

## 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 giardiasis, 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

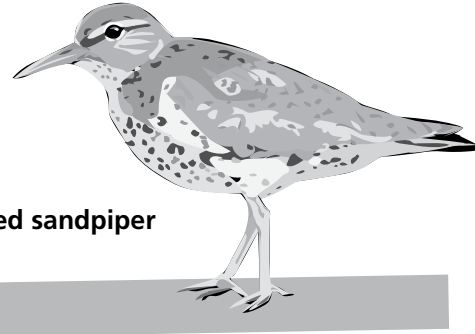


poison ivy

## National Park Service St. Croix National Scenic Riverway



### St. Croix River Map 4: Gordon Dam to Riverside Landing



spotted sandpiper

*Often seen making short flights ahead of vessels, spotted sandpipers are the most common shorebird on the rivers.*

#### In This Stretch

- This stretch can be very challenging in low water conditions causing paddlers to continually dodge large rocks and boulders.
- Approximately 300 yards of boulders, plus Class I and II rapids come up suddenly before the **Scott Bridge**. It is best to paddle to the left.
- You can sometimes run the chute of **Coppermine Dam**, but make sure you scout it first or use the portage on the right.
- Winding Class I and II rapids at **Fish Trap Rapids** are considered the most challenging on the Riverway, and no portage exists.
- A smaller set of Class I rapids called **Little Fish Trap Rapids** exists right before the **CCC Bridge Landing**.
- There are more rapids around **Big Island** and as you approach **Riverside Landing**.

## 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.
- To prevent the spread of emerald ash borer, possession of firewood that originates more than 25 miles from the location where it will be used 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 pm to 6:00 am.

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## St. Croix River Map 4: Gordon Dam to Riverside Landing

Namekagon River Visitor Center  
Highway 63, half mile east of Highway 53  
Trego, Wisconsin

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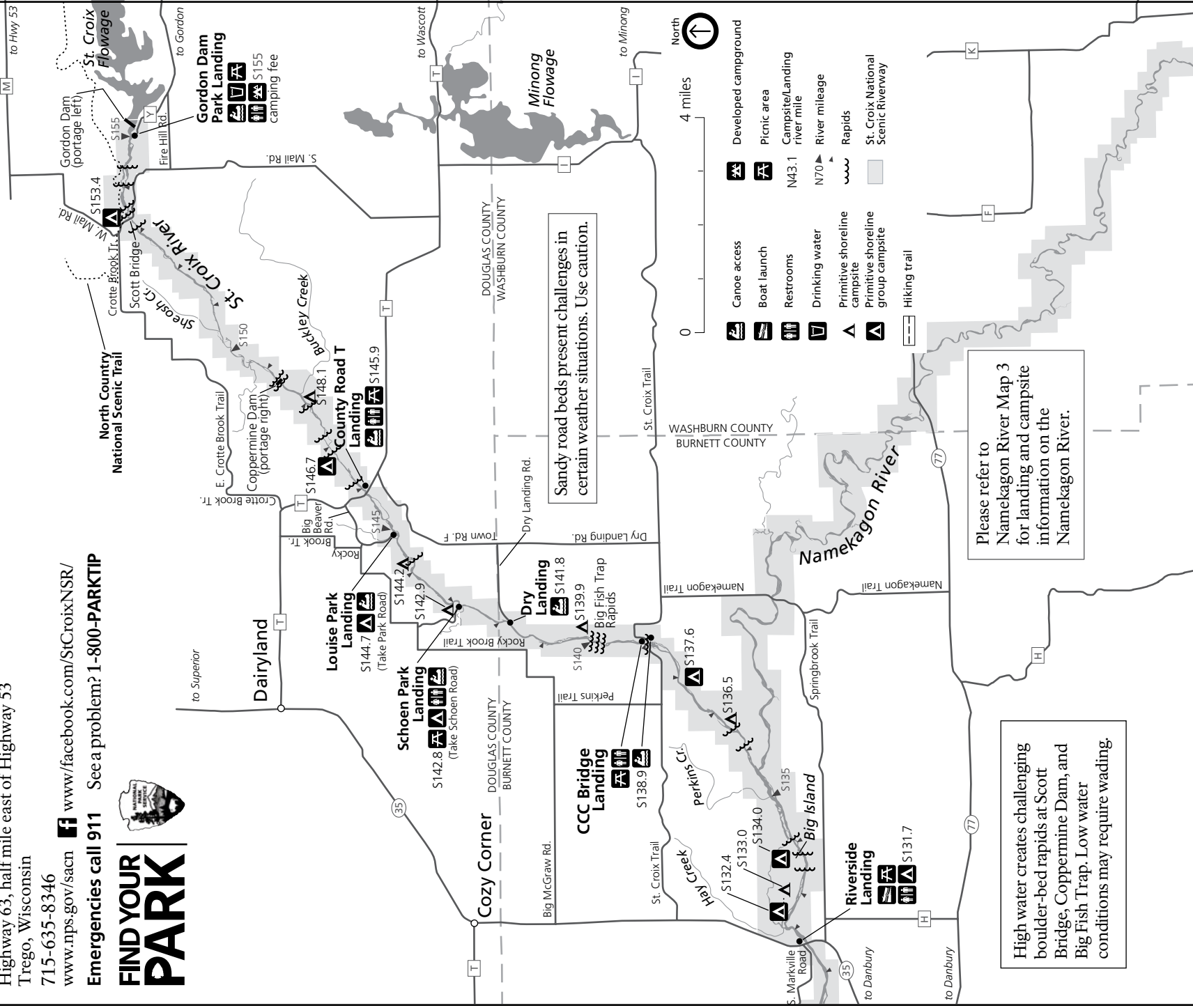
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PARK**



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Sandy road beds present challenges in certain weather situations. Use caution.

High water creates challenging boulder-bed rapids at Scott Bridge, Coppermine Dam, and Big Fish Trap. Low water conditions may require wading.

Please refer to Namekagon River Map 3 for landing and campsite information on the Namekagon River.