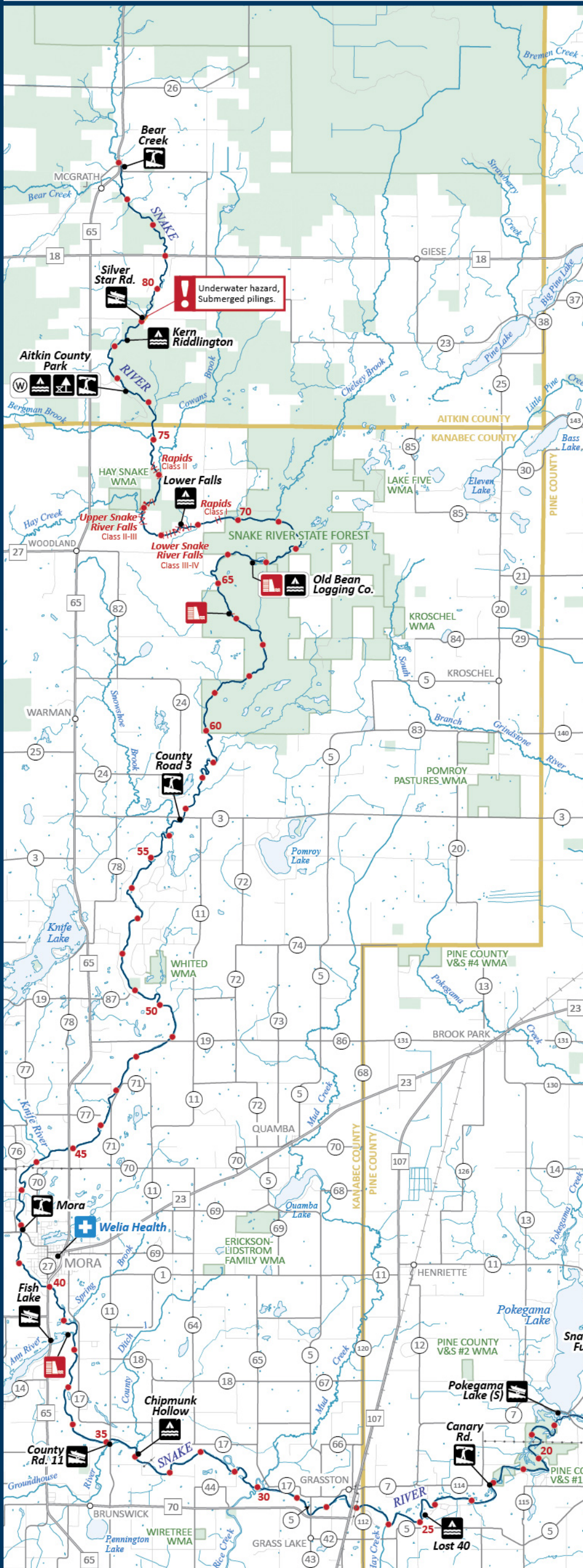


SNAKE RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

Carry-in Access	Campground	State Public Lands	River Miles
Trailer Access	Watercraft Campsite	Other Public Lands	Powerlines
Hospital/Clinic	Dam	WMA = Wildlife Management Area	Hazards
Rest Area	River Level Gauge		Rapids
Fishing Pier			
Restroom			
Drinking Water			

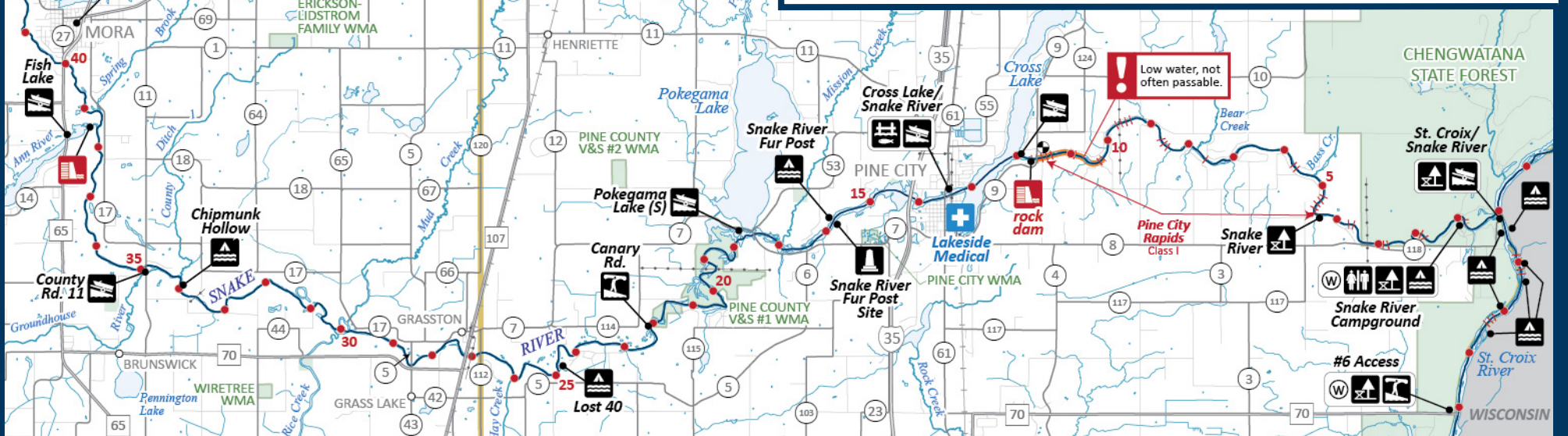
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R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream

- 83.9 Highway 65 bridge. River level gauge. Soo Line ATV Trail bridge.
- 83.8 (L) Bear Creek Landing carry-in access.
- 81.0 Highway 18 bridge. River level gauge.
- 79.1 (R) Silver Star Road trailer access. **Caution:** Submerged pilings.
- 78.3 (L) Kern Riddington Campsite.
- 76.6 (R) Aitkin County Park. Trailer access, rest area and campground (**fee**).
- 75.2 (R) Confluence with Bergmann Brook.
- 74.1-73.7 Class II rapids.
- 73.8 (L) Confluence with Cowen Brook.
- 73.3-72.6 Upper Snake River Falls. Portage left 300 yards. Class II-III.
- 72.4-71.5 Lower Snake River Falls. Portage left, 900 yards. Class III-IV.
- 71.5-71.2 Class I-II rapids.
- 71.5 Lower Falls Watercraft Campsite.
- 70.8 (R) Ford Township Road/Highway 23 bridge. River level gauge.
- 69.1 (L) Confluence with Chesley Brook.
- 66.6 (L) Old Wooden Dam. Old Bean Logging Co. watercraft campsite.
- 64.2 Rock Dam. Class I-II. Use caution.
- 56.8 (R) County Road 3 Bridge. Carry-in access. River level gauge on bridge, center piling, downstream side.
- 48.8 County Road 19 bridge.
- 44.9 Highway 65 bridge.
- 44.3 (R) Confluence with Knife River.
- 41.9 County Road 6 bridge. River level gauge on bridge.
- 41.9 (L) Mora Municipal trailer access/carry-in access.
- 40.5 Railroad bridge.
- 40.0 Highway 65 bridge.
- 38.3 (R) Confluence with Ann River.
- 34.9 County Road 11 bridge.
- 34.8 (R) County Road 11 trailer access. Confluence with Groundhouse River.
- 33.9 (L) Chipmunk Hollow watercraft campsite.
- 33.5 Powerline crossing.
- 29.9 Confluence with Rice Creek on right, confluence with Mud Creek on left.
- 28.4 Highway 70 bridge.
- 27.1 Highway 107 bridge. Town of Grasston.
- 27.0 Powerline crossing.
- 24.7 (R) Lost 40 watercraft campsite.
- 22.1 (L) #1 Canary Road carry-in access.
- 17.4 Pokegama Lake carry-in access. North side of County Road 7 bridge.
- 17.0 (L) Confluence with Mission Creek.
- 16.0 (L) Snake River Fur Post Campsite.
- 15.8 (R) Snake River Fur Post Historical site. Off County Road 7.
- 14.2 Interstate 35 bridge.
- 13.5 (L) Pine City trailer access. Powerline crossing.
- 11.9 (L) Cross Lake trailer access. Located in Pine City.
- 11.8 Rock dam, portage left 200 yards.
- 11.7 County Road 9 bridge/Carry-in access. River gauge on bridge left (north) pier.
- 11.7-10.9 Class I rapids. Low water, not canoeable much of the year.
- 11.7-0.8 Scattered Class I rapids.
- 9.7 Powerline crossing.
- 7.8 (L) Confluence with Bear Creek.
- 5.1 (L) Confluence with Bass Creek.
- 3.2 Powerline crossing.
- 1.0 (R) River's End Campground.
- 0.0 Confluence with St. Croix River. Snake Bit Access on right—0.1 mile downstream of Snake River outlet on the St. Croix River.

END OF ROUTE



SNAKE RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



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ABOUT THE SNAKE RIVER WATER TRAIL

The river gets its name from the Ojibwe word Kanabec, or snake, naming it after their enemies, the Dakota, who lived upriver and who they later displaced.

This river is susceptible to quickly fluctuating levels, based on precipitation. Paddlers should check river levels before heading out. The upper Snake's banks are heavily forested with birch, aspen, oak, maple, ash, elm and some black spruce, tamarack and white pine. Gently rolling hills as well as sharp granite outcrops are all evidence of glacial activity that predominates over the area. Sandstone bluffs are exposed below the Cross Lake stretch.

From Mora to Pine City, the river travels through wooded banks that give way to a wide farming valley below Grasston. Below Cross Lake, forested banks as well as sandstone bluffs make this stretch very scenic.

White-tailed deer, black bear, gray and red fox, beaver and muskrat as well as an occasional otter can be found along the river. Ruffed grouse, numerous waterfowl and songbirds may be sighted as well.



Hardwoods along the river make for a beautiful fall paddle.

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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



WELIA HEALTH
301 Highway 65
Mora, MN 55051
320-679-1212

LAKESIDE MEDICAL CENTER
129 6th Ave. SE
Pine City, MN 55063
320-629-2542

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911



RECOMMENDED DAY TRIPS

Canary Road access to Cross Lake/Pine City

- Put-in location: River mile **22.1**
- Take-out location: River mile **11.9**
- Length: **10.2** river miles

This stretch of river is nice for paddlers of all levels. It varies from farmland to wildlife areas to trees to city.

Silver Star Road to Lower Falls Campsite

- Put-in location: River mile **79.1**
- Take-out location: River mile **71.5**
- Length: **7.6** river miles

For more experienced paddlers, this stretch has some portages, with towering red and white pine, fabulous blueberry picking, rock outcrops and gorgeous scenery along the portage.

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Snake River (Northwest Company) Fur Post

This Minnesota Historical Society site has an historic fur post, Ojibwe camp, trails and visitor center to explore
mnhs.org/furpost

City of Mora

The city of Mora is a short walk away from the Highway 6 Access. The city has a history center, theater, restaurants and shops.
ci.mora.mn.us

Chipmunk Hollow - short trail

For a chance to stretch your legs, check out the short trail just off the Chipmunk Hollow Access.

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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