

LONG PRAIRIE RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

Carry-in Access

Trailer Access

Hospital/Clinic

Campground

Dam

Public Lands

State Units

River Level Gauge

Power Lines

River Miles

W.M.A. = Wildlife Management Area

S.N.A. = Scientific and Natural Area

A.M.A. = Aquatic Management Area

Scale 1:160,000

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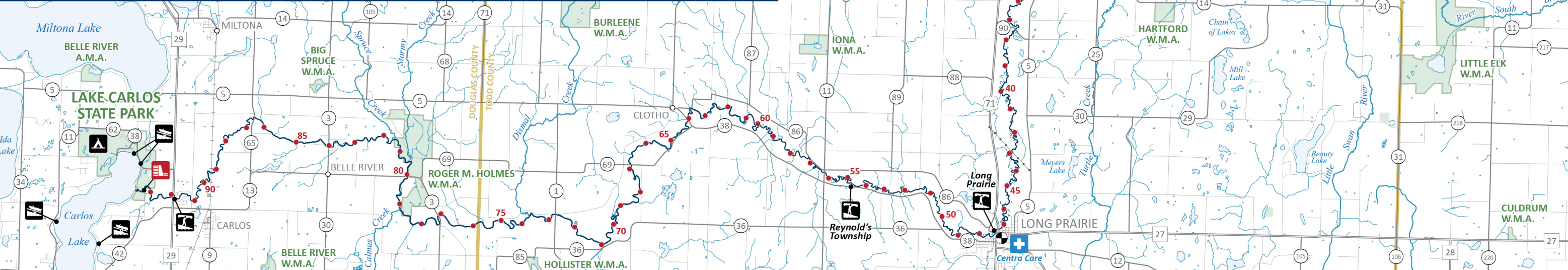
Scale in Miles

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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

RIVER MILE

CAUTION: Multiple bridges and culverts along the river that may need to be portaged in low water.			
93.7	Lake Carlos State Park and lake outlet.	47.5	Riverside Drive bridge.
	Campground and access.	47.4	Highway 71/railroad bridge.
93.4	Dam.	42.9	Powerline crossing.
91.9	Highway 29 bridge.	37.4	County Road 90 bridge.
91.9(R)	Highway 29 carry-in access.	34.2 (R)	Carry-in access, city of Browerville.
91.1	Miltona Carlos Road bridge.	33.0	County Road 14 bridge.
89.3	Railroad bridge.	32.4 (L)	Confluence with Eagle Creek.
86.4	County Road 65 bridge.	29.1	County Road 79 bridge.
84.0	County Road 3 bridge.	27.9- 23.5	Long Prairie State Wildlife Mangement Area.
81.6 (L)	Confluence with Spruce Creek.	26.0 (R)	Long Prairie Wildlife Management Area
81.6-78.5	Roger M. Homes Wildlife Management Area.		carry-in access.
80.5 (L)	Confluence with Stony Creek.	21.9	Oak Ridge Road bridge.
79.9	County Road 3 bridge.	21.6 (R)	Confluence with Turtle Creek.
78.9 (R)	Confluence with Calmus Creek.	19.0	400th Street bridge.
77.1	County Road 3 bridge.	16.2 (L)	Confluence with Moran Creek.
73.7 (L)	Confluence with Dismal Creek.	15.9	County Road 26 bridge.
72.7	County Road 1 bridge.	14.0 (L)	Confluence with Stony Brook.
66.9	County Road 69 bridge.	12.3	County Road 7 bridge.
64.1	County Road 38 bridge.	10.9 (R)	Confluence with Fish Trap Creek.
56.2	County Road 11 bridge.	9.7	Railroad bridge.
54.8 (R)	Reynolds Township carry-in access.	9.3	311th Ave. bridge.
47.5 (L)	Carry-in access. City of Long Prairie.	3.4	Highway 10 bridge.
		0.0	Confluence with Crow Wing River.



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ABOUT THE STATE WATER TRAIL

The Long Prairie River gently flows through a diverse landscape of shaded woods, farm fields, small towns and floodplain meadows and forests. It begins at Lake Carlos and winds its way eastward to meet the Crow Wing River near Motley.

The river varies in width and depth as it moves past a patchwork of open and tree-lined banks. You may find erosion along banks that border fields. Portions of the river can become slow and shallow in the summer, even becoming impassable at times. Check river level readings before your trip. You'll usually experience the best canoeing during spring and early summer.

Hazards include a dam near Lake Carlos. Also be alert for numerous low bridges and culverts that may require portaging during high water levels. These are most numerous between Lake Carlos and the city of Long Prairie.



Be alert for low culverts along this water trail.

CONTACTS

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1035 South Benton Dr.
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-223-7840

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500 Lafayette Rd.
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, 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



CENTRACARE-LONG PRAIRIE
50 CentraCare Dr.
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-2141

DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL
111 17th Ave. E
Alexandria, MN 56308
320-762-6000

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Long Prairie to Browerville

- Put-in location: City of Long Prairie (carry-in)
River mile **47.5**
- Take-out location: City of Browerville (carry-in)
River mile **34.2**
- Length: **13.3** river miles

This narrow, winding section of river brings you from one city to another with little development in between. Watch for herons, kingfishers, mergansers and other birds as you paddle past quiet, wooded shores and marshland. Plan for a full day on the water.

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Lake Carlos State Park

Visit the park to swim, boat or fish the clear depths of Lake Carlos. You'll also find a beautiful setting for camping, hiking and horseback riding.

mndnr.gov/lakecarlos

Long Prairie River Wildlife Management Area

Lowland grass, cattails and brush areas offer great wildlife watching along the Long Prairie River. This WMA also has upland areas with grass fields and restored native grass fields. Be aware that hunting is allowed at this property.

mndnr.gov/wma

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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