

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

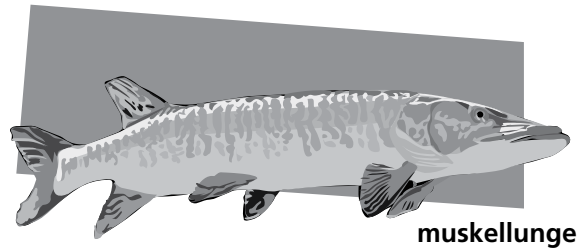


poison ivy

National Park Service St. Croix National Scenic Riverway



St. Croix River Map 5: Riverside Landing to Sand Creek Landing



muskellunge

A top aquatic predator, the muskie is also the "king" of fish for many anglers. It hides in the darkness, darting out with sharp teeth to eat most anything including ducklings.

In This Stretch

- Keep right of the islands a few miles downriver from **Riverside Landing**. The river becomes the border of the two states (Minnesota - Wisconsin) just past these islands.
- The river slows then, and paddling is easy for the next 10 miles.
- Large groups of people on tubes may be encountered upstream of the Highway 48/77 bridge. Stay to the left at the rock ledge.
- Continue staying left as **Thayers Landing** is located immediately downstream of the bridge.
- The main landing for **St. Croix State Park**, Minnesota, is located behind an island on the right side of the river. Don't miss it!

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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Namekagon River Visitor Center

Highway 63, half mile east of Highway 53

Trego, Wisconsin

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