

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

River miles 57 to 0 (57 miles)

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

*Continue on Map 1: Zumbro River State Water Trail
Forks and Branches of the Zumbro River*

NORTH FORK ZUMBRO RIVER

- 60.7 City of Mazeppa.
- 60.2 **Mazeppa Rapids:** Class I. Portage right 90 yards.
- 60 State Highway 60 bridge.
- 59.9 (R) Cooper's Park: Drinking water.
- 55 Township road bridge. Confluence with Mazeppa Creek downstream (L).
- 54.8 Co. Road 7 bridge.
- 53.5 Zumbro River confluence.

ZUMBRO RIVER

- 55.8 (L) Green Bridge: carry-in access.
- 53.5 (L) North Fork Zumbro River confluence.
- 48.2 (L) Private campground.
- 47 (L) Cold Spring Brook confluence.
- 46.8 Township road bridge.
- 46.6 City of Zumbro Falls.
- 46.2 US Highway 63 bridge.
- 46.1 (L) Carry-in access.
- 45.9 (R) Sportsman Park: Private campground (fee charged), carry-in access, drinking water and toilets.
- 39.1 (R) Town of Hammond.
- 39.1 (L) Village Park: Water access, drinking water and toilets.
- 39 Co. Road 11 bridge.
- 39 **Hammond Rapids:** Class I. No portage.
- 36.5 (R) Silver Spring Creek confluence. Campsite with toilets.
- 33.9 Powerline crossing.

ZUMBRO RIVER continued...

- 33.7 Co. Road 2 bridge.
- 29.3 (R) Long Creek confluence.
- 28.7 (R) Middle Creek confluence.
- 26.2 (L) Spring Creek confluence.
- 26 (L) Campsite with picnic table and toilet.
- 23.3 (L) City of Theilman.
- 23 (L) Theilman: Carry-in access.
- 22.8 Co. Road 4 bridge.
- 22.7 (R) West Indian Creek confluence.
- 16.8 (R) Carry-in access. Funk Ford Trail Bridge.
- 16.1 (R) Campsite with picnic table and toilet.
- 14.9 (R) Campsite with picnic table and toilet.
- 13.9 (L) Trout Brook confluence.
- 12.2 (L) Kruger Management Unit: Carry-in access. Across road is campground (fee charged), picnic tables, shelters, toilets and drinking water.
- 5.5 US Highway 61 bridge.
- 5.4 (R) City of Kellogg.
- 5.1 Railroad trestle.
- 5 (L) Carry-in access.
- 0 Mississippi River confluence.

WHITewater RIVER

- 17 (R) City of Elba.
- 16.4 Co. Highway 26 bridge. Carry-in access downstream of the bridge (R).
- 16 (R) South Fork of the Whitewater River confluence.
- 10.2 (L) Carry-in access.
- 10.2 (L) **Caution:** rock weirs and rapids downstream of the bridge.
- 6.4 Rock weir - 2 foot plus drop.
- 4.2 Rock weir - 2 foot plus drop.
- 1.2 Power line crossing.
- 0.5 Snowmobile bridge. Carry-in access (R).
- 0.5 US Highway 61 bridge. Railroad trestle.
- 0 Mississippi River confluence.

ZUMBRO AND WHITEWATER RIVER STATE WATER TRAILS

MAP 2 - MAIN STEM OF THE ZUMBRO RIVER



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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

Limestone and sandstone bluffs overlook the Zumbro and Whitewater rivers as they wind through southeastern Minnesota to the Mississippi River. The Zumbro flows through a valley hemmed in by cliffs for much of its path. From Theilman to the river's mouth, the valley widens with farmland beyond the banks.

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 that there are no campsites or rest areas in the ecologically sensitive Whitewater Wildlife Management Area of the Whitewater River.



Paddle beneath the hills and cliffs of the Zumbro River.

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.
- Follow the rules for firewood. State forests allow you to gather dead wood for a fire, but state parks do not.



RECOMMENDED DAY TRIP

Zumbro Falls to Hammond

- Put-in location: River mile **46**
- Take-out location: River mile **39**
- Length: **7** river miles

Expect a lively current with easy riffles. The highway follows the river here. As you travel downriver, the valley grows deeper with limestone cliffs and tall hilltops. Bring your fishing gear for some excellent fishing.

mndnr.gov/watertrails/recommended

EXPLORE ON SHORE

Kruger Forest Management Area

Location: River mile **12**

Hike on multi-use trails, camp (fee required) or enjoy picnic tables not far from the water in this unit of the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

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Zumbro Bottoms Management Unit (North)

Location: River mile **15**

You'll find multi-use trails and several canoe-in campsites (fee required) in this unit of the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest.

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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

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More Information

mndnr.gov/watertrails

- River level reporting
- River conditions reporting
- Interactive water trail map
- Recommended routes
- River rapids definitions
- Virtual tours

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