

ROUTE DESCRIPTION - River miles 426 to 337 (89 miles)

Except during floods, the Red River of the North is slow-moving and picturesque with its tree-covered banks and frequent wildlife sightings. It is serene and quiet even as the Red passes through small cities. Reminders of the past are found in the muddy banks where bison bones occasionally are exposed. These muddy banks may make access difficult.

There are no rapids except at some of the dams. Low flows expose rocks and snags creating hazards for motors and occasionally block the channel.

Note: River miles are counted beginning at the mouth of the Red River at Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba, and ending at Breckenridge, MN, according to a system developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Right (R) and left (L) refer to right and left bank, respectively, when facing downstream.

423.5 (R) Confluence with Buffalo River.

422.2 County 34/36 bridge. Carry-in access (L), parking, interpretive kiosk.

409.9 County Road 26/39 bridge.

393.6 (L) Confluence with the Elm River.

392.8 County Roads 1/25 bridge.

392.7 (R) County Road 25 Trailer Access. North of bridge. Parking, shore fishing.

392.5 (R) Hendrum Watercraft Campsite. 0.3 miles past the trailer access. Access by road and from the Red River. No facilities. For more information call Hendrum City Hall at 218-861-6210.

390.0 Powerline crossing.

387.0 (R) Confluence with the Wild Rice River.

Upstream on the Wild Rice River:

2.2 miles Rask Carry-in Access.

3.5 miles Wild Rice Carry-in Access.

7.5 miles Hendrum Community Park. Electric and tent sites, shelter, picnic tables, playground, water and restrooms. If water levels are sufficient, it can be accessed from the Red River. For more information call Hendrum City Hall at 218-861-6210.

382.2 Powerline crossing.

382.0 Highway 200 bridge.

381.5 (R) Halstad Trailer Access. Located north of the Highway 200 bridge. Parking, shore fishing. Call 218-456-2148 for current conditions.

364.8 County Road 13/3 bridge.

363.8 (L) Confluence with the Goose River.

362.9 (R) Confluence with the Marsh River.

353.1 County Road 17/1 bridge.

341.4 (R) Confluence with the Sand Hill River.

340.6 County Road 21/7 bridge.

338.3 (L) Belmont Park/Frog Point County Park. East of Buxton, ND off County Road 2 and west of Climax, MN. Trailer access, parking, camping, toilets, fire rings, electricity, water, dock, shore fishing and historic site.

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RED RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 3 - GEORGETOWN TO BELMONT PARK



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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

The Red River is a slow moving, easy to navigate river. This section offers meandering twists and turns that pass wooded shorelines with agricultural land just beyond.

The Red River formed thousands of years ago as Glacial Lake Agassiz drained. Today, the river's tree-lined banks and flowing water are a novelty in the landscape that surrounds it. Travel just ten miles away and the wildlife and plant species that are abundant in the Red River environment are rarely seen. The river's waters are home to channel catfish and other diverse fish species, offering many angling opportunities.

Hazards include widely fluctuating water levels. Flooding may occur during spring, summer and fall. Be sure to check water levels before your trip. Low water conditions may not be suitable for boating. Snags are common. Leave motors unlocked. Be aware that this river touches two states and each may have different regulations.



Photo credit: River Keepers

Paddle past long stretches of wooded shoreline.

CONTACTS

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Grand Forks, ND 58201
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Hillsboro, ND 58045
701-636-3219

SANFORD BROADWAY URGENT CARE
720 4th St., N.
Fargo, ND 58102
701-234-6640

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

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.
- River levels can affect your speed and trip safety. Most people paddle 2-3 river miles per hour. 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.
- Swimming in the river is not recommended.
- 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. Many areas do not allow you to gather dead wood for a fire.

RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Hwy 25 to Halstad

- Put-in location: County Road 25 Trailer Access
River mile **392.7**
- Take-out location: Halstad Trailer Access
River mile **381.5**
- Length: **11.2** river miles

Follow the river's slow twists and turns around wooded shoreline with farms and fields beyond. You'll pass the Wild Rice River about halfway through your trip. Most paddlers take about 6 hours to complete this route.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Wild Rice River

River mile **387**

If water levels allow, start your paddle on the Wild Rice River and end it on the Red River. Two put-in options exist at carry-in access points along the first few miles of the Wild Rice River. You'll get to experience a bit of variety with shallower waters and a narrower river channel than the Red River.

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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