

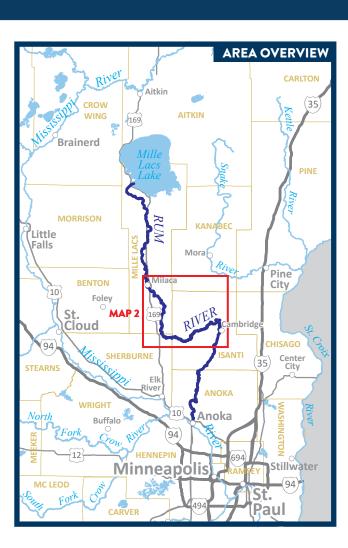
RUM RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 2 - MILACA TO ISANTI



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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. 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.

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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.
- 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-

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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

- 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 mapRecommended routes
- River rapids definitions
- Virtual tours

Search for outfitters at exploreminnesota.com

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