

# RUM RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

## MAP 2 - Milaca to Isanti • RM 113 to 34

*R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream*

- 112.5 (L) **Milaca City Park.** Carry-in access, rest area and drinking water.
- 112.0 **Highway 23 bridge.**
- 111.2 (L) **Riverview Park.** Carry in access and rest area. County Road 36/Central Ave. bridge.
- 110.3 **Powerline crossing.**
- 110.2 **Highway 169 bridge.**
- 108.0 (R) **Meadow Gem.** Watercraft campsites (2); Native Prairie restoration project.
- 105.8 (L) **Confluence with Vondell Brook.**
- 104.9 (L) **County Road 4.** Carry-in access and bridge.
- 101.2 **County Road 12 bridge.**
- 100.6 (L) **Confluence with Bogus Brook.**
- 95.5 **County Road 13 bridge.**
- 95.1 (L) **Bear Bottoms watercraft campsites (2).**
- 95.0 to 85.0 **Caution:** numerous log jams in this area.
- 94.5 (R) **Bolger Wildlife Management Area.**
- 90.0 **Powerline crossing.**
- 88.0 **Highway 95 bridge.** Confluence of West Branch Rum River on river right.
- 87.9 (R) **Princeton City Park.** Trailer access and campground (\$).
- 87.8 **Old Rock Dam.** Use caution.
- 76.6 (R) **Cook watercraft campsites (2).**
- 71.2 (L) **County Road 7 bridge.** Trailer access, confluence with Spencer Brook.
- 64.1 (L) **West Point watercraft campsites (2).** Caution: poison ivy.
- 62.7 **Minnesota Highway 47 Bridge.** Low bridge, use caution at high river levels.
- 56.8 (R) **Walbo Trailer Access.** Highway 95 bridge and powerline crossing.
- 55.1 (R) **Dayton watercraft campsite.**
- 53.0 (L) **Confluence with Stanchfield Creek.**
- 51.6 (R) **Becklin Homestead County Park/W.M.A.** Carry-in access and picnic area.
- 49.6 (R) **Highway 14.** Trailer access and bridge.
- 47.8 (R) **High Meadows watercraft campsite.** Caution: poison ivy.
- 45.0 **Powerline crossing.**
- 44.0 **Powerline crossing.**
- 42.5 (R) **Minnesota Highway 95 bridge.** Cambridge West Park carry-in access on river right. Cambridge East Park carry-in access and rest area on river left.
- 41.0 (R) **Cambridge West Park watercraft campsite.**
- 37.8 (R) **Hidden Prairie rest area.**
- 36.1 (L) **Confluence of Isanti Brook.**
- 35.1 **County Road 5 bridge.**
- 34.7 (L) **Martin's trailer access.**

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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

## 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. Beginning and intermediate canoeists can enjoy moderate flows and few rapids. This segment winds past heavily wooded shorelines with a wilderness feel. It is wider, deeper and slower than other segments of the Rum River.

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 downed trees, snags and dams. Be sure you know where portages are located. A portion of the river near Princeton has frequent log jams, use caution.



A view from one of several watercraft campsites.

## 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.

## MEDICAL



**FAIRVIEW NORTHLAND MEDICAL CENTER**  
911 Northland Dr.  
Princeton, MN 55371  
763-389-1313

**CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL CENTER**  
701 S. Dellwood St.  
Cambridge, MN 55008  
763-689-7700

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911**

## RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

### Walbo to Cambridge West

- Put-in location: Walbo Trailer Access  
River mile **56.8**
- Take-out location: Cambridge West Park  
River mile **41.0**
- Length: **15.8** river miles

Paddle through a wide, winding section of the river. Along the way, you'll pass wooded shores and fields. Shorten the trip by starting or ending at the Hwy 14 carry-in access.

## EXPLORE ON SHORE

### Becklin Homestead Wildlife Management Area/County Park River mile **51.6**

Enjoy a state managed WMA adjacent to a park managed by Isanti County Parks and Recreation. The WMA offers opportunities for wildlife watching and the county park (L) has a public water access, hiking trail and picnic shelter. This area is closed during special hunts, see website for details.

[mndnr.gov/wma](http://mndnr.gov/wma)

## 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

Search for outfitters at [exploreminnesota.com](http://exploreminnesota.com)

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