

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION - River miles 60 to 0

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

58.7 Highway 6 Bridge.  
 55.3 (L) Bill Anderson Memorial County Park. Carry-in access and watercraft campsite - **permit required**.  
 55.2 Highway 7 bridge. Powerline crossing.  
 51.7 Highway 8 bridge.  
 47.0 (R) Confluence with Twelvemile Creek.  
 45.1 (R/L) Humphrey-Arends Memorial County Park. Carry-in access river right, drinking water and campsite, river left - **permit required**.  
 45.0 County Road 9 bridge.  
 39.9 (L) Confluence with Mill Creek.  
 39.7 County Road 12 bridge.  
 38.2 (L) Confluence with Frederick Creek.  
 35.6 (R) Crow Springs County Park. Trailer access and campsites - **permit required**.

35.3 State Highway 25 bridge.  
 34.6 Powerline crossing.  
 31.5 County Road 14 bridge.  
 30.8 Powerline crossing.  
 29.2 Powerline crossings.  
 27.5 Farmington Avenue bridge. River level gauge.  
 25.2 Confluence with South Fork of the Crow River.  
 25.2-23.5 (L) Lake Rebecca Park Reserve. Carry-in access (R), trailer access on Lake Rebecca, fishing pier, rest area, drinking water and trails-**fee**.  
 24.0 Confluence with Sarah Creek.  
 23.7 Railroad bridge.  
 23.4 State Highway 55 bridge. River level gauge.  
 23.3 Bridge Street bridge.  
 22.8 (L) City of Rockford trailer access.  
 21.5 Powerline crossing.  
 19.7 (L) Pleasantview Park. Day-use only. Powerline crossing.  
 17.0 County Road 19 Bridge.  
 16.8 Mill Pond Trail/Hanover Bridge.

15.8-8.9 (R) Crow-Hassan Regional Park. Carry-in access at 9.5. Rest area, drinking water, restrooms and trails in the park- **fee**.  
 15.4 (L) Riverside County Park. Carry-in access, campsite, drinking water.  
 15.3 Powerline crossings.  
 9.6 County Road 116/Territorial Road bridge.  
 7.4 Powerline crossing.  
 7.0 Railroad bridge.  
 6.8 Interstate 94 bridge.  
 6.0 Powerline crossing.  
 4.3 Highway 101 bridge.  
 0.1 (R) Mississippi/Crow trailer access.  
 0.0 Confluence with Mississippi River.

END OF MAP SERIES - CONTINUE TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER MAP, SEGMENT 9

# NORTH FORK CROW STATE WATER TRAIL



## MAP 2 - HOWARD LAKE TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



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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 section is difficult to paddle due to narrow, winding passages and frequent obstacles, while this lower section is wider and more enjoyable.

The lower section of the river meanders past forest, prairie and agricultural landscapes. The 40-mile stretch from upstream of Rockford to the Mississippi River is the most popular destination for day trips. Along this section, the river becomes broad and deep as the South Fork Crow Wing River joins it near Rockford.

Hazards include a dam, as well as underwater branches and overhanging trees that can tip canoes and kayaks.



Find family-friendly paddling routes downstream of Rockford.

### CONTACTS

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### 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.

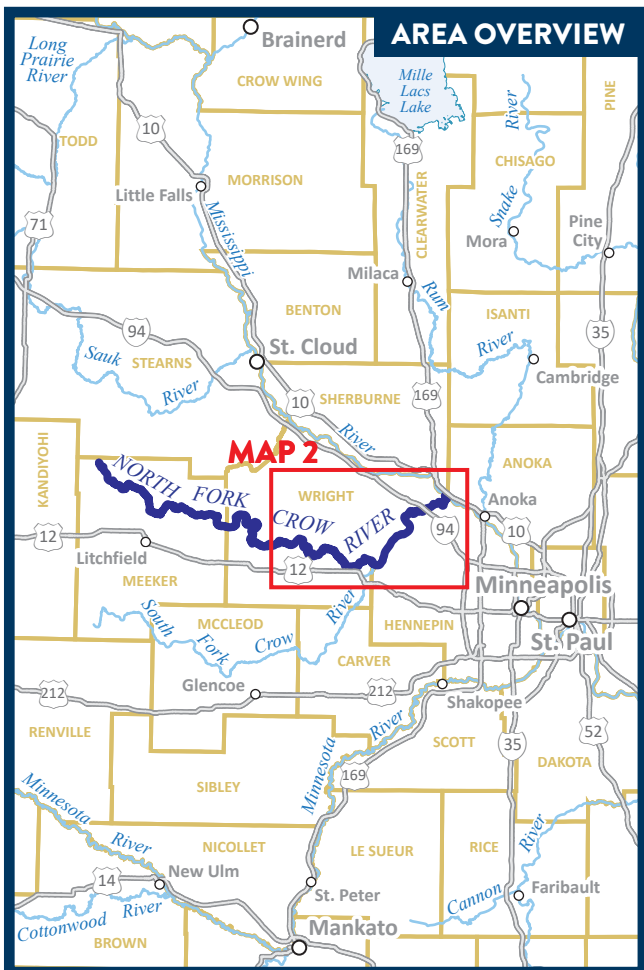
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### RECOMMENDED DAY TRIPS

#### Riverside to Mississippi/Crow

- Put-in location: Riverside County Park Carry-in River mile **15.4**
- Take-out location: Mississippi/Crow Trailer Access River mile **0.1**
- Length: **15.3** river miles

Paddle past partially wooded shoreline with fields, houses and prairie beyond. Your destination will be the confluence with the Mississippi River. Watch for great-blue herons, white-tailed deer and bald eagles along the way. This route takes the average paddler 6-8 hours.

### EXPLORE ON SHORE

#### County and Regional Parks

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

### 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

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