

Enjoy the River Safely

- Wear your life jacket. Make sure your child wears a life jacket!
- Use alcohol responsibly. Many river accidents involve alcohol.
- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat to prevent sunburn. Water reflects the rays of the sun giving you a double dose of ultraviolet light.
- Avoid trees that have fallen in the river. They can catch and overturn your vessel.
- Don't jump from cliffs, bridges, or trees.
- Protect your feet with river shoes, water sandals, or old shoes. Fish hooks, glass, and rocks can injure your feet.
- Bring your own drinking water. Treat river water before drinking to avoid giardia, a serious stomach irritant.
- Blastomycosis is a fungal infection that is commonly contracted by dogs and sometimes by humans. Avoid digging in moist soils.
- Check for ticks often and know the symptoms of Lyme disease. Deer ticks are common along the Riverway and some carry the bacteria that cause the disease.
- Know how to identify poison ivy and avoid contact.

 deer tick

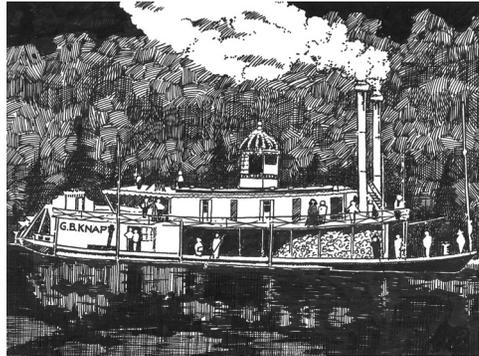
 wood tick

 poison ivy

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St. Croix National Scenic Riverway



St. Croix River Map 9: Osceola Landing to the High Bridge



The quiet of the St. Croix River today belies its loud and hectic past.

In the mid-1800s the arrival of spring was marked by the shrill whistle of a steamboat. Belching dark smoke and often accompanied by the frenzied sound of a calliope (steam organ), hundreds of paddlewheels annually churned the waters of the St. Croix.

Many of these boats were built in towns along the river, including the *G.B. Knapp* which was constructed in Osceola, Wisconsin, in 1865. For over 20 years it offered daily service between Stillwater and Taylors Falls, Minnesota, delivering supplies and providing valuable transportation for residents of remote river towns.

Discover clean water, lush landscapes, and quiet solitude along the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, a national park that with your help protects 255 miles of wild and scenic river corridor.



Top Riverway Regulations

- Approved life jackets for each person are required on your vessel. Children under 13 are required to wear a life jacket.
- Please do not bring glass containers to the Riverway. Broken glass cuts bare feet.
- Disposing human waste into the river is prohibited.
- Jumping from cliffs, bridges, or trees is illegal and dangerous.
- Open campfires are allowed only in metal fire rings. Campfires must be out and cold before you leave the area.
- The cutting of live vegetation is strictly prohibited. Dead and down wood may be collected for campfires from shoreline areas, but not from islands.
- Possession of firewood that originates more than 25 miles from the Riverway is prohibited.
- Individual campsites accommodate a maximum of 8 people and 3 tents. Group sites accommodate a maximum of 16 people and 6 tents.
- Littering is not allowed. Carry out all trash.
- It is illegal to shoot or possess fireworks on lands and waters within the Riverway.
- Collecting freshwater mussels, mussel shells, wildflowers, and historical artifacts is prohibited.
- Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

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St. Croix River Visitor Center

401 North Hamilton Street
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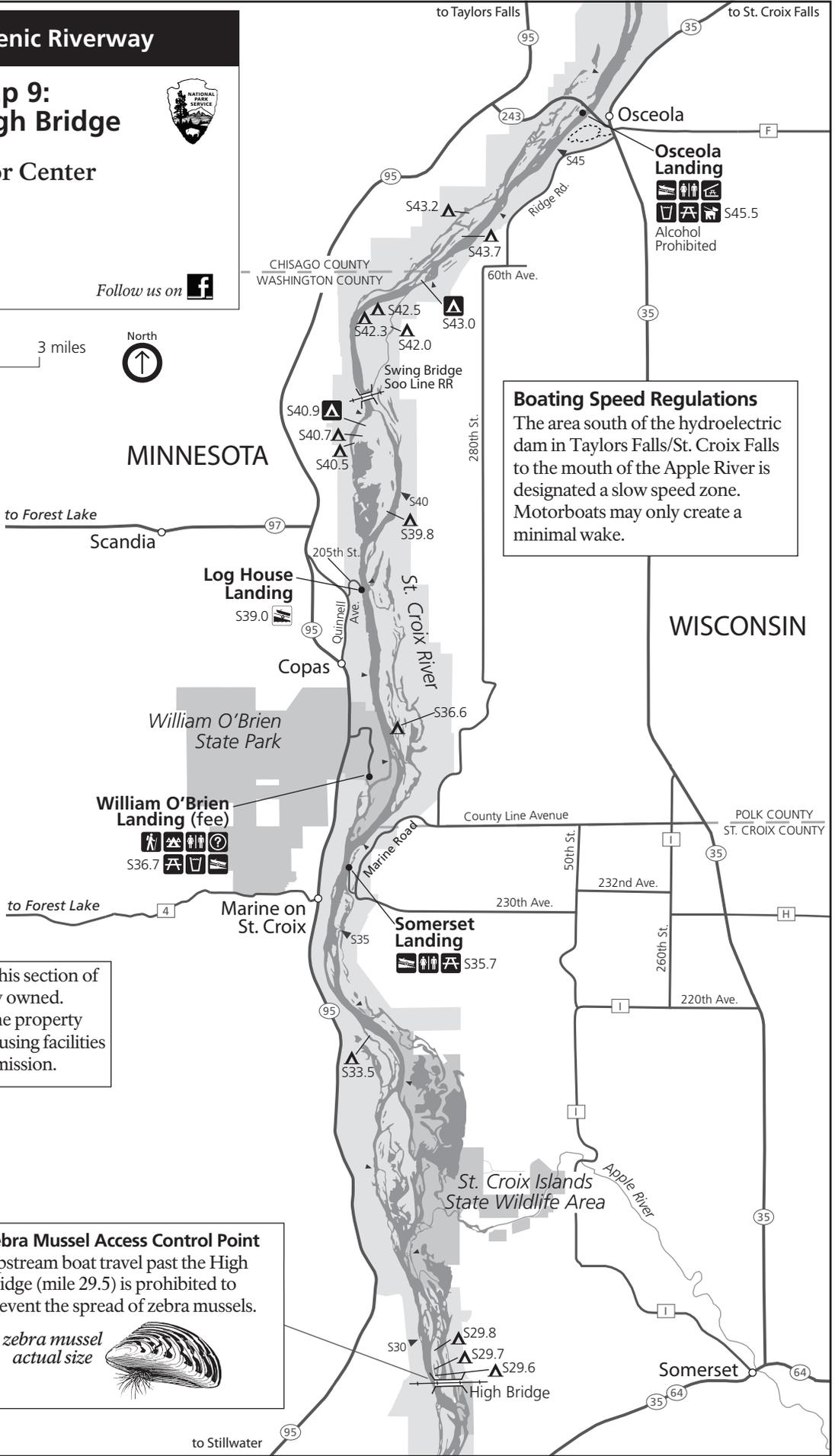
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- Boat launch
- Unpaved boat launch
- Visitor information
- Restrooms
- Drinking water
- Primitive shoreline campsite
- Primitive shoreline group campsite
- Developed campground
- Picnic area
- Picnic shelter
- Hiking trailhead
- Pets on leash
- S35.7 Campsite/Landing river mile
- S30 River mileage
- Railroad bridge
- St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
- State lands
- Hiking trail



Boating Speed Regulations
The area south of the hydroelectric dam in Taylors Falls/St. Croix Falls to the mouth of the Apple River is designated a slow speed zone. Motorboats may only create a minimal wake.

Much of the property along this section of the St. Croix River is privately owned. Please observe the rights of the property owners by not trespassing or using facilities without the landowner's permission.

Zebra Mussel Access Control Point
Upstream boat travel past the High Bridge (mile 29.5) is prohibited to prevent the spread of zebra mussels.

zebra mussel
actual size