

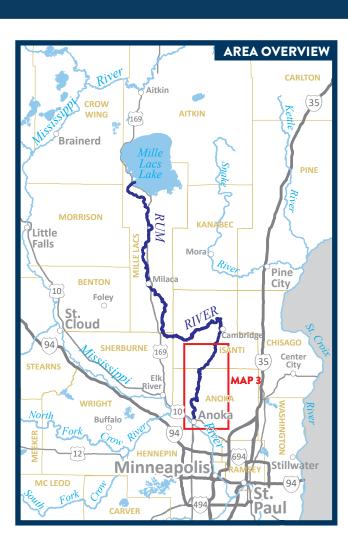
# **RUM RIVER** STATE WATER TRAIL



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MINNESOTA 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 is wider and deeper than northern segments. You'll find the kind of broad, flat water that is good for hard paddling or simply letting the current float you along.

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.



Flat water greets paddlers along much of this route.

# ( CONTACTS

### **DNR CENTRAL REGION HEADQUARTERS**

1200 Warner Rd. St. Paul. MN 55106 651-259-5800

### **DNR INFORMATION CENTER**

500 Lafayette Rd. St. Paul, MN 55155-4040 888-646-6367 info.dnr@state.mn.us

### -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

### **MERCY HOSPITAL**

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4050 Coon Rapids Boulevard Coon Rapids, MN 55433 763-236-6000

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911** 

## RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP—

### **Martin's Landing to North County Park**

- Put-in location: Martin's Landing Trailer Access River mile **34.8**
- Take-out location: Rum River North County Park River mile 23.2
- Length: 11.6 river miles

Follow the river's slow twists and turns past wooded shorelines. This route takes the average paddler 3.5-5 hours to complete.

mndnr.gov/watertrails/recommended

## EXPLORE ON SHORE—

### **County and Regional Parks**

Several county and regional parks along the river provide an opportunity to stop, stretch your legs, and enjoy a picnic.

A few of these parks also offer watercraft campsites, allowing you to plan for a multi-day trip on the river. Check individual county and regional websites for details and fees.

## - 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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