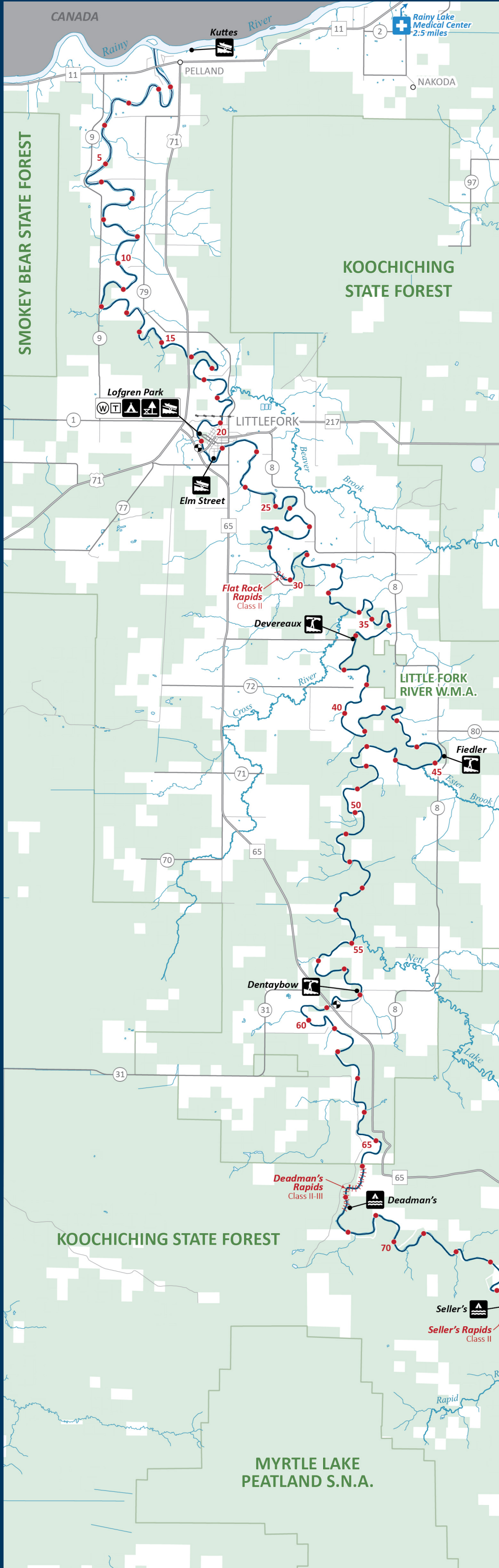


LITTLE FORK RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

MAP 2 - River Mile 90 to Rainy River



	Carry-in Access		DNR Statutory Boundaries		River Miles
	Trailer Access		Tribal Boundaries		River Level Gauge
	Hospital/Clinic		Public Lands	WMA = Wildlife Management Area SNA = Scientific and Natural Area	
	Rest Area		Tribal Lands		
	Campground				
	Toilet				
	Drinking Water				

Scale in Miles

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

NOTE: (R) and (L) represent right and left banks of the river when facing downstream.

- 84.2 (L) Confluence with Gardner Brook.
- 76.0 (L) Confluence with Rapid River.
- 74.7-74.3 Seller's Rapids. Class II - III, depending on water level. Portage left, 150 yds.
- 74.5 (L) Seller's Watercraft Campsite.
- 67.2 (R) Deadman's Watercraft Campsite.
- 67.3-66 Deadman's Rapids. Considerably less difficult than its name implies, this Class II-III stretch washes out in high water. Portage right, 75 yards. Campers take out at the big piece of ledge rock in river for 200 yard portage. Portagers hug the right shore past the ledgerock for a shorter portage and to avoid portaging through campsite.
- 58.9 State Highway 65 bridge. River level gauge.
- 57.9 (L) Dentaybow carry-in access. Just off Township Road 36.
- 54.8 (R) Confluence with Nett Lake River.
- 45.3 (R) Confluence with Ester Brook.
- 44.8 (R) Fiedler carry-in access.
- 39.3-36.5(R) Little Fork W.M.A.
- 37.1 (L) Devereaux carry-in access.
- 33.6 (L) Confluence with Cross River.
- 29.8 Flat Rock Rapids. Class II, no developed portage.
- 21.6 (R) Elm Street trailer access.
- 21.2 State Highway 217 bridge. River level gauge.
- 20.8(R) Lofgren Park. City campground with trailer access, toilets drinking water and picnic shelter. Fee charged for camping. River level gauge. City of Littlefork.
- 19.9 Powerline crossing.
- 19.3(R) Confluence Beaver Brook.
- 18.4 Former Burlington Northern railroad trestle location.
- 15.9 U.S. Highway 71 bridge.
- 0.4 Highway 11 bridge.
- 0.0 Confluence with Rainy River. Kuttes trailer access available one mile east on the Rainy River.

LITTLE FORK RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 2 - RIVER MILE 90 TO RAINY RIVER



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

The Little Fork River flows north to meet the Rainy River. Along its low banks, you'll find flat land with a dense forest of pine, spruce, fir, aspen and birch with substantial groves of cedar in lower ground by the river. This river segment begins in wild, nearly inaccessible landscape all the way through river mile 57. From there, you'll encounter more signs of development as you near the city of Little Fork. Throughout the river, you may notice a distinctive dark tint from clay and other suspended solids.

Stream flow usually peaks in late April and falls throughout the summer. Rapids may be impassable in summer unless there have been heavy rains. The U.S. Geological Survey maintains a gauge on river mile 21.6. A reading of 3 feet or lower means most rapids are too shallow for easy passage.

Hazards for this segment include several Class I-II rapids. Some portages may be difficult due to overgrown brush.



State forests offer camping opportunities.

CONTACTS

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Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-328-8780

DNR INFORMATION CENTER
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St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
888-646-6367
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.
- 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 or on public land where dispersed camping is allowed. State, national and county forests allow dispersed camping, be sure to check rules before your trip.
- 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. Plan to pack out your trash.
- 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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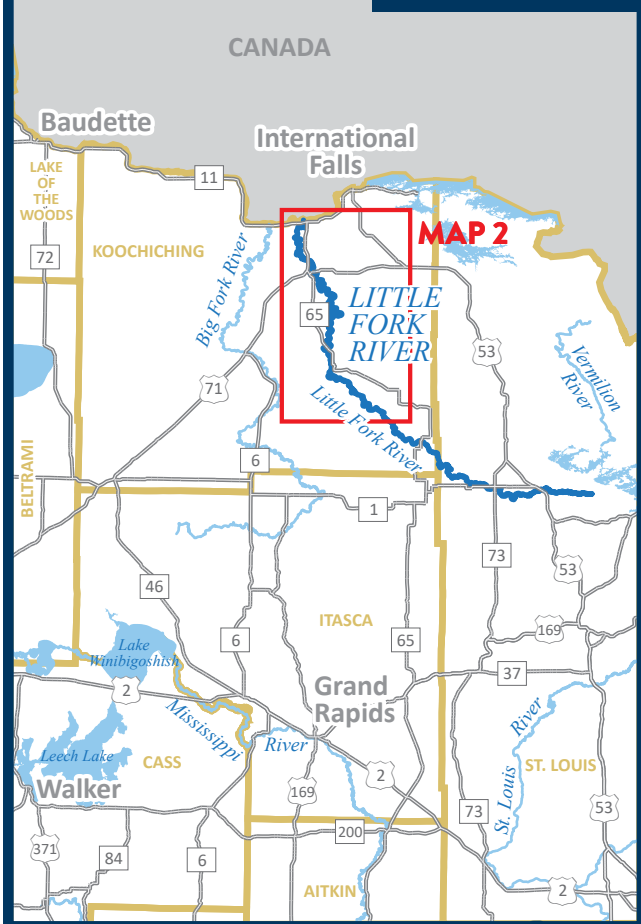


RAINY LAKE MEDICAL CENTER
1400 US-71
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-4481

BIGFORK VALLEY HOSPITAL
258 Pine Tree Dr.
Bigfork, MN 56628
218-743-3177

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

AREA OVERVIEW



RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Dentaybow to Fiedler

- Put-in location: Dentaybow Carry-in Access
River mile **57.9**
- Take-out location: Fiedler Carry-in Access
River mile **44.8**
- Length: **13.1** river miles

Follow the river's narrow twists and turns past densely wooded shoreline with little development. Plan for a full day of paddling. Anglers may enjoy casting a line for walleye, northern pike, muskie, smallmouth bass or rock bass.

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Koochiching State Forest

Experience over 500,000 acres brimming with pine, spruce, fir, aspen and birch trees. You'll find opportunities for hiking, fishing, camping and picnicking.

mndnr.gov/koochiching

Myrtle Lake Peatland Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)

Located a few miles beyond the river, this SNA protects a massive, raised bog surrounded by spruce trees. Visitors can birdwatch, fish or hike the property.

mndnr.gov/sna

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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