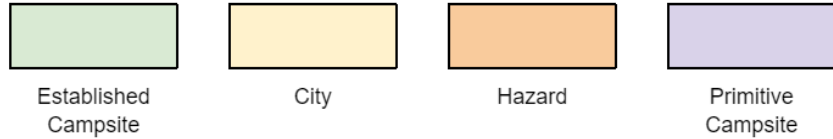






















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Mile Marker	Location	Notes	Cross Reference
1341.6	Lake Itasca	Begin MN DNR Map 1 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi1.pdf	MN DNR 1
1336.8	Wanagon 	RBD - Very clearly marked from water. Very overgrown. 1 Adirondack shelter. No potable water.	MN DNR 1
1334.4	Vekin's Dam Portage	LBD - 50 yards .5 miles before the portage rocks will start appearing. Portage is not signed on the upstream side, but the rapids are clearly not canoeable. Very steep and rocky. Not a good portage for portage wheels.	MN DNR 1
1334 - 1331	Vekin's Rapids	Really fun set of rapids with some breaks in between sets. Gradually rising in intensity until abruptly ending just after the CR2 bridge.	MN DNR 1
1326.2	Coffee Pot Landing 	LBD - 1 mile downstream of power line crossing. Not marked, but Adirondack shelters are visible from the river. If you hit a bridge after the power line, you've gone too far. Well-kept site. Decent access. Foot bridge with good swimming.	MN DNR 1
1324.4	Brownie 	LBD - Visible sign from water. Extremely weedy entrance.	MN DNR 1
1321	Stumphges Rapids	Very minor. Once you pass the wooden bridge, they are over.	MN DNR 1
1311	Bear Den Landing	Former campsite but now just a landing. No signage visible from	







		water, but a boardwalk is visible through reeds.	
1310.4	Fox Trap   	LBD - Only high spot in the area. Good scenic river views. 1 Adirondack shelter, picnic table and latrine. Landing is upstream from the site. Do not go around the bend hoping for a better access.	MN DNR 1
1307.8	Pine Point   	RBD - Must take a side channel to access, very subtle access from the main channel, and weedy. Pay close attention to maps when approaching to know which side channel is correct. Campsite and landing. Site is accessible by road as well.	MN DNR 1
1308 - 1301	Dense Wetlands	Easy to lose the main channel in this area. Stand up carefully in the canoe to gain a bit of perspective. Don't be afraid to go full prone in your canoe to pull yourself through narrow sections of peat bog.	MN DNR 1
1301.2	Iron Bridge   	LBD - Nice site shaded with oaks. Good view of wetlands you just traversed. 1 Adirondack shelter, 2 picnic tables, 1 latrine. Decent landing, mucky swimming.	MN DNR 1
1289.8	Silver Maple   	LBD - On a tight right hand bend of the river. No signage, but staircase visible once around the bend and looking upstream, look over your shoulder every once in a while! There is a deep shelf at the landing spot, so go straight from the canoe to solid ground. 1 picnic table, 0 Adirondack shelters, 1 Latrine. Nice high ridge, but the only bummer is that it's near a road.	MN DNR 1
1286.9	Bemidji, MN  	The first city on the Mississippi River! If you turn left directly after entering Lake Bemidji, you will arrive shortly thereafter at the famous Paul and Babe statues. Popular photo spot. From here there is also access to grocery and restaurants. Another option for services is the Nymore Boat ramp. Turn right when entering Lake Bemidji and go about 1,000 yards for that one. Use caution if leaving boats unattended.	MN DNR 1
1287 - 1284	Lake Bemidji	In case of high winds hug the east shore. Exit channel has 2 bridges over it, which are easily visible from water, but there is only 1 path through the reeds to arrive there easily. Look out for the 2 buoys which mark this passage	MN DNR
1279.1	Stump Lake Site   	LBD - Beautiful lakeside site with good landing. 1 Adirondack shelter, 1 latrine, 1 table. No sign visible from water, but landing is clear. Make a sharp left after the point and you will see landing.	MN DNR 1
1277.7	Power Dam Portage	RBD - 125 yards Marked well. Good landing upstream, downstream side is steep and rocky.	MN DNR 1


















1277.7-1 276	Power Dam Rapids	There can be rapids here depending on tailwater output from the dam. Many tubers like to float this section as well. Beware.	MN DNR 1
1275.8	Island Point 	LBD - Beautiful, expansive camp situated on high bluff. A hefty hike up well-maintained stairs yields gorgeous views of the river. 2 Adirondacks, 4 tables, 1 latrine.	MN DNR 1
1273	CR 25	Could camp here in a pinch.	MN DNR 1
1267	Allen's Bay	Immediately after entering Allen's Bay, there is an emergency campsite on your left. Useful if Cass Lake has rough waters.	MN DNR 1
1267 - 1258	Cass Lake	Begin MN DNR Map 2 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi2.pdf	MN DNR 1-2
1264	Star Island 	Lake Windigo on Star Island is a spring-fed lake within an island within a lake within a river. 2 Campsites: NE. Star Island aka Birches Camp: A bit difficult to find. Find the line of docks on the north shore of Cass and head east. Just past the last dock is the site, buried in the trees. A bit primitive. 2 fire pits, 0 tables, 0 shelters, 1 latrine. Really nice view of Cass, and phenomenal swimming beach! S. Star Island: Well established site with amenities. Big campsite.	MN DNR 1
1258.2	Knutson's Dam Recreation Area 		MN DNR 2
1258.2	Knutson's Dam Portage	RBD - 185 yards 2 options for portage. Between the rock walls for canal access, longer portage but good ramps. Or just to the right of the dam, there is a shorter but more rocky portage.	MN DNR 2
1255.6		Forest Road Bridge Crossing: Bridge not shown on MN DNR map.	MN DNR 2
1255		Remnants of an old bridge that burned down.	MN DNR 2
1250.7	Smiling Joe's site	RBD - Derelict camp. Could camp in a pinch. On the very outside of the long left turn. Stay all the way right and don't take the "shortcut" through the wild rice and you'll see it. Clearly marked from water. Near solitary a stand of red pines visible from water.	MN DNR 2
1248.5	Becker's Resort & Campground 	RBD - Resort with campsite. Has electricity and amenities such as showers.	MN DNR 2
1246	West Winnie Campground	LBD - just north of where the Mississippi empties into Winnibigoshish.	MN DNR 2




			
1247 - 1231	Lake Winnibigoshish	Typically extremely windy. Consider waking up very early. Definitely stick near to the shore.	MN DNR 2
1243	Tamarack Point	There are 2 boat ramps in close proximity. Southern one is a path leading to campsites, very buggy. Northern one is a better break spot.	MN DNR 2
1235.2	Cut Foot Sioux Lake (Bay of Winnie) 	LBD - NE Corner of Winnie Numerous campsites available but not on the most direct route.	MN DNR 2
1230	Winnie Dam Portage	RBD - 300 yards Disregard map description. Portage trail that is LDB no longer exists. Exit at Pines Resort ramp, RBD, then walk across the dam on the county road.	MN DNR 2
1230	Winnie Dam Rec Area 	LBD - Water and picnic shelter are near the boat ramp. Campsites are a bit more inland.	MN DNR 2
1225.6	Crazy James' Point 	LBD - Ricey entrance, but beautiful site on a small bluff. Good views in red pine + birch forest. 1 table, 1 latrine. Very buggy.	MN DNR 2
1213.6	Leech Lake Site 	LBD - Located at the confluence of the Leech Lake River. Primitive site, no tables, shelters, or latrines. Busy boat ramp, expect traffic. There is a small canoe-only landing upstream of the ramp, which leads directly to the camping area.	MN DNR 2
1212	Gambler's Point Site 	RBD - Marshy landing, but beautiful, very spacious site on a bluff. 1 table, 1 latrine. No road access.	MN DNR 2
1200	Vermillion River Confluence Schoolcraft State Park 	Begin MN DNR Map 3 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi3.pdf	MN DNR 3
1196	Leaning Willow Site 	LBD - MN DNR Watercraft campsite	MN DNR 3
1185	Cohasset, MN	Town with a coal power plant visible from the river. No services available from the water.	MN DNR 3
1182	Pokegama Dam Portage 	LBD - 44 yards Picnic area	MN DNR 3

1179.3	Blandin Paper Company Dam	RBD - 1200 yards Look for a white sign to mark the beginning of the portage. Go out to the city street, cross the bridge over the Mississippi, and turn right and down a hill to end your portage at the Grand Rapids Library.	MN DNR 3
1179	Grand Rapids, MN 	A small and walkable town. Grocery and a brewery within walking distance of the Public Library.	MN DNR 3
1179	Grand Rapids Library 	LBD - Great campsite with picnic tables and access to services. It's squarely in the middle of downtown and it feels like it. The lights stay on all night so get your sleeping mask ready.	MN DNR 3
1173	Sucher's Site 	RBD - Very sloped. Very cramped. Room enough for 1 flat tent spot. Boardwalk leading to latrine. 1 picnic table.	MN DNR 3
1168 - 1150		The river becomes extremely serpentine. Look for cutoffs to shave off a cheeky half-mile if you dare. The first sandbars begin to appear, mainly on the inside of very tight bends in low water. They're not much yet, baby sandbars. They make great spots to lunch or camp in a pinch.	MN DNR 3
1162.3	Blackberry Site 	LBD - Decent site with stairs to landing. Nestled in the woods, quite buggy. 1 picnic table, 1 latrine, 1 bear locker.	MN DNR 3
1150.2	Swimming Bear Site 	LBD - Decent site upon a tall cutbank. Being eroded heavily. May not exist in a few years. Old landing washed away, new landing has been cut a bit upstream from the campsite. Buggy.	MN DNR 3
1150 - 1060		From Swimming Bear to Aitkin, the river delves into deep forested areas. The cell service gets worse, and the bugs get much worse. Deer flies and mosquitoes have been the worst of any portion of the trip so far. A head net for bugs is not a bad idea for this stretch.	MN DNR 3-4
1140	Jacobson Site 	RBD - Very nice fee campsite on high bluff. Phenomenal drinking water from an artesian well that's always running. Even if you don't stay the night, stop by for a water refill.	MN DNR 4
1137	Jacobson, MN	Small town, no services. Begin MN DNR Map 4 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi4.pdf	MN DNR 4
1121.8	Ms. Keto 	LBD - Overgrown site with marshy landing. Incorrectly placed on my 2019 paper map, should be more around 1121.8. In any case, the better site nearby is Verdon.	MN DNR 4

1121	Verdon  	RBD - Odd access, as there is a staircase and boat hauler that go all the way down a steep embankment directly to the water. Maneuvering the boat is a bit challenging, but nice once you get it on the lift. Paddlers with delicate boats should think twice about using this site, as boats will scrape going up the boat lift. Or just tie up boats in the current.	MN DNR 4
1120	Island #1	First true island I have seen on the Mississippi River itself (not in a lake). One with solid ground to stand on. Could make a decent primitive camp, simply for the novelty of saying you've camped on the first island on the Mississippi.	MN DNR 4
1111	Lee Ferry Landing	Primitive campsite. Wooden stairs down to water.	MN DNR 4
1109.5	Libby Township	I was unable to find this campsite.	MN DNR 4
1101.4	Scott's Rapids  	LBD - Very scenic and beautiful campsite. Phenomenal location along river bank. Tough, steep landing that may require some acrobatics, but worth it if you can muster it. 1 table, 1 latrine.	MN DNR 4
1096	Wold's Ferry Crossing Landing 	Nice primitive spot for a lunch or camping in a pinch. Flat grassy ledge with a nice view.	MN DNR 4
1086	Palisade, MN 	RDB - Nice Riverfront town. Berglund Co. Park right on the river for camping. Palisade cafe and a few other restaurants within walking distance. Very small convenience store selection, no real grocery	MN DNR 4
1086	Berglund Co. Park    	Nice fee campground with amenities. Showers, restrooms, trash cans, picnic tables, fishing dock, playground. Sites are a bit of a walk from water.	MN DNR 4
1079	Willow River  	LBD - Look very closely immediately after the confluence of Willow River. No sign visible from water. Steep overgrown access. 1 latrine.	MN DNR 4
1074	Hwy 169 Landing	Great picnic spot. No services.	MN DNR 4
1067.1	Hassman Site  	This site is in the incorrect location on my maps. True mileage is approx .5 miles downstream at 1067.1 . Steep access but nicely kept site. 1 picnic table, latrine. White sign visible from water.	MN DNR 4
1062	Kimball Landing 	Very muddy and narrow ramp, but paved. There is an official campsite as well, with picnic tables and fire rings. No latrine, however.	MN DNR 4
1064.4	Aitkin Flood Diversion Channel Dam	Use Caution and follow the main channel. (Stay LBD) No portage	MN DNR 4




1055	Aitkin, MN 	LDB - A bit of a walk to town, but hot food, and convenience store available. No real grocery option. Begin MN DNR Map 5 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi5.pdf	MN DNR 5
1055	Aitkin Campground 	LDB - Nice fee campground with sites quite close to water. Drinking water, bathrooms, trash cans, showers.	MN DNR 5
1034	Lone Pine Site 	LBD - Unideal site. Very tough, steep, muddy banks on access. Overgrown.	MN DNR 5
1030	Highway #6 Landing	Tavern across the road that is paddler-friendly. A decent lunch spot.	MN DNR 5
1018	Trommald Landing 	Very nice well-maintained landing with a grassy area. Camping is permitted. Sometimes a local party spot on weekends.	MN DNR 5
1017.5	Half Moon Site 	LBD - Majestic view on high bluff, but a bit tricky to find. Access is a bit confusing, it's off the river a bit, in a wild rice bay. (The southernmost wild rice bay in the area.) Good tent pads are sparse, you may need to pitch a tent on dirt road.	MN DNR 5
1013 - 1004	Potlatch Lake	The river enters the artificial lake created by the Potlatch Dam. Currents will slow down generally, but there are a few places where the channel constricts and there is flow, like French Rapids. But generally slower flow until the dam.	MN DNR 5
1004	Potlatch Dam	RBD - 201 Yards Very nicely maintained portage trail, with a dock at the take-out point. Restrooms on portage trail. And a 'usable log' to document how many canoeists use the portage trail. If you use the portage trail, fill out the usage form! The more people who document their use the better chance the portage trail has of surviving!	MN DNR 5
1002	Brainerd, MN	Best access to town is via Kiwanis Park at LBD 1001.2, however services are a long walk from there. Begin MN DNR Map 6 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi6.pdf	MN DNR 6
997 - 995		Current is swift and rocks may be poking out depending on water level. Brainerd gauge under 7 will mean lots of rocks.	MN DNR 6
995	Overlook Park 	RBD - Well labeled from water. Bravo Baxter! Nicely maintained site with a few campsites to choose from.	MN DNR 6
991	Crow Wing River		MN DNR 6




	Confluence		
991	Crow Wing Canoe Landing  	Some incognito sites available here, at the "Crow Wing Canoe Landing". Not present on any map I know of. Best sites to camp in this area.	MN DNR 6
990	Crow Wing State Park Primitive group camp   	RBD - state park fee campsite	MN DNR 6
982	Fort Ripley	National Guard fort.	MN DNR 6
979-976	Pipe Islands Island 25-37	Can be very shallow anywhere in this section. A few halfway decent sandbars would make for decent primitive camps in a pinch. There is one established primitive campsite on the most downstream island. ~976.5	MN DNR 6
972	Fletcher Creek Landing and Camp  	Campsite is .1 miles downstream from landing. Accessible by hiking trail. No direct water access. 1 table and 1 latrine.	MN DNR 6
965	Little Falls, MN  	Best access to services is the portage trail upper. (LBD) Best access to picnic is Le Bourget Park (RBD) There is a small outfitter/gear store right on the water. LBD before the bridge/portage trail. Begin MN DNR Map 7 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi7.pdf	MN DNR 7
965	Little Falls Dam	LBD - 325 yards Portage on city streets and sidewalks. The concrete platform is the safest place to put back in. If water is low, this can be a tough drop to the water.	MN DNR 7
963.8	Charles A. Lindbergh State Park    	RBD - A nice state park campground with modern amenities. A 500 yard walk from the water to the campground	MN DNR 7
963.4	Pike Creek Camp    	RBD - Bridge still indicated a canoe campsite, but reports are that camping is by reservation only. Can camp at the landing in a pinch.	MN DNR 7
956	Blanchard Dam portage	LBD - 600 yards Exit water at the boat ramp, not signed portage trail. (100 yards prior) Walk about 100 yards south to the "T". At the "T", turn LEFT, away from the river, and walk about 30 yards to the bike access to the paved bike trail. Turn right on the bike trail and walk west to the marked portage. Descend the "tippy hill" to the 2' foot wide	MN DNR 7







		bridge. Claw your way up the hill and continue on the portage trail. A couple hundred feet in, a marked portage sign shows you to continue on a path a "T". DO THIS. About a 100 feet later, at another "T", another portage sign tells you to turn right. DO NOT DO THIS. The portage is impassable because of a number of fallen trees. INSTEAD, at that sign you will see a road 100 feet beyond the sign. Straight ahead. Walk to the road, take a right walk down to the put-in." Primitive camping available off of the upstream parking lot.	
955 - 950		Numerous gravel bars that would make decent primitive camps. From McDougall Island to the power line crossing.	MN DNR 7
953	Royalton Sportsman Club 	Private fee campground.	MN DNR 7
942	Stearns County Park 	RBD - Nice campsite with trash, water, and porta potties.	MN DNR 7
941.8	Stearns County Park Watercraft Campsite 	RBD - Watercraft-only campsite	MN DNR 7
932.2	Sartell Dam portage	RBD - 300, 600, or 800 yards yards 3 options for put-in: 1) 300 yards, at mouth of Watab River (very rocky, canoe on shoulders) 2) 600 yards, underneath CR 29 bridge. This area was under construction in 2022, and it's unknown whether or not this will remain viable. 3) 800 yards, across a stoplight at Rotary Park. Nice paved road down to an actual dock and access.	MN DNR 7
930	Sauk Rapids, MN	Best access to services is LBD at 930. This is in the middle of the Sauk Rapids so plan to pull off before. It's a great idea to scout here as well anyway.	MN DNR 7
929	Sauk Rapids	Class I-II rapids Portage option LBD - 1000 yards Recommended to scout beforehand from Sauk Rapids Lions Park LBD. Ideally check the St. Cloud Gauge and flow beforehand. Above 20,000 CFS: Water fast and swift, high and white water. Use extreme caution and consider a portage. 20,000 - 5500 CFS: should be comfortable. Below 5,500 CFS: Will be rocky. Make sure to keep your head on a swivel.	MN DNR 7
926.3	St. Cloud, MN	Best access to services is at Wilson Park, LBD 927.9, but it's a bit	MN DNR 8





		of a walk. Begin MN DNR Map 8 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi8.pdf	
926	St. Cloud Dam	LBD - 300 yards Rough rocky take-out. Down very steep steps to put-in. Be ready to ditch the portage wheels on parts of this one. Water available at Riverside Park where the portage ends, in case you were going lightweight for the portages/rapids today.	MN DNR 8
926	Riverside Park 	LDB - On the St. Cloud Dam portage route.	MN DNR 8
923	Putnam's Pasture 	LBD - Spacious and open, with good gravel-bed entry.	MN DNR 8
916.5	Boy Scout Point 	LBD - Very nice campsite with three distinct camping areas within. Spacious. Nice gravel beach access. 2 picnic tables, 2 fire rings. Very scenic spot and well maintained.	MN DNR 8
913	Clearwater, MN 	There is an outfitter RBD that rents canoes and kayaks for daytrip. Depending on what day of the week you pass by you may run across some fellow paddlers. This is also a great stop to resupply any camping gear that may have run out or in need of repair.	MN DNR 8
906	Oak Island 	Campsite is at the head of the island. Very nice gravel/sand beach access. 1 picnic table, nice high spot overlooking the river. Scenic site, with two distinct camping areas. Eroding quickly on RBD.	MN DNR 8
900	Monticello Nuclear Power Plant	RBD Nuclear plant water discharge, stay clear.	MN DNR 8
899.5	Montissippi County Park 	RBD - MN DNR Watercraft campsite	MN DNR 8
896	Monticello, MN 	Best access to services is via Bridgeview/West Bridge Park	MN DNR 8
896	Bridgeview/West Bridge Park 	RBD - Access from the river via fishing pier or beach. Water, picnic tables, and restrooms available. Right in the heart of Monticello, thus can be busy depending on the time of day	MN DNR 8
891	Norin/Kalder Landing 	Very nicely maintained picnic area with a sandy beach, picnic shelters, restrooms, and shade.	MN DNR 8





890	Dimmick Island 	Center - Access is so-so; a bit steep. Spacious site, 2 distinct areas. 2 picnic tables, 2 fire pits. Many houses are nearby. When approaching the island stay RBD, then the campsite will be on your left.	MN DNR 8
885	Elk River Confluence	Begin MN DNR Map 9 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi9.pdf	MN DNR 9
884	Elk River 	LBD - Rivers Edge Commons Park is the best access to restaurants. No grocery close by.	MN DNR 9
875.8	Foster Island 	LBD - Lackluster site. Decent landing but actual camp inset into woods a bit. Buggy, overgrown, and a bit dim and dingy. 1 picnic table, 1 fire ring.	MN DNR 9
875	Cloquet Island 	RBD - So-so campsite overall. In the woods with no good views. 1 picnic table, 1 fire ring.	MN DNR 9
871.5	Rum River	Confluence of Rum River	MN DNR 9
866	Coon Rapids Dam 	LBD - 400 yards Nice boat ramp at take-out. Just before put-in, there is a difficult section for portage wheels, use caution or put your canoe on your shoulders.	MN DNR 9
861	Durnam Island Rapids	LBD - Class I Rapids in high water. Not notable most times.	MN DNR 9
861	"Islands of peace" regional park Aka Durnam Island	Last best camping spot before the Twin Cities. Best camping is on the NW side of the largest island, Durnham Island. Primitive camping.	MN DNR 9
854.4	Flagpole Plaza	RBD - St. Anthony Falls portage takeout. 1.5 miles	MN DNR 9
854	Lock #0 - St. Anthony Falls (portage)	The St. Anthony Falls Locks and Dams are closed and must be portaged. Take out at Flagpole Plaza (above) Put back in at Bohemian Flats (below)	MN DNR 9
853.1	Bohemian Flats 	Put back in after portage Begin USACE UMR charts: https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Portals/48/docs/Nav/NavigationCharts/UMR/ALL_PAGES.pdf Chart # 11	MN DNR 9 UMR Chart #11
847.5	Lock #1 - Minneapolis, MN	RBD - 612-724-2971 - VHF Channel 14 Begin MN DNR Map 10 https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi10.pdf Check hours before attempting to lock through. Open Fri., Sat., and Sun. from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Reduced hours Mon. Closed	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #12

















		Tue., Wed., and Thur. Subject to change at any time! These hours will likely change by 2024, so look it up!	
847.4	Sandbar just below Lock #1	Could camp here in a pinch, and in lower water. Would be very noisy with proximity to the dam, and nearby busy roads. Primitive camping.	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #12
847	Hidden Falls Landing 	A great landing with many picnic areas, restrooms, and water. Busy on weekends in the summer.	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #13
844	Minnesota River Confluence, Fort Snelling	RBD - Great picnic spot	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #13
842.1	Lilydale Regional Park 		MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #13
840.4	St. Paul Yacht Club 	Owner has previously allowed paddlers to spend the night, for a fee. If permitted, there are many amenities.	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #14
839	St. Paul, MN	This is where the first barges and paddle boats will be seen. Use caution with large vessels from here to the Gulf. Use channel 13 on your marine radio to communicate with barges, to coordinate and avoid collisions. Use channel 14 to communicate with Lock Masters at most Locks & Dams. Use channel 16 to communicate with the US Coast Guard, in case of emergency. Use channel 16 to try and contact a barge if they are not responding on channel 13, and it is urgent. If you don't have a marine radio, please delay your trip until you can obtain one. They are essential going forward.	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #14
834	Pig's Eye Lake	LBD - A bit of an uptick in barge traffic here.	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #14
830	"Pinprick Island"	RBD - Very small island, good sand showing. Just downstream of Rock Island Swing Bridge. Primitive camping.	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #14
825 - 820	Grey Cloud Island	An alternate route exists by taking the Grey Cloud back channel. No good camping available in this stretch. Potential sandbar camping on Lower Boulanger island in the archipelago ~821. Would only be recommended in a pinch.	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #16
815	Lock #2 - Hastings, MN	RBD - 651-437-3150 - VHF Channel 14 Either lock through, or use the portage trail RBD, 80 yards	MN DNR 10 UMR Chart #17







812	Primitive Campsite	Good camping RBD. Just before the confluence of the St. Croix.	UMR Chart #18
811	St. Croix Confluence	Very busy boat traffic near marinas on weekends.	UMR Chart #18
811	Prescott, WI 	A short walk to most goods and services. Best access is LDB at the marinas.	UMR Chart #18
810	"Pine Glen Island"	LBD - Very good primitive camping on small island. Near railroad tracks.	UMR Chart #18
807.5	"String Island"	RBD - Good primitive campsites on a long narrow island.	UMR Chart #19
802	Coulters Island	LBD - Many nice sandy landings, precious few good tent spots	UMR Chart #20
797	Lock #3 - Above Red Wing, MN	RBD - 651-388-5794 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #20
796.7		LBD - Possible camp on point immediately downstream of Lock #3	UMR Chart #20
791	Red Wing, MN 	LBD - Access via the harbor to restaurants, a bit longer of a walk to grocery. A few marina options.	UMR Chart #21
796 - 795	Diamond Island + Island No. 21	RBD - Numerous good primitive camping spots.	UMR Chart #21
789.9	Dead Slough Cutoff	LBD - A few good primitive sites with nice sandbars located on a small cutoff to the Wisconsin Channel. Right below Lower Red Wing Light.	UMR Chart #21
785	Lake Pepin Head Island	Good sandbar primitive campsites. Last islands on Pepin for a long while.	UMR Chart #22
786 - 764	Lake Pepin	A rite of passage for Mississippi River paddlers. On this 22 mile long lake, winds can pick up quickly, and whitecaps can form even on calm days. A paddler's best friend is a pre-dawn start, or even a moonlight paddle, to avoid these harsh winds. Stick close to the shore and be ready to call it a day if it's not going your way. Keep a close eye on the weather forecast, taking note of which direction the wind is coming from, and plan accordingly. Lake Pepin is where water skiing was invented by Ralph Samuelson in 1922.	UMR Charts #22 - 26 (Pages 63 - 71)
781	Frontenac State Park 	RBD - Fee campground. A long walk up the bluff.	UMR Chart #23
780	Maiden Rock Campground	LBD - RV fee campground. Right on the water. Sandy beach with	UMR Chart #23





		restaurants nearby.	
774	Lake City, MN 	RBD - The larger city as you make your way along Lake Pepin. Grocery and restaurants both within walking distance. Marinas available.	UMR Chart #24
774	Stockholm, WI 	LBD - The smaller city. A nice little dock and park, with an iconic pie shop nearby.	UMR Chart #24
763	Chippewa River Confluence	LBD - Great sandbar camp, formed at mouth of the Chippewa River.	UMR Chart #26
670.7	"Poison Ivy Island"	A few small sandbar campsites. Watch out for the poison ivy that abounds here. A short paddle to Wabasha if you don't want to pay for lodging in town.	UMR Chart #26
760	Wabasha, MN 	RBD - Best access into town is more upstream, at the marina. Beach Park and the marina have shops and restaurants within walking distance. Some restaurants have docks to pull up to as well. No walkable grocery from water.	UMR Chart #27
759.7 - 757.5	Crats Island	LBD and RBD - Many good spots beginning at the head of Crats Island. Natl wildlife refuge.	UMR Chart #27
754.2	Island 36	LBD - At the foot of the island closest to the Alma Marina.	UMR Chart #28
753	Lock #4 - Alma, WI	LBD - 608-685-4421 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #28
753	Alma, WI 	LBD - Public dock with quick access to restaurants and a convenience store, but no grocery.	UMR Chart #28
752	Island No. 39	RBD - A smattering of good sandbar sites just below the dam.	UMR Chart #28
847 - 845	Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge Campsites 	LBD and RBD - Numerous campsites within the National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), with Fischer Island as the crown jewel. Some with picnic tables and fire rings. All the NWR sites offer no garbage services, practice good Leave no Trace principles! Last good campsites before Lock #5.	UMR Chart #31
738	Lock #5 - Minnesota City, MN	RBD - 507-689-2101 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #30
735		LBD - Good sandbar camp.	UMR Chart #31
734	Island No. 58	RBD - Numerous good sandbar spots with nice landings. Look for the white National Wildlife Refuge signs.	UMR Chart #31




731	Island No. 63	RBD - A couple of gorgeous sandbar sites on exposed sandbars. National Wildlife Refuge site.	UMR Chart #32
729	Island No. 65	RBD - A sole camping spot on this island, but a great spot. National Wildlife Refuge site.	UMR Chart #32
728	Lock #5A - Fountain City, WI	RBD - 507-452-2789 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #32
726	Winona, MN 	RBD - Best access to services is via Levee Park, at 725.6. Walkable to restaurants and grocery. A few marina options.	UMR Chart #33
714	Lock #6 - Trempealeau, WI	LBD - 608-534-6424 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #35
713	Across from Richmond Island	RBD - A great sandbar site in the National Wildlife Refuge.	UMR Chart #35
710	Great River Bluffs State Park 	RBD - Established campsite with modern amenities. Must cross a busy road to get there.	UMR Chart #35
708.9		LBD - Good sites in trees with fire pits	
705 - 703	Dresback Island	LBD - Slim pickings for sites here in the bottom of Pool #7, but a few mediocre options in a pinch. Be ready for Interstate 90 noise as well.	UMR Chart #36
703	Lock #7 - La Crescent, MN	RBD - 507-895-2170 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #38
701.5 - 699.5		LBD - Immediately after the 90 bridge, through 699.5 railroad bridge. Many good campsites, mainly LBD but a few RBD as well. Minnesota Island at 700 is the highlight.	UMR Chart #38
699.3	Minnesota Channel	Option to take the Minnesota Channel to bypass most of La Crosse. No access to La Crosse from this channel.	UMR Chart #38
698.5	LaCrosse, WI 	LBD - Best access is at one of the marinas, which are 1 mile up the Black River. Restaurants nearby, grocery is farther away.	UMR Chart #38
692.5		LBD - good sandbar site on a small island.	
692	Goose Island Campground 	LBD - Established RV camp with amenities. In a back channel. Must take the Mormon Slough at mile 694 (LBD) to access.	UMR Chart #40
690.8	"Lawrence Island"	RBD - Great site with majestic views. National Wildlife Refuge site.	UMR Chart #40
690.1	"Brownsville Island"	LBD - A dredge pile campsite with a nice bay.	UMR Chart #40

688.4	Wildcat Park 	RBD - Established campground with amenities.	UMR Chart #40
688 - 679	Bottom of Pool #8	No decent camping for last 9 miles of Pool #8	UMR Charts #40 - 42 (Pages 99 - 103)
679	Lock #8 - Genoa, WI	LBD - 608-689-2625 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #42
679		RBD - Good campsites immediately following Lock #8.	UMR Chart #42
676	Twin Island	RBD - Best sandbar camping is at the head of the island. Another good site exists directly across the river.	UMR Chart #42
674.7	Bad Axe Island / Gillette Island	LBD - Great sandbar camping. Best camping at head of the island.	UMR Chart #42
674.2	Island No. 135	RBD - Good primitive sandbar sites.	UMR Chart #43
674	Iowa Border	RBD - Look for the tri-state border sign!	UMR Chart #43
672	Henderson Island	RBD - Good site tucked into the woods a bit. Slightly tough to find but worth it.	UMR Chart #43
671.5	Lost Channel Island	RBD - Good site with a view, but lacking good flat tent spots.	UMR Chart #43
671	Blackhawk Campground 	LBD - RV Campground right on the water. Water and restrooms, but no showers.	UMR Chart #43
666 - 664		RBD - Many very good sandbar sites in the National Wildlife Refuge on the RDB. Last good camping of Pool #9 is at mile 664.	UMR Charts #44 - 45 (Pages 107 - 109)
663.4	Lansing, IA 	RBD - Great little town. Tie up your boat on a river wharf or at the marina and walk to groceries or restaurants. There is a great coffee shop with majestic views right on the riverbank.	UMR Chart #45
648	Lock #9 - Eastman, WI	LBD - 608-874-4311 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #47
646		LBD - First good sites after Lock #9	UMR Chart #48
644		LBD - Good sandbar site, NWR	UMR Chart #47
652.5	Jackson Island	RBD - Last good primitive site for a while	UMR Chart #47
636	Prairie du Chien, WI	LBD -	UMR Chart #49
634.7	Marquette, IA 	RBD - Nice small town. A bit busy and noisy in the harbor due to a casino boat and bridge crossing.	UMR Chart #50
633.4	McGregor, IA	RBD - Good river access to a small convenience store,	UMR Chart #50

		restaurant.	
631	Wisconsin River Confluence Illinois Border	LBD June 17th 1673 - Joliette and Marquette arrive at the mouth of the Wisconsin River, and join the Mississippi.	UMR Chart #50
630.8		LBD - Subpar camping spot just below the mouth of Wisconsin River	UMR Chart #50
628.3		RBD - A few good sandbar sites	UMR Chart #51
624.5	Clayton, IA    	RBD - Access via Bill's Boat Ramp. Boat dock and 2 restaurants nearby, plus a picnic area right on the water.	UMR Chart #51
628.3	Island No. 181	RBD - The lone good sandbar site in the area.	UMR Chart #51
619.2	French Town Island	RBD - A really spacious sandbar site at the foot of French Town Island.	UMR Chart #52
618.6	McMillan Island	RBD - Big dredge pile. Steep, but could camp on it.	UMR Chart #52
615	Lock #10 - Gutenberg, IA	RBD - 563-252-1261 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #53
615	Gutenberg, IA  	RBD - Best access to town is immediately following Lock #10, at restaurant docks, or a bit further down at public docks. Grocery is a bit longer of a walk, but doable.	UMR Chart #53
615 - 609	Numerous Sandbar Sites	Immediately following Lock #10, there are many good sites. The highlight being LBD at mile 611. Very spacious site, be ready to have neighbors if it is a weekend. There are no good primitive sites for ~10 miles after this.	UMR Charts #53 - 54
599	Hurricane/Bell Island	LBD - First viable site downstream of Cassville, WI. Thin sandbar, a bit sloped, but doable. Last good camping in Pool #11	UMR Charts #56
583	Lock #11 - Dubuque, IA	RBD - 563-582-1204 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #59
581.5	Miller Riverview Park     	RBD - A paid campground right on the water in the City of Dubuque, IA. Immediately following Lock #11. Only real camping option directly after Lock #11. Lots of RVs.	UMR Chart #59
582	Dubuque, IA    	RBD - Not the most paddler-friendly town. Very industrial. Some restaurants near marinas/A.Y. McDonald Park. As well as a picnic area and restrooms. No easy access to grocery. Midtown Marina is another option for services LBD at 579.	UMR Chart #59
574.5	9-Mile Island	RBD - At the head of the island, there is good sandbar camping.	UMR Chart #59


569.3	Island No. 235	LBD - Decent sandbar site, about 500ft past the head of the island on the main channel side.	UMR Chart #61
564	Hale Island N.	Good sandbar camping at the head of the island.	UMR Chart #62
562	Island 241/Bellevue Beach	LBD - Best sandbar in the area, but favorite local spot as well. Spacious and good access. Be ready for neighbors on a weekend.	UMR Chart #62
557	Lock #12 - Bellevue, IA	RBD - 563-872-3314 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #63
557	Bellevue, IA 	RBD - Best access is at Bellevue boat ramp. Nice small river town with services right near the water. Marinas at the south end of town.	UMR Chart #63
554.5		RBD - A halfway decent sandbar spot.	UMR Chart #64
553	Pleasant Creek Recreation Area 	RBD - Established campsite with basic amenities.	UMR Chart #64
551 - 545	Former Savanna Depot, US. Military Reservation	Do not pull your boat up on the LDB for these miles. There are active landmines and unexploded ordinances throughout this stretch. They are well signed, steer clear.	UMR Charts #64 - 65
539.2	Santa Fe Beach	LBD - Seems to be a good site, flat on top, but steep landing.	UMR Charts #64
537	Savanna, IL 	LBD - Good stop for paddlers with services near to the water. One marina at the south end of town.	UMR Chart #67
535	Sabula Island, IA 	RBD - Best access is on the south end of town, where there are marinas and an established campsite	UMR Chart #67
534	Sabula Island Campsite 	RBD - Established campsite with many amenities.	UMR Chart #67
531.5	Breezy Beach	LBD - The best sandbar spot in the area. Last good one before Lock and Dam #13.	UMR Chart #68
526.5	Thomson Causeway Recreation Area 	LBD - Far from the main channel, all the way LBD in the pool. Established campground with modern amenities.	UMR Chart #69
522	Lock #13 - Clinton, IA	LBD - 815-589-3313 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #69
521.5	Stamps Islands	RBD - A few very subpar sites following Lock #13, but would work in a pinch.	UMR Chart #69

512	Clinton, IA 	RBD - Best access to services at marinas, right near Riverview RV Park.	UMR Chart #71
510.2	Blair Island	LBD - A really nice camping spot with a beach and nice shade.	UMR Chart #71
509	Camanche Islands	RBD - Decent sandbar sites.	UMR Chart #72
508	Rock Creek Campground 	RBD - Take the Hanson Slough to find this established campground. Modern Amenities.	
504	Princeton Beach	LDB - A large and spacious sandbar with some trees a bit far removed. Last good place to camp in Pool #14.	UMR Chart #73
497	Le Claire, IA 	RBD - Services right on the water including brewery.	UMR Chart #74
493	Lock #14 - LeClaire, IA	RBD - 563-332-0907 - VHF Channel 14 On weekends and holidays, use the auxiliary Lock for small watercraft. To use, enter Le Claire Canal at UMR 496 (RBD)	UMR Chart #74
493	Illiniwek State Park 	Paid campsites LBD immediately upstream and downstream of Lock #14.	UMR Chart #74
488 - 479	Quad Cities: Bettendorf, IA Moline, IL Davenport, IA Rock Island, IL	The largest civilization since the Twin Cities in Minnesota. Countless marinas, bridges, roads, locks, dams, industry, and barges. Use caution leaving your boat unattended at public landings in this stretch, but if you have a paddler partner, groceries and restaurants are accessible. Keeping this in mind, the best access for paddlers in Quad Cities proper is at LeClaire River Park, RBD 482. Otherwise, stop at one of the smaller river towns above or below, there are many to choose from.	UMR Chart #76
483	Lock #15 - Rock Island, IL	LBD - 309-794-5266 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #76
479	Credit Island	RBD - Possibly some good spots on Credit Island, lower end. Would be cramped.	UMR Chart #77
479 - 452		A barge-heavy industrial stretch approaching and passing Muscatine, IA. Keep your marine radio charged, and your head on a swivel.	UMR Charts #77 - #81
476.5	Across from Horse Island	LBD - Small island across from Horse Island. Lots of sand, few trees.	UMR Chart #77
475	Smith Island	LBD - Good beach, but lots of industry nearby.	UMR Chart #77

473	Island 319	LBD - Large sandbar, gets heavy use on weekends by local motor boats.	UMR Chart #78
465	Shady Creek Recreation Area 	RBD - Paid RV campsite with amenities.	UMR Chart #79
462	Fairpoint Recreation Area 	RBD - Paid RV campsite with amenities. Leave the buoy line of the main channel and stay to the RBD of Geneva Island N. to access.	UMR Chart #80
462	Geneva Island North	RBD from main channel - Good beach on main channel side of island. Called "Bikini Beach" by locals. Decent shady spots back in forest a bit. Gets decent use on weekends.	UMR Chart #80
457	Lock #16 - Illinois City, IL	LBD - 309-537-3191 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #81
455	Muscatine, IA	RBD - Industrial town. Small boats harbor on northern part of town, at 455.6. Access to restaurants and grocery with some walking.	UMR Chart #81
454	Towhead Island North	Backchannel side, RBD - Nice sandbar on 2nd largest Towhead Island.	UMR Chart #81
452.8	Middle Island	Good sandbar site, but across from big industry.	UMR Chart #81
448	Bass Island	LBD - Nice expansive dredge pile sandbar. Popular with locals on the weekends, but enough room for all, certainly. Last good spot before Lock #17.	UMR Chart #82
437	Lock #17 - New Boston, IL	LBD - 309-587-8125 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #84
434.5	"Sliver Island"	LBD - Primitive camping at the foot of the island. Lots of sand, not a lot of shade.	UMR Chart #85
433.7	Mouth of Iowa River + Brass Island	RBD - Many nice sandbars around the mouth of the Iowa River. Most notable is Bras Island, which has a nice spot in the trees. Access can be tough depending on water level.	UMR Chart #85
433	New Boston, IL	LBD - Access is up into Boston Bay. Restaurants but no grocery. No Marinas here.	UMR Chart #85
426	Willow Bar Island	LBD - big dredge pile beach.	UMR Chart #86
427	Keithsburg, IL 	LBD - Access at River Campground (see below). Walkable to restaurants.	UMR Chart #86
427	Keithsburg River Campground	LBD - Established municipal campground. Modern amenities and right on the water.	UMR Chart #86

			
419.5	Jacoby Island	RBD - good sandbar with trees for shade. Steep landing, however.	UMR Chart #87
414.8	Long Island	RBD - Decent sand with grasses interspersed. Only available in low/medium water. Last spot before Lock #18	UMR Chart #88
410	Lock #18 - Gladstone, IL	LBD - 309-873-2246 - VHF Channel 14 Get ready for the longest pool. Pool #19 is approximately 46 miles long. More important to the camper: this means lower flow. In addition, the primitive camping is sparse in this pool.	UMR Chart #89
405	Moore Bar:	LBD - nice sandbar with a small amount of afternoon shade available.	UMR Chart #90
404	Burlington, IA 	RBD - Marina on north end of town, before bridge. Municipal boat ramp is immediately following the bridge, and walkable to restaurants and grocery, just not necessarily a great place to leave a boat.	UMR Chart #90
398	Willow Bar/Butz Beach	LBD - nice big stretch of sand from dredging. Steep access in some parts. Almost no afternoon shade on the sandbar. Can camp in trees as well.	UMR Chart #91
389	Pontoosuc Island	LBD - A real nice shaded sand on a sliver of an island.	
383	Fort Madison, IA 	RBD - Marina is directly downstream of the bridge. Groceries and restaurants are accessed from Riverview Park, just a bit downstream from there	UMR Chart #94
364	Keokuk, IA 	RBD - A paddler-friendly marina about two miles upstream of the town. (RBD 366). Access to the town is immediately downstream of the lock, restaurants but no grocery.	
364	Lock #19 - Keokuk, IA	RBD - 319-524-2631 - VHF Channel 14 The tallest and largest lock so far. This one is 1,200ft long, and boasts as much as a 40ft drop!	UMR Chart #97
362	Des Moines Confluence Missouri Border	RBD	UMR Chart #98
355	Fox Island Bar	RBD - The downstream end of the island has decent sand for a campsite.	UMR Chart #98
343	Lock #20 - Canton, MO	RBD - 573-288-3320 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #101
343	Mississippi Park RV Park 	RV Park located in Canton, MO. A rocky landing. Bathroom but no showers.	UMR Chart #101

339	Lesser Long Island	LBD - Located on the bottom end of the island. Lots of sand, not much flat.	UMR Chart #101
332	Hogback Island	LBD - Best camping in the area on lake dredge pile sandbar	UMR Chart #102
327	Quincy, IL  	LBD - Access to town is a tad up the harbor formed by Quincy Island. All services walkable from the boat ramp there.	UMR Chart #103
325	Lock #21 - Quincy, IL	LBD - 217-222-0918 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #104
323.7	Ward Island	Manageable camping on a spit of sand. Just before the first house on stilts.	UMR Chart #104
311.5	Turtle Island	LBD - Best camping is at the head of the island, good flat sand but minimal shade trees.	UMR Chart #106
309	Hannibal, MO   	The birthplace of Mark Twain, the whole town is themed. Marina and harbor is best access. Very walkable to Main Street restaurants, but grocery is a bit far.	UMR Chart #106
305	Harris Island	LBD - Good sandbar on head of island. Some believe this is the Jackson Island described in the Adventures of HUckleberry Finn. Explore it and you be the judge!	UMR Chart #107
301	Lock #22 - New London, MO	RBD - 573-221-0294 - VHF Channel 14	UMR Chart #108
299.5	Taylor Island	LBD - Good sand for camping on the head of the island.	UMR Chart #108
294	DuPont Conservation Area  	RBD - Car Camping at the Missouri Conservation Area. Free established camping, but expect neighbors.	UMR Chart #109
289.2	N. Fritz Island	LBD - Sandbar at the very tip of the island. No shade. Popular with locals	UMR Chart #110
284.5	Rest Area/Unmarked Boat Ramp	LBD - Rest area near pipeline crossing with mowed grass and decent beach to pull up on. Adjacent to boat ramp.	UMR Chart #111
281	Gosline Island	Very nice sandbar above Gosline Island. On the back channel side. RBD when in the back channel.	UMR Chart #111
283	Louisiana, MO  	RBD - Small town but with a nice park on the water. Potable water and restrooms. Marina is across the river.	UMR Chart #111
276	Silo Park 	RBD - On mainland. Nice free campsite maintained by the USACE with mowed lawn and lots of flat space. No amenities.	UMR Chart #112
273	Lock #24 - Clarksville, MO	RBD - 573-242-3524 - VHF Channel 14 Where is lock #23...?	UMR Chart #112

		There is no Lock #23. At one time, there was a plan to build a Lock #23, but eventually it was deemed unnecessary and never got built.	
269	Carroll Islands	LBD - Three islands with some so-so camping spots on sandbars	UMR Chart #113
266	Coon Island	LBD - Very good sand and trees on the very tail of the island.	UMR Chart #114
263	Tisdell Towhead	LBD - Small island, lots of sand with not much shade.	UMR Chart #114
258	Hamburg Campground 	LBD - A small town with camping permitted at the boat ramp.	UMR Chart #115
249	Stag Island	RBD - small sandbar tucked away near wingdam. Not ideal but would do in a pinch. At the very head of the island.	UMR Chart #117
241	Lock #25 - Winfield, MO	RBD - 636-566-8120 - VHF Channel 12 Lock 25 is a very slow, old lock. 600 feet long. Takes 2.5 hours on good days, with good conditions, and small barges. Can take up to 8 hours on bad days.	UMR Chart #118
237	Cuivre Island	RBD - Good sand near the foot of Cuivre Island. Just adjacent to Turkey Island.	UMR Chart #119
235	Hat Island	LBD - expansive sandbar in low water, with some higher spots for safety in high water. In low water, it can be difficult to get up near trees.	UMR Chart #119
229.5		LBD - Expansive sandbar on mainland during low water.	UMR Chart #120
223.5	Iowa Island	RBD - Very nice sandbar on foot of island. Nice afternoon shade.	UMR Chart #121
222	Marina Alley	RBD - tons of marina access	UMR Chart #121
219	Illinois River Confluence		UMR Chart #122
	Illinois Island	LBD - At the foot of the last island in between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. A very neat spot with a nice sandbar and shady spots too. Beautiful views looking downstream.	UMR Chart #122
218	Grafton, IL 	LBD - Small town with marinas and many restaurants right on the water. Small grocery store on upstream end of town.	UMR Chart #122
202.5	Alton, IL	RBD - Alton Marina is an excellent stop. The staff there is very friendly to paddlers.	UMR Chart #124
201	Melvin Price Lock - East	LBD - 618-462-1713 - VHF Channel 12	UMR Chart #125

	Alton, IL	The National Great Rivers Museum is also attached to this lock. Well worth the visit if you have the time!	
196	Missouri River Confluence	RBD	UMR Chart #126
190	Chain of Rocks (main channel) Lock #27 (canal)	LBD - 618-452-7107 - VHF Channel 12 Accessed via the canal that branches off at LBD at 194.5. Lock 27 LBD bypasses the chain of rocks. This is a long canal with no current. Most paddlers avoid Lock 27 and the Canal, and instead stay main channel and face the Chain of Rocks	UMR Chart #126
190	Chain of Rocks (main channel)	The chain of rocks takes up the entire width of the Mississippi here. There is a portage LBD which is also a great spot to scout. Scouting is recommended before attempting any form of rapids. <i>When in doubt, stop and scout!</i> Running the chain of rocks is possible, but only recommended when the St. Louis Gauge reads above 16ft. More detail on running the Chain of Rocks at Rivergator.org	UMR Chart #126
190 - The Gulf of Mexico	The Middle & Lower Mississippi River	Continue your journey with tons of resources at RiverGator.org! Paddles up! Rivergator: Paddler's Guide to the Middle & Lower Mississippi River St. Louis to The Gulf of Mexico, 1154 miles	