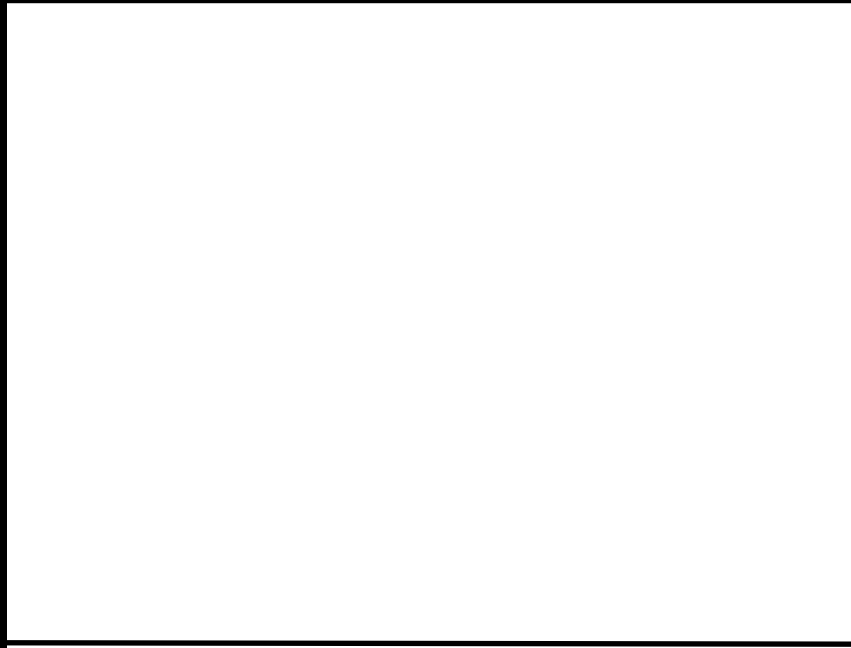


# MINNESOTA RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

MAP 3 - Granite Falls to Morton  
(Includes the Redwood River)



## Route Description RM 240-189

R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream

- 239.9 Dam. Portage 250 yards river right.
- 239.6 (L) Shorefishing.
- 239.1 Downtown Rapids. Class I-II. Hwy 212 bridge.
- 239.0 (R) War Memorial City Park. Trailer access, drinking water and carry-in campsite.
- 238.9-3 Powerline crossings.
- 238.7- 237.9 Small rapids. Class I-II.
- 236.5 Minnesota Falls. Class II-IV rapids, depending on water levels. Paddlers are strongly encouraged to get out on the portage (river right) to scout the rapids before proceeding.
- 235.5 Powerline crossing.
- 235.2 (L) Gneiss Outcrop Scientific and Natural Area.
- 233.8 (R) Kinney trailer access. Town of Kinney.
- 231.3 (L) Knutson Island watercraft campsite.
- 231.0 (L) Fredrickson trailer access. Town of Frederickson.
- 227.2- 224.8 (R) Upper Sioux Agency State Park. Vehicle permit required. Trailer access, watercraft campsite and drinking water at RM 227.0.
- 225.6 (L) Rest area and restrooms. Upper Sioux Agency State Park.
- 225.5 (R) Confluence with Yellow Medicine River.
- 225.1 (L) Confluence with Hawk Creek.

- 224.7 County Road 10 bridge.
- 224.5 (L) Skalbekken County Park. Carry-in access and watercraft campsite.
- 222.5 (R) Confluence with Wood Lake Creek.
- 217.9 County Road 7 bridge.
- 214.1 (R) Confluence with Boiling Spring Creek.
- 214.0 County Road 19 bridge.
- 212.7 (R) Confluence with Echo Creek.
- 211.4-210.7 Class I rapids.
- 210.9 (L) Confluence with Sacred Heart Creek.
- 210.2 (L) Vicksburg County Park trailer access.
- 209.8 (L) Vicksburg County Park. Watercraft campsite and rest area.
- 209.4 County Road 6 bridge.
- 208.2 (L) Whispering Ridge AMA. Carry-in access and watercraft campsite.
- 206.9-.5 Patterson Rapids, Class I.
- 206.8 (L) Confluence with Timms Creek.
- 206.8 -.0 (L) River Warren Outcrop Scientific and Natural Area.
- 206.2-205.2 (R) Cedar Rock Wildlife Management Area.
- 205.8 (R) Confluence with Rice Creek.
- 205.2 County Road 17 bridge.
- 204.5 (L) Confluence with Middle Creek.
- 203.5-202.0 (L) Cold Springs Wildlife Management Area.
- 201.0 (L) Confluence with Smith Creek.
- 200.7 - 199.0 (L) Granite Prairie Wildlife Management Area.
- 200.6 - 199.1 (R) Waukon Rim Wildlife Management Area.
- 197.6 (R) North Redwood trailer access. County Rd. 1 bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 197.2 (R) Confluence of Redwood River. City of Redwood Falls.
- 196.8 - 195.0 (R) Riverside Wildlife Management Area.
- 195.6 (R) Watercraft campsite.
- 194.2 (L) Confluence with Beaver Creek.
- 193.0 -190.7 (R) Tiger Lake Wildlife Management Area.
- 190.9 (R) Confluence with Crow Creek.
- 190.6 - 189.4 (R) Brickyard Aquatic Management Area.
- 189.9 (R) Morton trailer access.
- 189.0 Highways 17/19 bridge.
- 188.9 Railroad bridge.

## Route Description, Redwood River - from Marshall to the confluence with the Minnesota River

R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream

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|-------------|---|----------|---|
| 36.3        | County Road 8 bridge.   | 13.3 (L) | Wabasso trailer access. County Road 6 bridge. Sheridan Wildlife Management Area.  |
| 32.6        | County Road 59 bridge.  | 9.2      | County Road 17 bridge.  |
| 32.6-30.0   | Phyllis Voosen Wildlife Management Area.                      | 8.0      | Enter Redwood Lake.   |
| 30.0 - 28.5 | Faxvog Wildlife Managment Area.                               | 5.7      | Highway 19 Bridge and Dam. Impassable with no portage. Vehicle shuttle downstream to Ramsey Park is recommended. Westside Park trailer access, river left. City of Redwood Falls. |
| 29.1        | Eagle Avenue bridge.  | 5.0      | Ramsey Park, city of Redwood Falls.   |
| 28.9 (L)    | Vesta trailer access. Highway 19 bridge,                      | 4.5 (L)  | County 31 bridge. Confluence with Ramsey Creek.   |
| 27.8        | County Road 10 bridge. Town of Vesta.                         | 1.1      | County Road 101 and railroad bridge. Town of North Redwood.   |
| 23.3        | County Road 56 bridge.  | 0.0      | Confluence with Minnesota River.  |
| 23-22       | Powerline crossings.  |          |   |
| 22.0        | County Road 7 bridge. Town of Seaforth, Garden Avenue bridge. |          |   |
| 21.5 (R)    | Confluence with Clear Creek.                                  |          |   |
| 20.4        | Harvest avenue bridge.  |          |   |
| 17.3        | County Road 65 bridge. Powerline crossing.                    |          |   |
| 16.2        | Powerline crossing.   |          |   |
| 14.8        | County Road 30 bridge.  |          |   |
| 63.0        | Highway 68 bridge. City of Marshall.                          |          |   |
| 62.2        | Highway 19 bridge.  |          |   |
| 59.1        | County Road 33 bridge.  |          |   |
| 56.8        | 300th Street bridge. Powerline crossing.                      |          |   |
| 56.1        | Powerline crossing.   |          |   |
| 53.0        | Highway 23 bridge.  |          |   |
| 51.9        | 280th Avenue bridge. Powerline crossing.                      |          |   |
| 50.2        | County Road 73 bridge.  |          |   |
| 50.2-48.8   | Green Valley Wildlife Management Area.                        |          |   |
| 47.7 (L)    | Confluence with Threemile Creek.                              |          |   |
| 47.4        | County Road 9 bridge. Powerline crossing.                     |          |   |
| 46.6        | Powerline crossing.   |          |   |
| 42.6        | County Road 11 bridge.  |          |   |
| 40.4        | County Road 51 bridge.  |          |   |
| 38.0        | Balsa Avenue bridge.  |          |   |

END OF MAP 3

Continue on to Map 4 - Morton to Cambria

# MINNESOTA RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



## MAP 3 - GRANITE FALLS TO MORTON INCLUDES THE REDWOOD RIVER



**m** MINNESOTA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

## ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

This stretch is one of the best stretches of the Minnesota River to experience with a number of challenging sections, including the Class II-IV rapids at Minnesota Falls and Class I rapids both upstream and downstream of the Vicksburg County Park area.

From Granite Falls to North Redwood the Minnesota flows through an area of Gneiss outcrops. Some outcrops are the oldest rocks discovered in North America, dating back more than three billion years. The banks along this stretch of river are heavily forested with maple, elm, cottonwood and willow.

At the area around Redwood Falls, paddlers will encounter thick forest and high ridges that tower above the Minnesota River. Bordering the river is the recently created Whispering Ridge Aquatic Management Area, part of the effort of the Green Corridor Project to provide a trail system from Upper Sioux Agency State Park to Fort Ridgely State Park. You will also find a rock ledge that was once dynamited to allow steamboats upstream.



Pockets of rapids can be found along this stretch.

## 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.

## RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

### Kinney Access to Skalbekken County Park

- Put-in location: River mile **233.8**
- Take-out location: River mile **224.6**
- Length: **9.2** river miles

This is a great stretch of river for beginners! The paddle from Kinney Landing, through Upper Sioux Agency State Park to Skalbekken County Park has no rapids to speak of.

The river twists and turns for the first few miles before straightening out and offering a mixture of forested and open areas. Both Upper Sioux Agency State Park and Skalbekken County Park offer overnight camping.

## EXPLORE ON SHORE

### Upper Sioux Agency State Park River mile **236**

The park offers many amenities. The landscape in the park is diverse with grasslands, wetlands, woods, rivers, open prairie knolls, old fields and meadows.

### Skalbekken County Park River mile **224.5**

Park amenities include shelters, restrooms, water, picnic areas and rustic camping area.

### Vicksburg County Park River mile **210**

This lovely park offers a concrete boat ramp that makes it easy to get in and out of the water. This is one of the more popular sections of the Minnesota River for both paddling and fishing.

## 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)

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507-233-1200

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[info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us)

### UPPER SIOUX AGENCY STATE PARK

5908 Hwy 67  
Granite Falls, MN 56241  
320-564-4777  
[mndnr.gov/upperSioux](http://mndnr.gov/upperSioux)

### RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS

St. Paul, MN  
(555) 555-5555  
[renvillecountymn.com](http://renvillecountymn.com)

## MEDICAL



### AVERA GRANITE FALLS

345 10th Avenue  
Granite Falls, MN 56241  
320-564-6200

### CARRIS HEALTH

100 Fallwood Road  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283  
507-637-4500

### AVERA MARSHALL

300 S. Bruce Street Marshall,  
MN 56258  
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## 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

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## AREA OVERVIEW

