

ZUMBRO RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

MAP 1: Forks and Branches of the Zumbro River

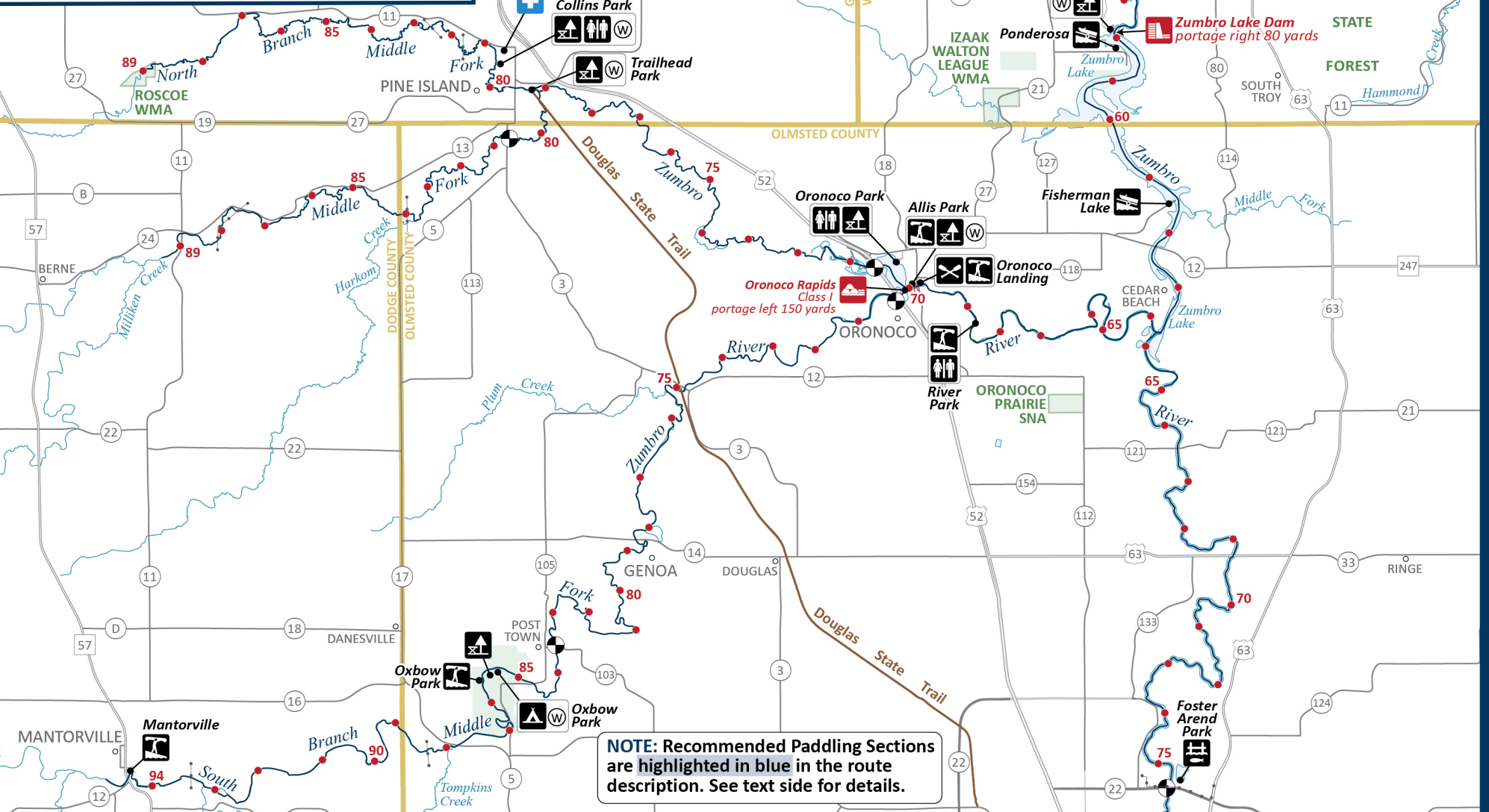
Carry-in Access	Campground	River Miles	
Trailer Access	Drinking Water	State Trails	
Hospital/Clinic	Outfitter	WMA Wildlife Management Area	SNA Scientific and Natural Area
Rest Area	River Level Gauge		
Dam			

Scale 1:135,000
Scale in Miles: 0 1 2 3 4 5

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

NORTH FORK ZUMBRO RIVER

- 72.5 US Highway 52 bridge.
- 72.3 165th Avenue bridge.
- 69.6 (L) Covered Bridge Park. Carry-in access, rest area, camping, toilets and drinking water. City of Zumbrota (R).
- 67.2 **Old bridge supports.** Co. Road 48 bridge downstream.
- 66.2 Co. Road 10 bridge.
- 60.7 City of Mazeppa.
- 60.2 (R) **Mazeppa Rapids, Class I.** Portage right 90 yards.
- 60.1 (R) **Walking Bridge Park.** Carry-in access, rest area and drinking water.
- 60 State Highway 60 bridge.
- 59.9 (R) **Cooper's Park.** Rest area and drinking water.
- 55 Township road bridge. Mazeppa Creek confluence downstream (L). River level gauge.
- 54.8 Co. Road 7 bridge.
- 53.5 Zumbro River confluence.



NOTE: Recommended Paddling Sections are highlighted in blue in the route description. See text side for details.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

River miles 84 to 40 (44 miles)

(R) and (L) are right and left banks of the river when facing downstream.
Red text indicates caution areas.

NORTH BRANCH MIDDLE FORK ZUMBRO RIVER

- 80.5 (L) Collins Park. Rest area, toilets and drinking water. City of Pine Island
- 79.6 Co. Road 62 bridge.
- 79.5 (L) Trailhead Park. Rest area, toilets and drinking water.
- 79.1 Main Street bridge. Douglas State Trail bridge.
- 79 (R) Middle Fork Zumbro River confluence.

MIDDLE FORK ZUMBRO RIVER

- 84.7 Township road bridge.
- 83.7 (R) Harkcom Creek confluence.
- 80.7 Co. Road 3 bridge.
- 79.8 Township road bridge.
- 79.1 City of Pine Island. Douglas State Trail bridge.
- 79 (L) North Branch Middle Fork Zumbro River confluence.
- 73.3 Co. Road 31 bridge.
- 70.4 (L) Oronoco Park. Rest area and toilets.
- 70 **Oronoco Rapids and Constructed Rock Rapids.** High water may produce Class I rapids. River level gauge.
- 69.9 (L) Allis Park and carry-in access. Rest area and drinking water.
- 69.8 (L) Oronoco Landing carry-in access. Co. Road 18 bridge. Outfitter.
- 68.7 (R) River Park. Carry-in access, rest area and toilet.
- 63.8 Zumbro River confluence.

SOUTH BRANCH MIDDLE FORK ZUMBRO RIVER

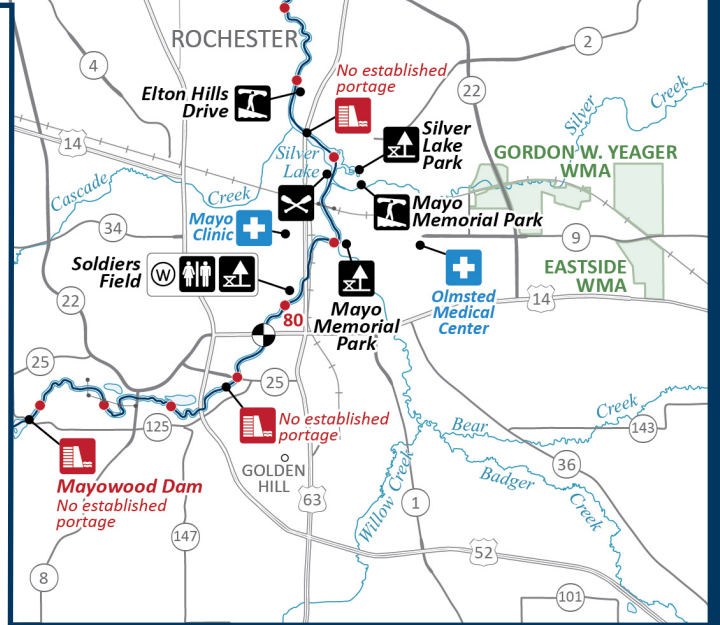
- 94.5 (L) Mantorville Park carry-in access.
- 90.3 Township road bridge.
- 87.9 Co. Road 5 bridge.

SOUTH BRANCH MIDDLE FORK ZUMBRO RIVER cont'd...

- 85.7 (R) Oxbow Park carry-in access.
- 85.3 (R) Oxbow Park. Rest area, campground (fee), toilets and drinking water.
- 84.8 Co. Road 105 bridge.
- 83.6 Co. Road 103 bridge.
- 78.3 Co. Road 14 bridge. Town of Genoa.
- 75.2 (L) Plum Creek confluence.
- 74.9 Douglas State Trail bridge.
- 74.8 Co. Road 3 bridge.
- 70 Middle Fork Zumbro River confluence.

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- 84.8 Co. Road 125 bridge.
- 84.2 **Mayowood Dam.** No established portage.
- 82.4 Co. Road 8 bridge. City of Rochester.
- 81.6 US Highway 52 bridge.
- 81.1 **Dam.** No established portage.
- 81 Co. Road 25 bridge.
- 80.4 US Highway 14 bridge.
- 79.7 (L) Soldiers Field. Rest area, toilets and drinking water.
- 79.6 US Highway 63 bridge.
- 79.3 4th Street SE bridge.
- 79.1 3rd Avenue SE bridge.
- 78.9 (R) Mayo Memorial Park. Rest area. Bear Creek confluence.
- 78.7 Center Street bridge.
- 78.5 Railroad trestle.
- 78.2 (R) Silver Creek confluence.
- 78.1 (R) Silver Lake Park. Rest area, toilets and drinking water.
- 77.6 **Dam.** No established portage. US Highway 63 bridge.
- 77.4 (L) Cascade Creek confluence.
- 77.1 (R) Elton Hills Drive bridge and carry-in access.
- 75.6 (R) Foster Arend Park. Fishing pier.
- 75.5 Co. Road 22 bridge. River level gauge.
- 69.3 US Highway 63 bridge.
- 66.5 Co. Road 121 bridge.
- 63.8 Lake Zumbro.
- 63.7 (L) Middle Fork Zumbro River confluence.



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- 61.5 (L) Fisherman Lake trailer access.
- 58.1 (L) Ponderosa trailer access.
- 57.9 (R) **Zumbro Lake Dam.** Portage 80 yards on right.
- 55.8 (L) Co. Road 7/Green Bridge carry-in access.
- 53.5 (L) North Fork Zumbro River confluence.
- 47 (L) Cold Stream Brook confluence.
- 46.8 Township road bridge. River level gauge.
- 46.6 City of Zumbro Falls.
- 46.1 US Highway 63 bridge and Zumbro Falls carry-in access (L).
- 45.9 (R) Sportsman Park. Carry-in access, drinking water, toilets and campground (fee).

CONTINUE TO MAP 2 - Zumbro River State Water Trail Main Stem of the Zumbro River

ZUMBRO RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 1 - FORKS AND BRANCHES OF THE ZUMBRO RIVER



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

Limestone and sandstone bluffs watch over the Zumbro River as it winds through southeastern Minnesota to the Mississippi. The Zumbro flows through a narrow valley hemmed in by cliffs for much of its path below the Rochester power dam.

Paddlers expecting to drift down the Zumbro may be taken by surprise. The river has a lively current even at moderate levels, so be sure to avoid snags. Other hazards include logs, dams and flash floods.

Be aware of water levels below the Rochester power dam. The river level may rise dramatically and dangerously after rainstorms, when flash floods are likely to occur.



Area parks offer many launching and landing options.

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Rochester, MN 55901
(507) 206-2847

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. State and national forests do allow dispersed camping. Be sure to check regulations before your trip.
- 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.
- Practice Leave No Trace principles when camping.
- Follow the rules for firewood. State forests allow you to gather dead wood for a fire, but state parks do not.

MEDICAL



Mayo Clinic
200 First St. SW
Rochester, MN 55905
(507) 284-2511

Olmsted Medical Clinic
210 Ninth Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904
(507) 288-3443

Olmsted Medical Clinic
111 County Road 11 NW
Pine Island, MN 55963
(507) 356-4929

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Green Bridge to Zumbro Falls

- Put-in location: Green Bridge/Co. Rd. 7 carry-in access River mile **55.8**
- Take-out location: Zumbro Falls carry-in access River mile **46.1**
- Length: **9.7** river miles

Paddle through a deep valley with high hills and rocky bluffs at the edge of the flood plain. The current is lively and races through frequent but easy rapids. Follow the river as it winds past wooded bluffs. Bring your fishing pole, as the fishing can be excellent along this stretch.

RECOMMENDED PADDLING SECTIONS

NOTE: River conditions can change at any time. Be sure to check water levels before heading out.

Recommended paddling sections are highlighted in blue in the route description.

At typical water levels, these **Recommended Paddling Sections** offer:

- Enjoyable experience for all ages and abilities
- Fewer obstacles and woody obstructions
- Well-marked and maintained portages and public access facilities
- Variety of options for trip length and duration

mndnr.gov/recommended-paddling

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

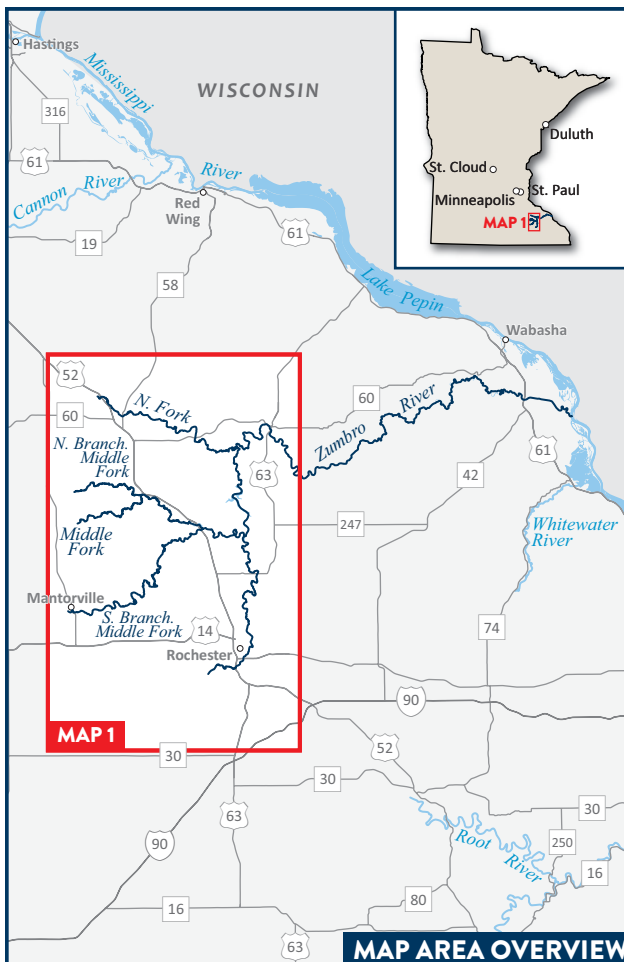
More Information

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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MAP AREA OVERVIEW