







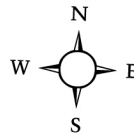
MINNESOTA RIVER STATE TRAIL

TRAILS

-  Minnesota River State Trail
-  Miles Along the Trail from Nearest City

FACILITIES

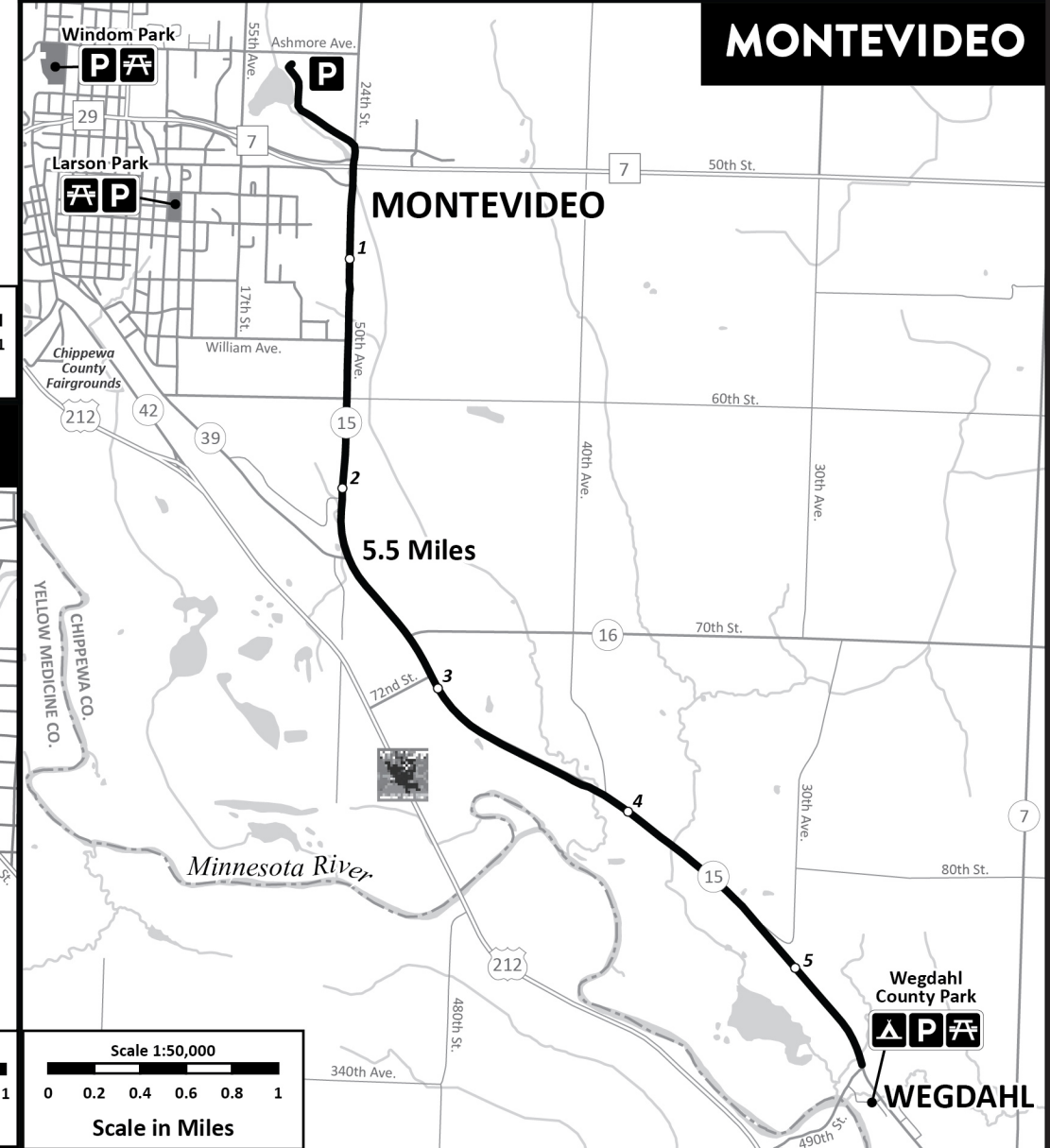
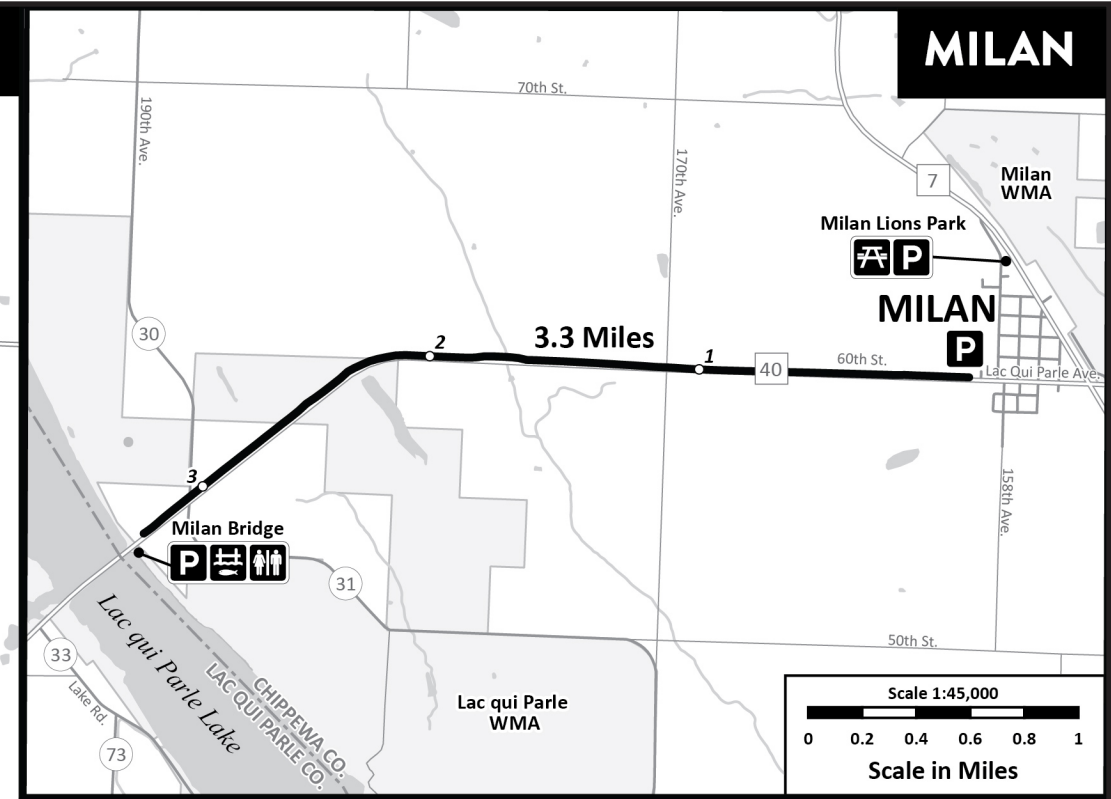
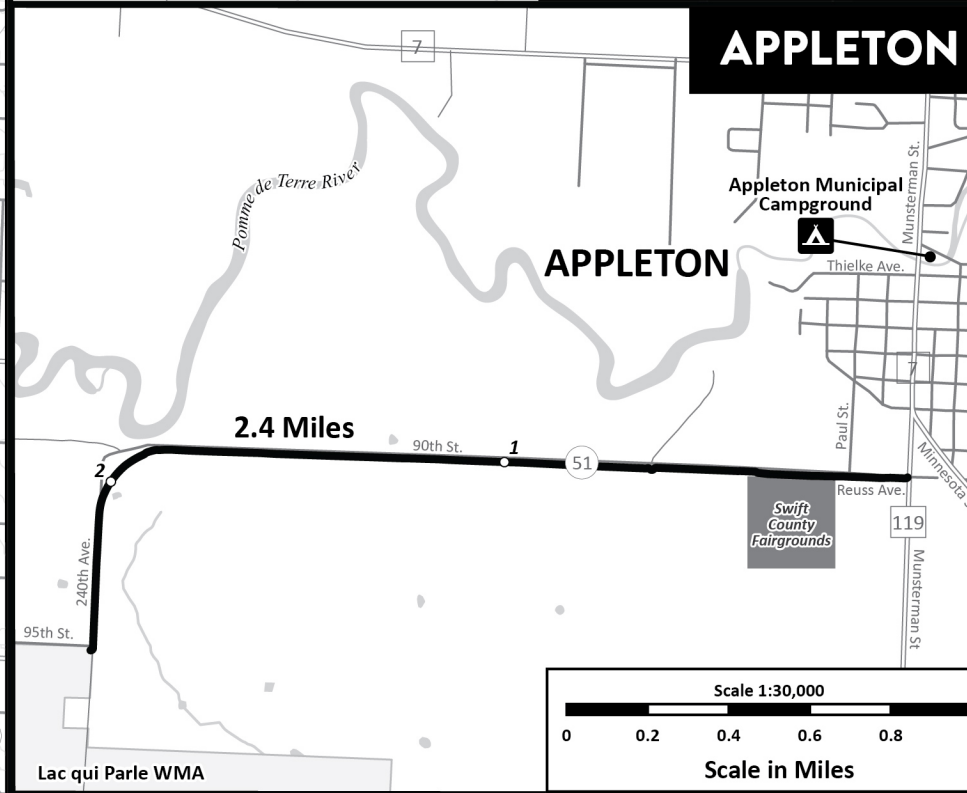
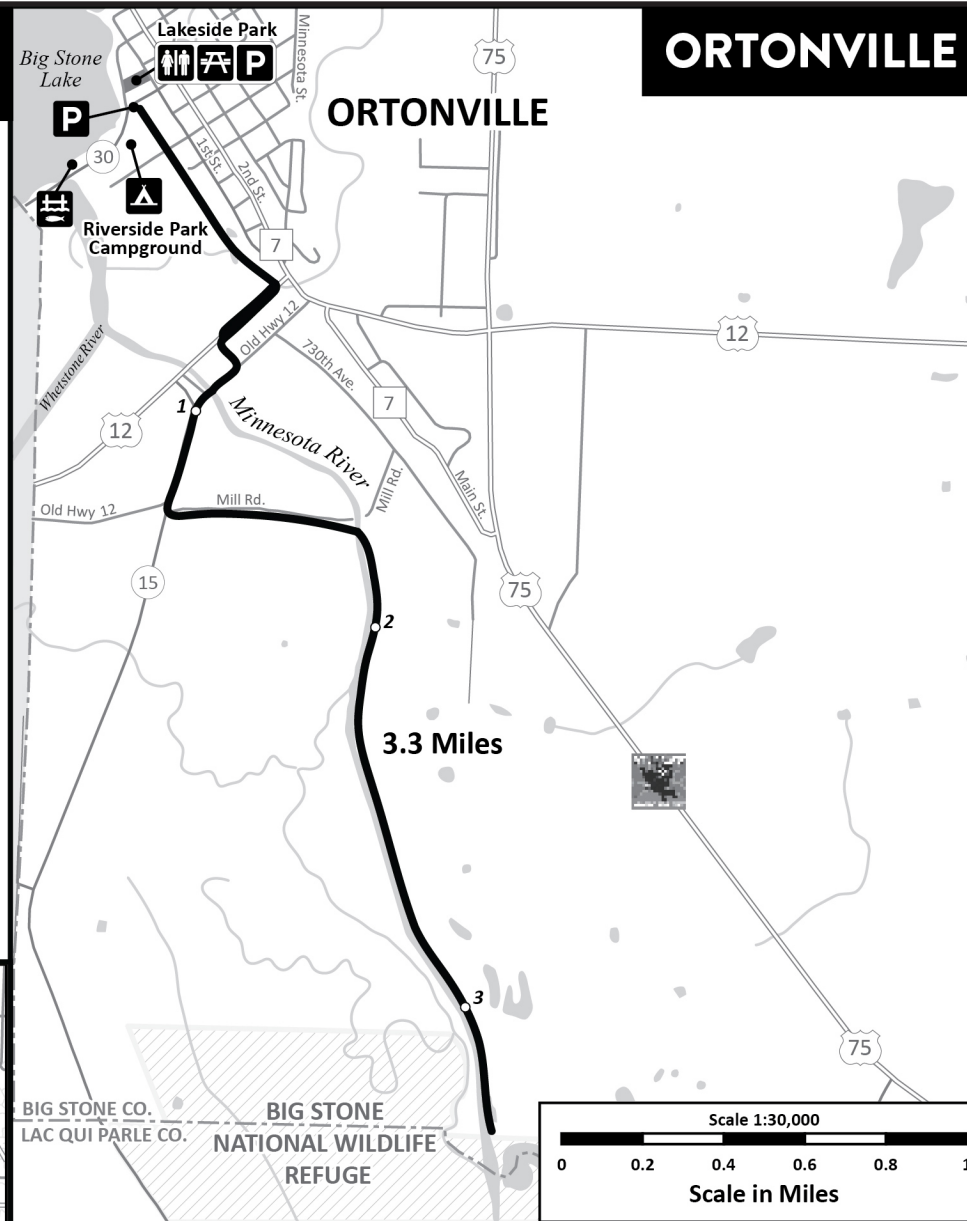
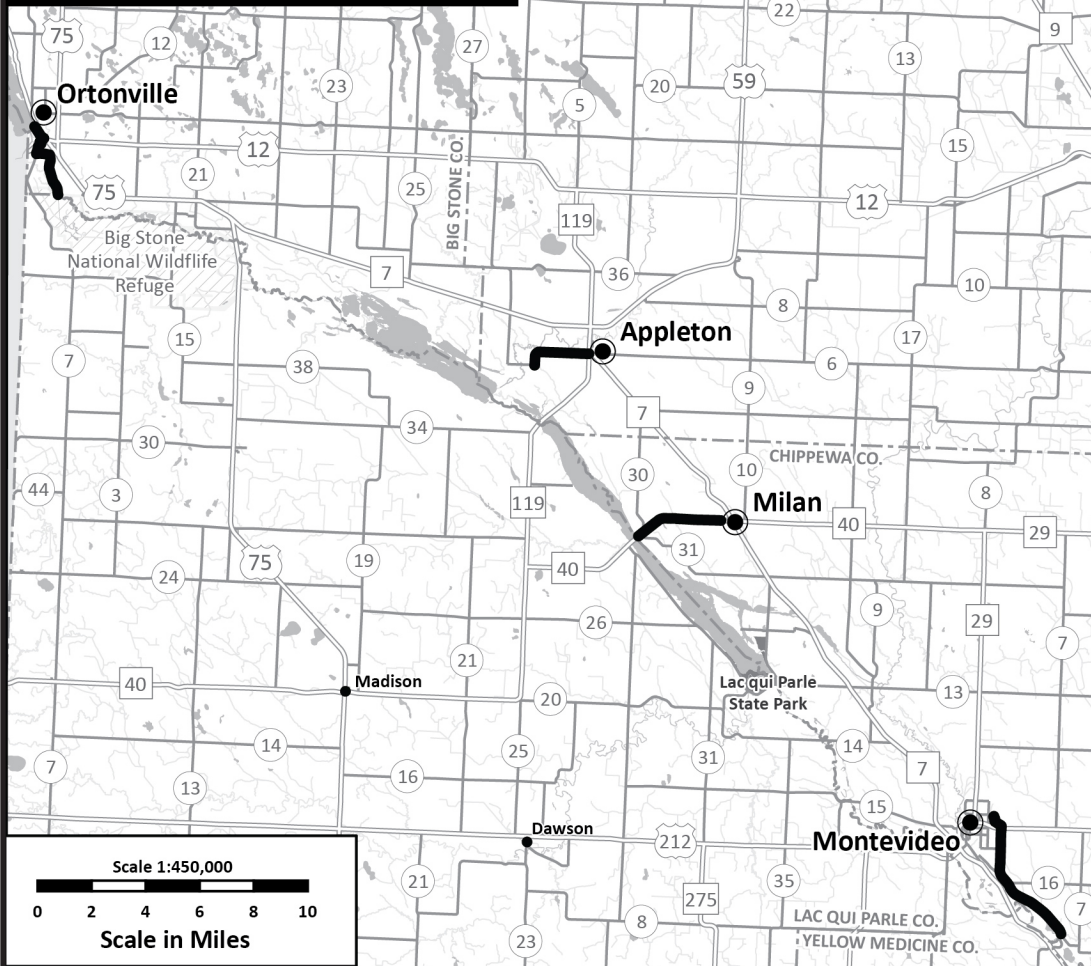
-  Parking
-  Picnic Area
-  Toilets
-  Campground
-  Fishing Pier
-  Wildlife Management Area
-  Public Recreation Area



Highway 75 and 212 are part of Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway system.

For more information on Minnesota's Scenic Byways, visit: byways.org/browse/states/MN

TRAIL OVERVIEW



MINNESOTA RIVER STATE TRAIL

BIG STONE, CHIPPEWA, AND SWIFT COUNTIES



MORE INFORMATION

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SHARE THE TRAIL

- Stay on designated trail.
- Keep right so others can pass.
- Keep pets on leash and pick up waste.
- Obey traffic signs and rules.
- Pack out all garbage and litter.
- Respect adjoining landowner's rights and privacy.
- Verbally warn other trail users if passing from behind.
- Maintain safe speeds and control.
- Overnight camping and campfires are permitted only on designated campsites. Do not leave them unattended.
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants and animals, but leave them undisturbed for all to enjoy.
- Trail users are legally responsible for obeying the rules and regulations provided in Minnesota Rules, 6100.3000.

ABOUT THE TRAIL

Four segments of the Minnesota River State Trail have been completed, which bring the total length to more than 14 miles. The trail connects users from the communities of Ortonville, Appleton, Milan, and Montevideo to the Minnesota River valley.

The Minnesota River winds its way southeast for 320 miles from Big Stone Lake on the Minnesota–South Dakota Border to merge with the Mississippi River in St. Paul at Fort Snelling. Water from a 17,000 square-mile watershed drains to the Minnesota River and includes land from three different states.

The Minnesota River Valley is home to a landscape that includes prairies, grasslands, farmland, wooded areas, wetlands, scenic overlooks and small bluffs. The diverse landscape was created by retreating glaciers over 10,000 years ago.

Migratory birds frequent the region during spring and fall. Birdwatchers can look out for waterfowl like mallards, blue-winged teal and Canada geese. Other common bird species are eastern bluebird, western meadowlark, red-tailed hawks, bald eagle, wild turkey, ring-necked pheasant and owl.

White-tailed deer, red and gray foxes, other small mammals, amphibians and turtles frequent the trail area.

Ortonville - 3.3 miles

A 3-mile paved section connects the City of Ortonville to Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge. For more information about Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge visit <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/big-stone>.

Appleton - 2.4 miles

A 2.4-mile paved section starts in the City of Appleton and extends west to the Minnesota River ending at Lac

qui Parle Wildlife Management Area.

Milan - 3.3 miles

A 3-mile paved section connects the City of Milan to the Milan bridge area and Lac qui Parle Lake.

Montevideo - 5.5 miles

A 5.5-mile paved section, development from an abandoned railroad grade, that connects the city of Montevideo to Wegdahl County park.

PARKING AVAILABLE

DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE

Ortonville

- At the trailhead on County Road 30
- At Lakeside Park on Lakeside Park Lane

Appleton

- City streets

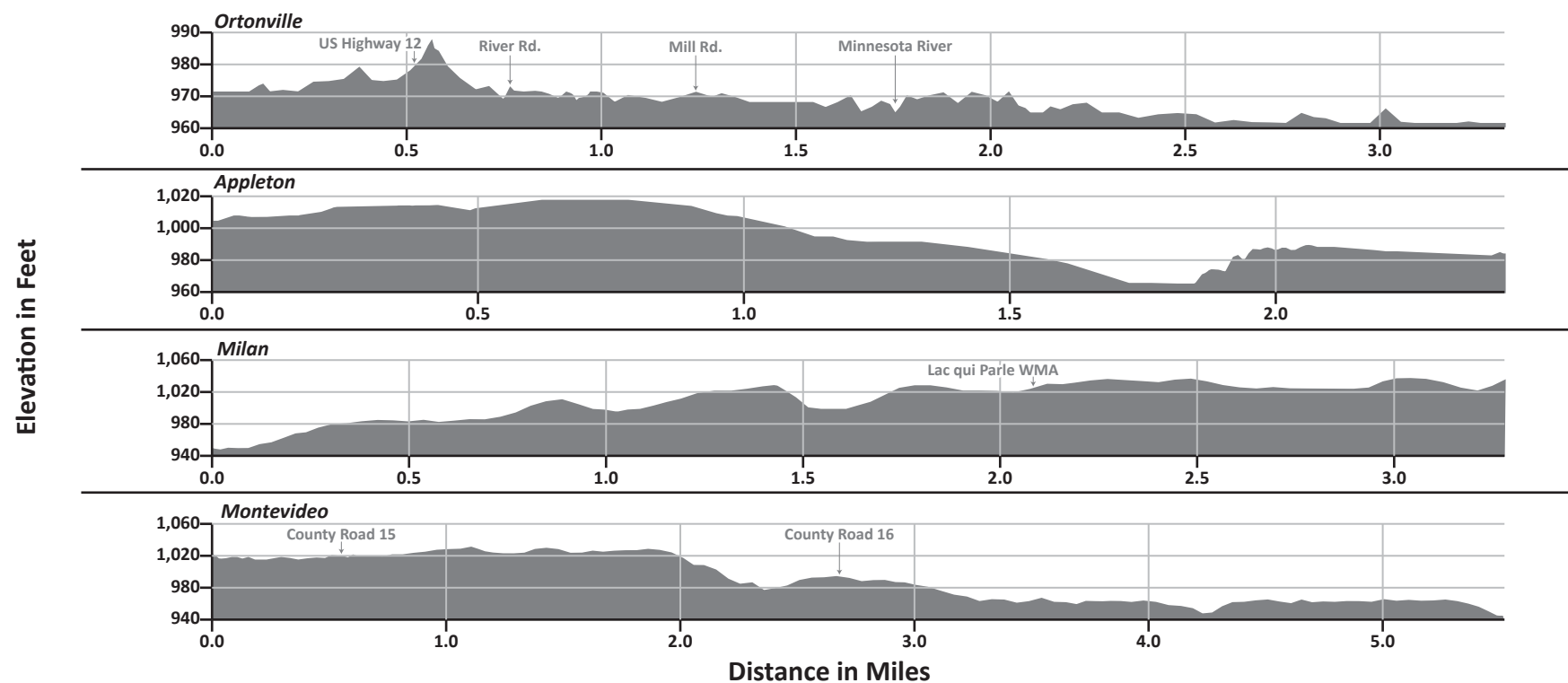
Milan

- At trailhead on Lac qui Parle Ave/MN Highway 40.
- MN Highway 7 at Lions Park
- At fishing pier at Milan bridge

Montevideo

- At trailhead parking lot on Ashmore Ave.
- Larson Park parking lot on Lincoln Ave.
- Windom Park parking lot
- At Wegdahl County Park

SEGMENT PROFILES



Prairie wildflowers are abundant along the trail

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