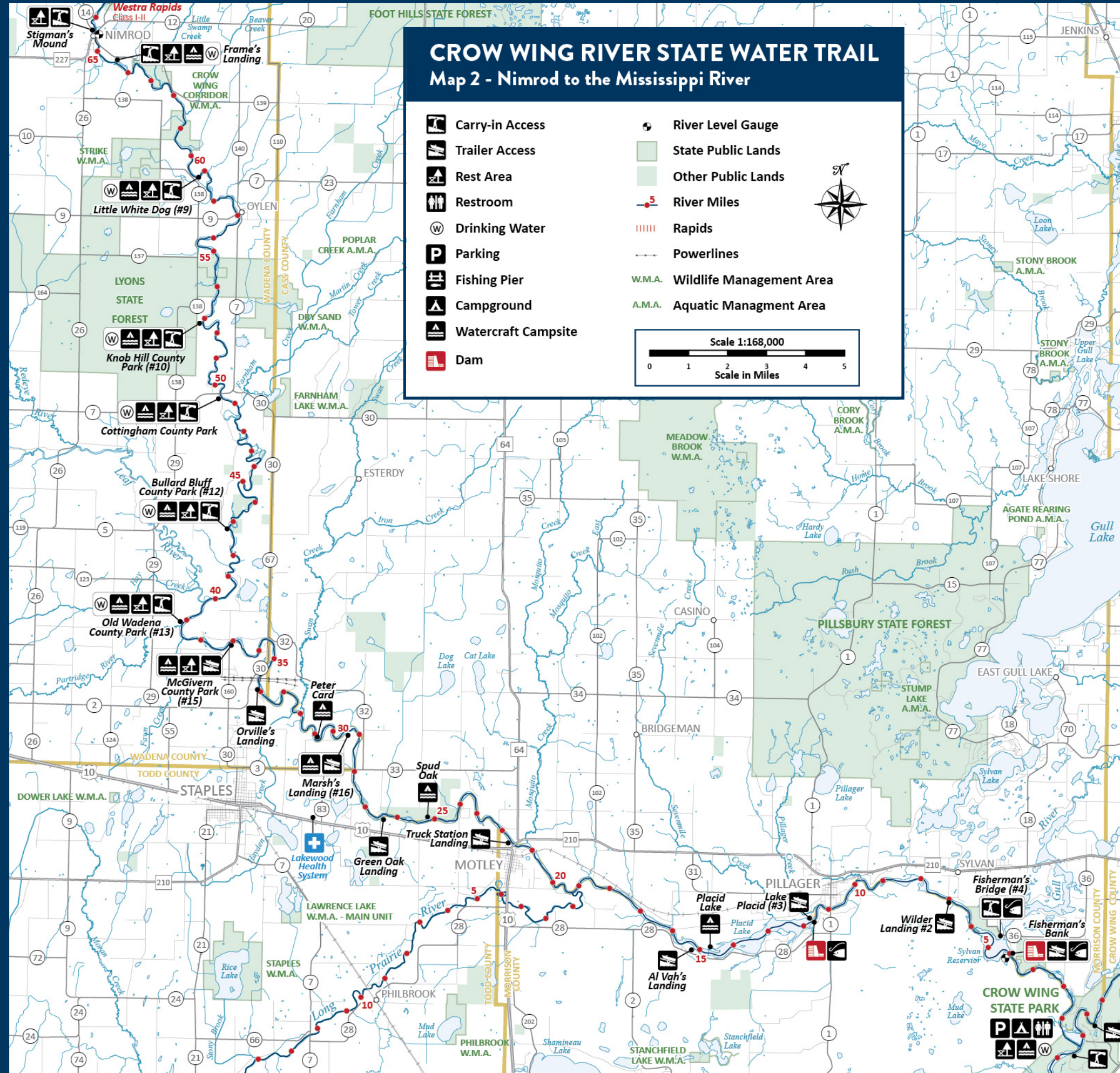
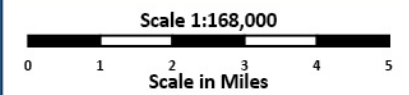


# CROW WING RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

## Map 2 - Nimrod to the Mississippi River

- Carry-in Access
- Trailer Access
- Rest Area
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Parking
- Fishing Pier
- Campground
- Watercraft Campsite
- Dam
- River Level Gauge
- State Public Lands
- Other Public Lands
- River Miles
- Rapids
- Powerlines
- W.M.A. Wildlife Management Area
- A.M.A. Aquatic Management Area



### Route Description, RM 67.3 to 0

- R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream
- 67.3-66.5** **Westra Rapids.** Class I, may go to Class II at high river levels, outfitter.
  - 65.7 (R)** **Stigman's Mound.** Carry-in access, rest area. County Road 139 bridge, city of Nimrod. Start of Highway 227. River level gauge.
  - 64.4 (L)** **Frame's Landing County Park.** Carry-in access, primitive campsites, drinking water, camping (fee), Wadena Co. administered.\*
  - 59.3 (R)** **Little White Dog County Park.** #9 carry-in access, rest area, primitive campsites, water, camping fee, Wadena Co. administered.\*
  - 57.0 (L)** **Town of Oylen.** County Road 9 bridge.
  - 53.0 (R)** **Knob Hill County Park.** #10 carry-in access, rest area, primitive campsites, water, camping (fee), Wadena Co. administered.\*
  - 49.6** **County Road 7 bridge.**
  - 49.5 (R)** **Cottingham County Park.** #11 carry-in access, rest area, primitive campsites, water, camping (fee), Wadena Co. administered.\*
  - 48.8 (L)** **Confluence with Farnham Creek.**
  - 42.8 (R)** **Bullard Bluff County Park.** #12 carry-in access, rest area, primitive campsites, drinking water, camping (fee), Wadena Co. administered.\*
  - 39.7 (R)** **Confluence with Leaf River.**
  - 38.9 (R)** **Old Wadena County Park.** #13 carry-in access, rest area, primitive campsites, drinking water, camping (fee), Wadena Co. administered.\* Confluence with Partridge River.
  - 38.5 (R)** **Confluence with Fawn Creek.**
  - 37.2 (R)** **McGivern County Park.** #15 trailer access, rest area, primitive campsites, drinking water, camping (fee), Wadena Co. administered.\*
  - 35.6** **County Road 30 bridge.**
  - 34.3** **Powerline crossings.**
  - 34.1 (R)** **Orville's Landing trailer access.**
  - 32.2 (R)** **Confluence with Hayden Creek.**
  - 32.0 (L)** **Confluence with Swan Creek.**
  - 30.8 (L)** **Peter Card watercraft campsite.**
  - 29.5 (R)** **Marsh's Landing # 16 trailer access.**
  - 29.1 (R)** **Alice B. Marsh watercraft campsite.**
  - 28.0** **County Road 34 bridge.**
  - 26.4 (R)** **Green Oak Landing trailer access.**
  - 25.2 (L)** **Spud Oak watercraft campsite.**
  - 21.6 (R)** **Truck Station Landing trailer access.** Highway 210 bridge, painted river level gauge on bridge pier.
  - 21.1 (L)** **Confluence with Mosquito Creek.**
  - 20.9** **Railroad bridge.**
  - 19.2 (R)** **Confluence with Long Prairie River.**
  - 15.3 (R)** **Al-Vah's Landing trailer access.** Start of Lake Placid Reservoir.
  - 14.8 (L)** **Placid Lake watercraft campsite.** No fee, Minnesota Power administered.
  - 11.8 (L)** **Lake Placid Reservoir Landing #3 trailer access.**
  - 11.7** **Pillager Dam.** Portage right, 125 yards. Minnesota Power administered. Shorefishing below the dam.
  - 10.9** **County Road 1 bridge.**
  - 9.4-0.0(R)** **Camp Ripley Military Reservation (south) bank.**
  - 7.0 (L)** **Wild Landing #2 trailer access.** Start of Sylvan Reservoir.
  - 5.2 (L)** **Fisherman's Bridge Landing.** #4 carry-in access and shorefishing. Confluence with Gull River.
  - 4.0** **Sylvan Dam.** Portage left, 200 yards. Minnesota Power administered.
  - 4.0 (L)** **Fisherman's Bank Landing.** Trailer access and shorefishing.
  - 0.0** **Crow Wing River enters Mississippi River at Crow Wing State Park.** Many amenities, including trailer and carry-in accesses. See [mndnr.gov/parks](http://mndnr.gov/parks) website for details.

END OF MAP SERIES

# CROW WING RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



## MAP 2 - NIMROD TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

## 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 then 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.



There is something new to see around every river bend.

## CONTACTS

**STATE PARKS AND TRAILS REGIONAL OFFICE**  
3296 State Park Road NE  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
218-308-2372

**DNR INFORMATION CENTER**  
500 Lafayette Rd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040  
888-646-6367  
[info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto: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](http://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



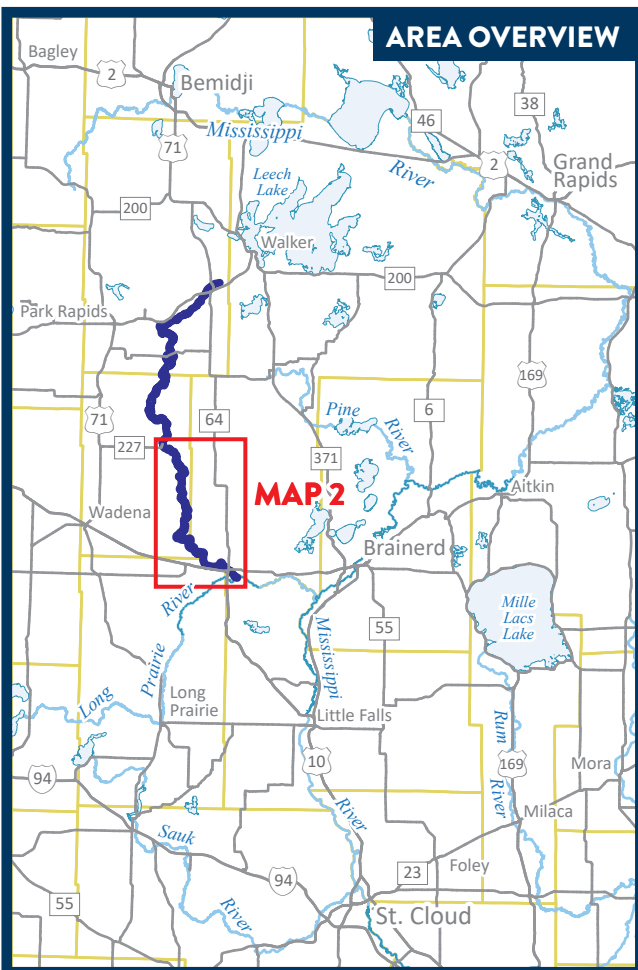
- Camp only in designated campsites, which are often available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Riverbed camping next to private property is not permitted.
- Stay off private property. Stop only at designated sites; much of the shoreland is private property.
- Be sanitary! Use designated toilet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



**LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM**  
49725 Cty. 83  
Staples, MN 56479  
218-894-1515

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911**



## RECOMMENDED DAY TRIPS

### Little White Dog to Cottingham County Park

- Put-in location: Little White Dog Carry-in Access  
River mile **59.3**
- Take-out location: Cottingham County Park Carry-in Access  
River mile **49.5**
- Length: **9.8** river miles

Paddle the river's twists and turns past thickly forested shoreline and tiny islands. Canoe and kayak rentals are available from local outfitters. The southern portion of this route is also popular for tubing during the summer.

## EXPLORE ON SHORE

### Wadena County Campgrounds

The Wadena County Parks System operates numerous primitive campgrounds along the Crow Wing River. Campsites are available for a fee and are a convenient option for multi-day river trips. Most campsites are first-come, first-served and offer a picnic table, fire ring and nearby water source and outhouse.

[co.wadena.mn.us](http://co.wadena.mn.us)

## 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](http://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](http://mndnr.gov/buffers)

## More Information

[mndnr.gov/watertrails](http://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](http://exploreminnesota.com)

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