

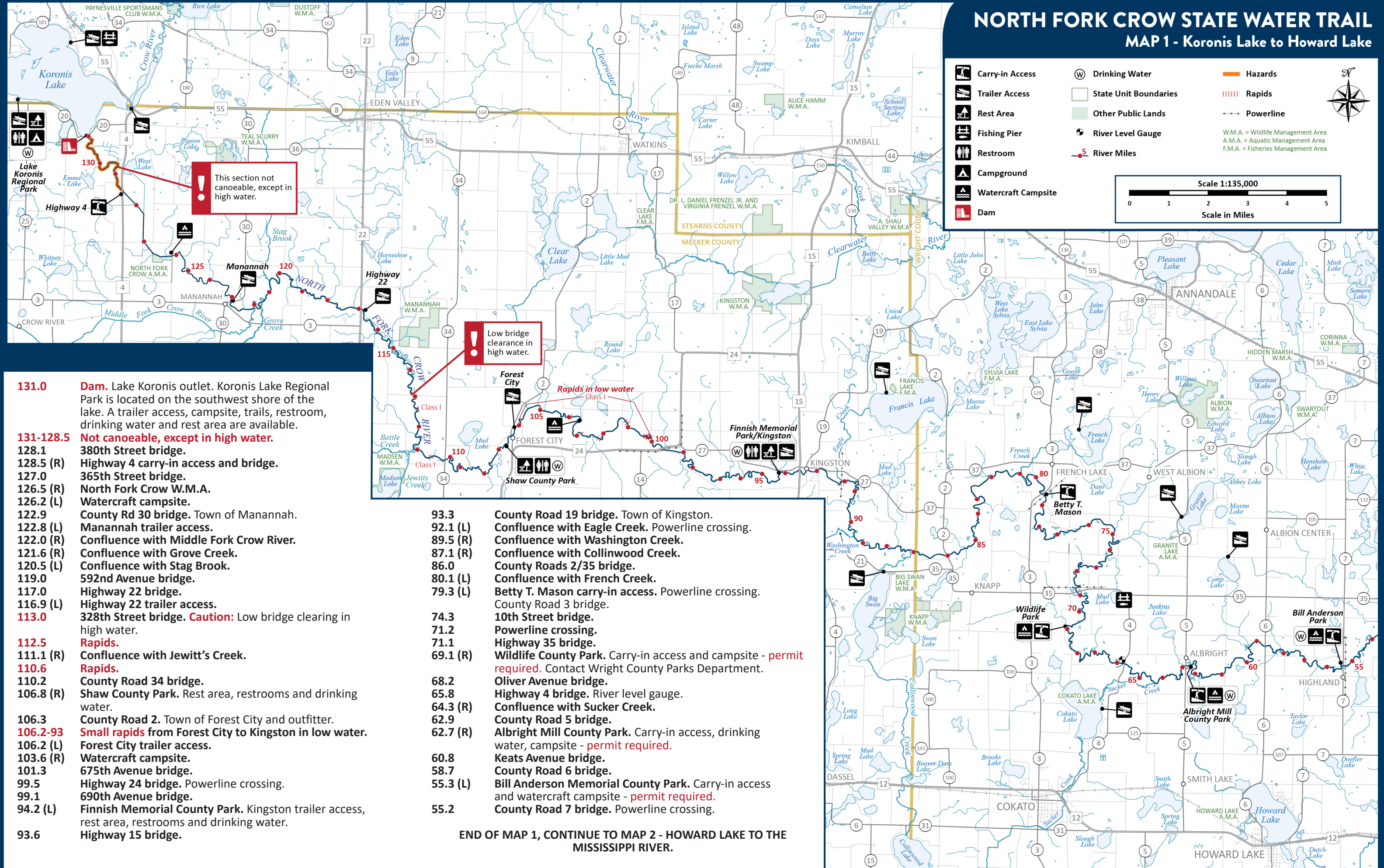
NORTH FORK CROW STATE WATER TRAIL

MAP 1 - Koronis Lake to Howard Lake

Carry-in Access	Drinking Water	Hazards
Trailer Access	State Unit Boundaries	Rapids
Rest Area	Other Public Lands	Powerline
Fishing Pier	River Level Gauge	
Restroom	River Miles	
Campground		
Watercraft Campsite		
Dam		

W.M.A. = Wildlife Management Area
A.M.A. = Aquatic Management Area
F.M.A. = Fisheries Management Area

Scale 1:135,000
Scale in Miles



! This section not canoeable, except in high water.

! Low bridge clearance in high water.

- 131.0** **Dam.** Lake Koronis outlet. Koronis Lake Regional Park is located on the southwest shore of the lake. A trailer access, campsite, trails, restroom, drinking water and rest area are available.
- 131-128.5** **Not canoeable, except in high water.**
- 128.1** 380th Street bridge.
- 128.5 (R)** Highway 4 carry-in access and bridge.
- 127.0** 365th Street bridge.
- 126.5 (R)** North Fork Crow W.M.A.
- 126.2 (L)** Watercraft campsite.
- 122.9** County Rd 30 bridge. Town of Manannah.
- 122.8 (L)** Manannah trailer access.
- 122.0 (R)** Confluence with Middle Fork Crow River.
- 121.6 (R)** Confluence with Grove Creek.
- 120.5 (L)** Confluence with Stag Brook.
- 119.0** 592nd Avenue bridge.
- 117.0** Highway 22 bridge.
- 116.9 (L)** Highway 22 trailer access.
- 113.0** 328th Street bridge. **Caution:** Low bridge clearing in high water.
- 112.5** **Rapids.**
- 111.1 (R)** Confluence with Jewitt's Creek.
- 110.6** **Rapids.**
- 110.2** County Road 34 bridge.
- 106.8 (R)** Shaw County Park. Rest area, restrooms and drinking water.
- 106.3** County Road 2. Town of Forest City and outfitter.
- 106.2-93** **Small rapids** from Forest City to Kingston in low water.
- 106.2 (L)** Forest City trailer access.
- 103.6 (R)** Watercraft campsite.
- 101.3** 675th Avenue bridge.
- 99.5** Highway 24 bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 99.1** 690th Avenue bridge.
- 94.2 (L)** Finnish Memorial County Park. Kingston trailer access, rest area, restrooms and drinking water.
- 93.6** Highway 15 bridge.

- 93.3** County Road 19 bridge. Town of Kingston.
- 92.1 (L)** Confluence with Eagle Creek. Powerline crossing.
- 89.5 (R)** Confluence with Washington Creek.
- 87.1 (R)** Confluence with Collinwood Creek.
- 86.0** County Roads 2/35 bridge.
- 80.1 (L)** Confluence with French Creek.
- 79.3 (L)** Betty T. Mason carry-in access. Powerline crossing.
- 74.3** County Road 3 bridge.
- 71.2** 10th Street bridge.
- 71.1** Powerline crossing.
- 69.1 (R)** Highway 35 bridge.
- 68.2** Wildlife County Park. Carry-in access and campsite - **permit required.** Contact Wright County Parks Department.
- 65.8** Oliver Avenue bridge.
- 64.3 (R)** Highway 4 bridge. River level gauge.
- 62.9** Confluence with Sucker Creek.
- 62.7 (R)** County Road 5 bridge.
- 62.7 (R)** Albright Mill County Park. Carry-in access, drinking water, campsite - **permit required.**
- 60.8** Keats Avenue bridge.
- 58.7** County Road 6 bridge.
- 55.3 (L)** Bill Anderson Memorial County Park. Carry-in access and watercraft campsite - **permit required.**
- 55.2** County Road 7 bridge. Powerline crossing.

END OF MAP 1, CONTINUE TO MAP 2 - HOWARD LAKE TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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MAP 1 - KORONIS LAKE TO HOWARD LAKE



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

The North Fork Crow River flows southeast from Lake Koronis about 125 miles before it joins the Mississippi River at Dayton. The upper reaches of this river are more challenging to paddle due to sandy, erodible banks and silver maples that fall and block the channel. Some sections are impassable in low water. You may see more wildlife in this upper section, but you will have to work harder to get around numerous obstacles and sharp bends in the river.

This upper section of the North Fork is narrow, shallow and fairly clean from the Lake Koronis Spillway to Kingston. A two-mile stretch below Lake Koronis is only canoeable during high water. Numerous drainage ditches in the area result in the river rising quickly and falling slowly. The river deepens and widens downstream from Kingston, meandering in a floodplain that is sometimes more than a mile wide.

Hazards include a low bridge and frequent river obstacles. Rapids are few and easy, but be alert for underwater branches and overhanging trees that can tip canoes and kayaks. While unlawful, river neighbors sometimes string fences across the river. Notify the DNR if you encounter one.



Be alert for downed trees around river bends.

CONTACTS

DNR CENTRAL REGION HEADQUARTERS
1200 Warner Rd.
St. Paul, MN 55106
651-259-5841

DNR INFORMATION CENTER
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.

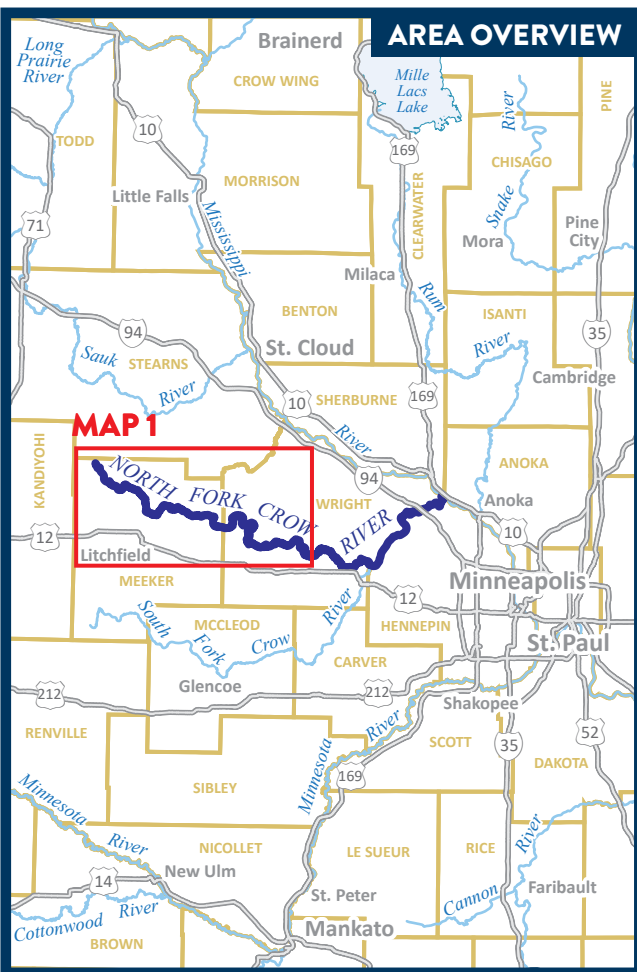
MEDICAL



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303 Catlin St
Buffalo, MN 55313
763-682-1212

MEEKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
612 S Sibley Ave.
Litchfield, MN 55355
320-693-4500

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911



RECOMMENDED DAY TRIPS

Betty T. Mason to Wildlife County Park

- Put-in location: Betty T. Mason Carry-in
River mile **79.3**
- Take-out location: Wildlife County Park Carry-in
River mile **69.1**
- Length: **10.2** river miles

Paddle the river's narrow twists and turns past wooded shoreline and farm fields. Keep an eye out for underwater snags and overhanging trees along the way. Make it a longer trip by camping at Wildlife County Park (permit required) and taking out at Albright's Mill County Park.

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Meeker and Wright County Parks

Take a break from paddling at several county parks along this section of the river. Some offer watercraft campsites, allowing you to plan a multi-day trip. Check with individual parks for information about camping permits or fees.

co.meeker.mn.us

co.wright.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

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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