

Route Description - RM 154.5 to 112

R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream

- 154.5** Rum River leaves Mille Lacs at Vineland Bay. **Rock weir.** Mille Lacs Kathio State Park. State Highway 169 bridge.
- 153.0 (L)** **Ogechie Campground.** Mille Lacs Kathio State Park. (fee)
- 151.9** **Buckmoore Dam.** Portage right, 30 yards.
- 151.0 (L)** **Petaga Campground.** Mille Lacs Kathio State Park Campground. (fee)
- 150.5 (L)** **Group Camp/Watercraft Camp.** (fee)
- 149.9** County Road 26 bridge.
- 149.3 (L)** **Shakopee trailer access.** Vehicle permit required.
- 146.5** **Rock weir.** Use caution.
- 143.0** **Highway 27 bridge.** City of Onamia. **Rock weir.** Use caution, portage right - 30 yards. Trailer access on river right below the dam.
- 143-142** **CAUTION: Paddling in this section is not recommended.** Log jams tend to pile up in this area, causing hazardous conditions.
- 142.5** County Road 25 bridge.
- 142.2** **Onamia Railroad Trestle.** Submerged pilings; hazardous currents; use caution.
- 141.7** US Highway 169 bridge.
- 141.6 (R)** Confluence with Black Brook.
- 141.2** County Road 22 bridge. Powerline crossing.
- 140.5** US Highway 169 bridge.
- 138.6** County Road 103/330th St. bridge.
- 137.6** US Highway 169 bridge.
- 137.4 (L)** 320th Street Landing. Carry-in access.
- 136.5** **Bradbury Rapids.** Class I-II, no portage.
- 136.5 (R)** Confluence with Bradbury Brook.
- 135.6** Powerline crossing.
- 133.2** Powerline crossing.
- 132.3** 290th St. bridge.
- 131.0** County Road 20 bridge.
- 130.8 (R)** Confluence with Burnt Lane Brook.
- 128.8** US Highway 169 bridge.
- 128.7 (L)** **Wayside Landing.** Carry-in access and drinking water.
- 128.6 (R)** **Long Day watercraft campsite.** Rum River State Forest.
- 127.1** County Road 19 bridge.
- 123.2** County Road 16 bridge.
- 122.1** **Old Whitney Log Dam site.** Use caution. Confluence with Whitney Brook, river left. Confluence with Tibbet's Brook, river right.
- 121.4 (R)** Wig rest area.
- 119.1** County Road 11 bridge.
- 117.6 (L)** Confluence with Mike Drew Brook.
- 117.5** Powerline crossing.
- 114.6** County Road 9 bridge.
- 113.5 (L)** Confluence with O'Neill Brook.
- 113.4 (R)** Confluence with Chase Brook.
- 112.5 (R)** **Milaca City Park.** Carry-in access, rest area and drinking water.

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RUM RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 1 - MILLE LACS LAKE TO MILACA



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

The Rum River is a designated Wild and Scenic River with state legislation that preserves and protects its outstanding scenic, recreational, natural, historic and scientific values. This segment is narrow, rocky, shallow and clear. Paddlers may need to wade at times. The Rum River Weir, between Shakopee and Onamia lakes, allows for water drawdown in Onamia without affecting Shakopee. This helps with wild rice crops.

The Rum River begins its journey at Mille Lacs Lake and continues 154 miles to its confluence with the Mississippi River. Along the way, it meanders through a thick canopy of maple, oak and ash trees. Be sure to watch for white-tail deer, beavers, songbirds and bald eagles. The river is also a favorite among anglers seeking smallmouth bass, northern pike and walleye.

Hazards include turbulent water, pilings, rock weirs and dams. Be sure you know where portages are located.



Expect shallow, rocky areas throughout this section.

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.



RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Wayside Landing to Milaca

- Put-in location: Wayside Landing Carry-in
River mile **128.7**
- Take-out location: Milaca City Park
River mile **112.5**
- Length: **16.2** river miles

Plan for a full day of paddling as you follow the river's twists and turns past wooded shoreline, farm fields and islands. Portions of this route are shallow and rocky. Use caution when approaching the Old Whitney Log Dam site about halfway through your trip.

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

River mile **153**

Take a break from paddling with a visit to the state park. Stop at the river access and explore some of the park's 35 miles of wooded hiking trails. Hike ¾-mile to one of the designated river overlooks, each has a seating area to relax at while looking for varied wildlife.

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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

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More Information

mndnr.gov/watertrails

- River level reporting
- River conditions reporting
- Interactive water trail map
- Recommended routes
- River rapids definitions
- Virtual tours

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