

ROUTE DESCRIPTION - River miles 213 to 156 (57 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.

209.2 (L) Hastings Landing. Trailer access, parking, shore fishing. Short walk to downtown Drayton. 0.5 miles from Hastings Landing - Schumacher Park. Electric and water hookups, dump station, water, restrooms, showers, shelters, picnic tables, tennis court, swimming pool, basketball court, golf course, playground, baseball diamonds. Visit draytonnd.com for more information.

207.5 Highway 66/11 bridge. River level gauge.

207.3 Powerline crossing.

204.2 Drayton Dam. CAUTION: This dam is extremely dangerous with undertows that have caused several deaths. The dam is not marked. There is no identified portage but the ND side (left) has the best elevation for portaging. Downstream of the dam is a popular fishing location. No fishing is allowed within 150 feet of the dam.

204.1 (L) Drayton Dam Access. Trailer access, parking, restroom, shore fishing, primitive camping. For more information and current conditions call 701-454-3590.

192.1 (R) Confluence with an unnamed creek.

188.2 Powerline crossing.

187.9 (L) Confluence with an unnamed creek.

180.2 (R) Golden Grain Access and Highway 5/175 bridge. Trailer access, parking, shore fishing. 2 campgrounds with various facilities are located 9 miles east in Hallock. See hallockmn.org.

175.4 (R) Confluence of Two Rivers.

171.2 (R) Hilltop Trailer Access.

158.1 (L) Pembina Gorge State Recreation Area. Kayaking, fishing, mountain biking and hiking. Visit parkrec.nd.gov/pembina-gorge-state-recreation-area for more information.

158.0 (L) Fort Daer Campground (L). Trailer access, dock, 12 campsites with electricity and water plus additional tent pad sites. Restrooms with showers, picnic tables, shelters, fire rings, fish cleaning station, and playground. A short walk takes you to North America's second oldest Icelandic Church. See cityofpembina.org.

157.9 (L) Confluence with Pembina River

157.5 Highway 59/171 bridge.

155.0 International Border between the United States and Canada. Before crossing the border contact the US Customs and Border Protection cbp.gov and Pembina, ND office at 701-825-6551 and Canada Services Border Agency atcbsa-asfc.gc.ca and 204-983-3500. Be aware of current regulations concerning, but not limited to, boat/canoe registration and licensing, safety equipment required, firearms, prohibited foods, identification required, and passport/visa requirements before attempting to cross and recross the border. Usually an appointment is required to meet border crossing staff at the river.

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RED RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

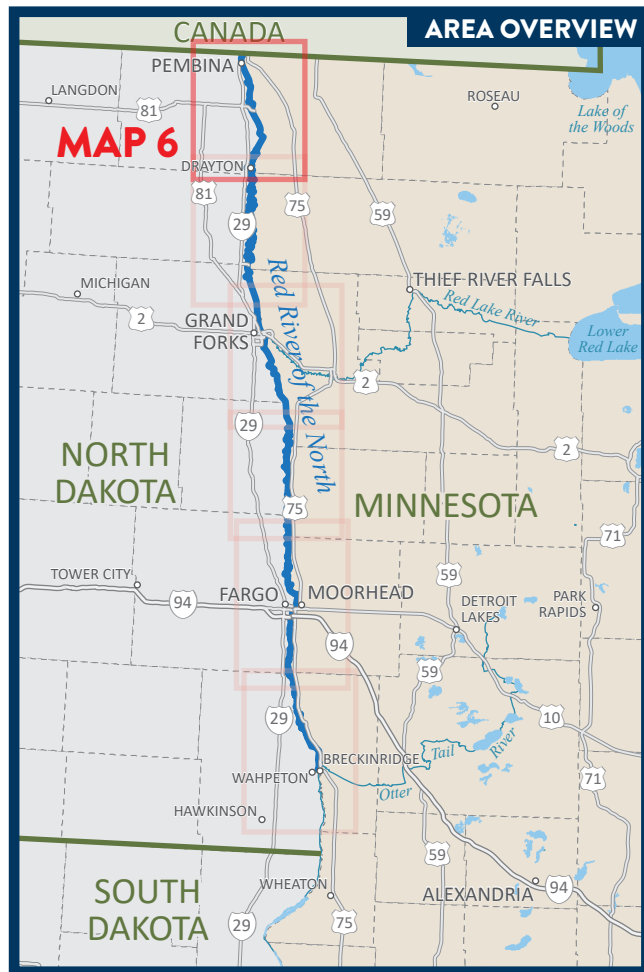


MAP 6 - DRAYTON TO CANADIAN BORDER



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Cover Photo: River Keepers



ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

The Red River is a slow moving, easy to navigate river. This section offers partially wooded shorelines with agricultural land just beyond. 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 a dam and 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 also crosses into Canada. Regulations vary from state to state and country to country, be sure to check them before your trip.



Follow the river's path northward past Pembina.

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

Golden Grain to Hilltop

- Put-in location: Golden Grain Trailer Access
River mile **180.2**
- Take-out location: Hilltop Trailer Access
River mile **171.2**
- Length: **9** river miles

Meander along the river's slow-moving twists and turns. Watch for wildlife or cast a line along the way. Farmland surrounds this area, but you'll see willow, cottonwood and box elder trees bordering much of the river.

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Camping

Several parks offer camping and picnicking options not far from the North Dakota shoreline. Pull over to take a break or make plans at a local campground for a multi-day trip. See the map for locations and details.

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

CONTACTS

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IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

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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