



# Year 2000 Nomination Form

## All-American Roads and National Scenic Byways

All sections must be completed on an electronic form at <http://www.byways.org>  
Applications must be submitted online and on paper.

### Nomination Type

☒ National Scenic Byway

☐ All-American Road

☐ Consider the byway for National Scenic Byway designation if it does not meet the requirements for All-American Roads.

### Section A: Byway Information

Byway Name Great River Road	
State MN	Location Lake Itasca to the Iowa Boarder adjacent the Mississippi River
Length 575.00 mi (925.35 km)	Driving Time 19 hours averaging 30 mph; or seven one- to three-day trips.

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## Section C: Routes

Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 38	County Route	6.00 mi	Start Terminus
			THROUGH ITASCA STATE PARK TO EAST ENTRANCE
			End Terminus
			CSAH 2 NORTH OF ITASCA STATE PARK
			Counties
			CLEARWATER
CSAH 2	County Route	6.60 mi	Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Forest, Lakeside, Marsh, Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 2	County Route	6.60 mi	Start Terminus
			CSAH 38
			End Terminus
			CSAH 40
			Counties
			CLEARWATER
CSAH 2	County Route	6.60 mi	Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Forest, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 40	County Route	2.20 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 2
			End Terminus CLEARWATER / HUBBARD CO. LINE
			Counties CLEARWATER
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 9	County Route	9.60 mi	Start Terminus CLEARWATER / HUBBARD CO. LINE
			End Terminus CSAH 10
			Counties HUBBARD
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 10	County Route	2.00 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 9
			End Terminus CSAH 3
			Counties HUBBARD
			Surface Gravel
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management
CSAH 3	County Route	1.00 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 10
			End Terminus HUBBARD / BELTRAMI CO. LINE
			Counties HUBBARD
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 7 (RURAL)	County Route	7.10 mi	Start Terminus HUBBARD / BELTRAMI CO. LINE
			End Terminus CSAH 11
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 7 (URBAN)	County Route	2.36 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 11
			End Terminus MN 197
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
MN 197	State Route	1.20 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 7 / 5th ST
			End Terminus 1st ST (MSAS 120)
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Lakeside, Urban
			Land Management
1st ST (MSAS 120)	Off-System	1.06 mi	Start Terminus MN 197
			End Terminus CSAH 12 (LAKE AVE)
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 12 (LAKE AVE)	County Route	2.21 mi	Start Terminus 1st ST (MSAS 120)
			End Terminus E. LIMIT BEMIDJI
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Lakeside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 12 (WEST SEGMENT)	County Route	5.60 mi	Start Terminus E. LIMIT BEMIDJI
			End Terminus CSAH 51
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management
CSAH 51	County Route	2.10 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 12 (WEST)
			End Terminus CSAH 8
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management
CSAH 8	County Route	3.60 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 51
			End Terminus CSAH 33
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 33	County Route	5.90 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 8
			End Terminus CSAH 12 (EAST)
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 12 (EAST)	County Route	5.10 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 33
			End Terminus CSAH 39
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 39	County Route	5.30 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 12 (EAST)
			End Terminus BELTRAMI / CASS CO. LINE
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 10	County Route	0.30 mi	Start Terminus BELTRAMI / CASS CO. LINE
			End Terminus CSAH 91 (USFR 2171)
			Counties CASS
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management BIA, USFS

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 91 (USFR 2171)	County Route	1.10 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 10
			End Terminus CASS / BELTRAMI CO. LINE
			Counties CASS
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 54 (USFR 2171)	County Route	0.70 mi	Start Terminus CASS / BELTRAMI CO. LINE
			End Terminus CSAH 54 (USFR 2171)
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 54 (USFR 2167)	County Route	1.60 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 54 (2171)
			End Terminus BELTRAMI / CASS CO. LINE
			Counties BELTRAMI
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 91 (USFR 2167)	County Route	9.70 mi	Start Terminus BELTRAMI / CASS CO. LINE
			End Terminus US 2
			Counties CASS
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest, Lakeside
			Land Management BIA, USFS

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Route	Type	Length	Details
US 2	U.S. Route	4.20 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 91 (USFR 2167)
			End Terminus CSAH 9
			Counties CASS
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Lakeside, Marsh
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 9	County Route	9.20 mi	Start Terminus US 2
			End Terminus CASS / ITASCA CO. LINE
			Counties CASS
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Lakeside, Marsh
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 9	County Route	2.00 mi	Start Terminus CASS / ITASCA CO. LINE
			End Terminus MN 46
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Lakeside
			Land Management BIA, USFS
MN 46	State Route	1.20 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 9
			End Terminus CSAH 39
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management BIA, USFS



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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 39	County Route	7.50 mi	Start Terminus MN 46
			End Terminus US 2
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest, Lakeside, Marsh
			Land Management BIA, USFS
US 2	U.S. Route	1.80 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 39
			End Terminus CSAH 18
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Marsh
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 18	County Route	1.80 mi	Start Terminus US 2
			End Terminus ITASCA / CASS CO. LINE
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside
			Land Management BIA, USFS
CSAH 3	County Route	7.40 mi	Start Terminus ITASCA / CASS CO. LINE
			End Terminus CSAH 74
			Counties CASS
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management USFS

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 74	County Route	3.00 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 3
			End Terminus CSAH 65
			Counties CASS
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management USFS
CSAH 65	County Route	2.20 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 74
			End Terminus CASS / ITASCA CO. LINE
			Counties CASS
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management USFS
CSAH 28	County Route	0.50 mi	Start Terminus CASS / ITASCA CO. LINE
			End Terminus MN 6
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management USFS
MN 6	State Route	1.50 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 28
			End Terminus CSAH 63
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 63	County Route	8.70 mi	Start Terminus MN 6
			End Terminus CSAH 76
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Lakeside, Marsh
			Land Management
CSAH 76	County Route	1.90 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 63
			End Terminus CSAH 23
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Lakeside
			Land Management
CSAH 23 (RURAL)	County Route	1.20 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 76
			End Terminus WEST LIMIT GRAND RAPIDS
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Lakeside
			Land Management
CSAH 23 (URBAN)	County Route	1.29 mi	Start Terminus WEST LIMIT GRAND RAPIDS
			End Terminus US 169
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
10th ST SE (MSAS 126)	Off-System	0.52 mi	Start Terminus US 169
			End Terminus 7th Ave SE (MSAS 119)
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
7th Ave SE (MSAS 119)	Off-System	0.55 mi	Start Terminus 10th ST SE
			End Terminus CSAH 3
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 3 (URBAN)	County Route	1.53 mi	Start Terminus 7th Ave SE
			End Terminus EAST LIMIT GRAND RAPIDS
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 3 (RURAL)	County Route	16.40 mi	Start Terminus EAST LIMIT GRAND RAPIDS
			End Terminus ITASCA / AITKIN CO. LINE
			Counties ITASCA
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 10	County Route	28.50 mi	Start Terminus ITASCA / AITKIN CO. LINE
			End Terminus MN 232
			Counties AITKIN
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 10	County Route	7.12 mi	Start Terminus MN 232
			End Terminus US 169
			Counties AITKIN
			Surface Gravel
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management
US 169	U.S. Route	1.33 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 10
			End Terminus CSAH 21
			Counties AITKIN
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest
			Land Management
CSAH 21	County Route	6.90 mi	Start Terminus US 169
			End Terminus CSAH 1
			Counties AITKIN
			Surface Gravel
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 1	County Route	4.95 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 21
			End Terminus MN 210
			Counties AITKIN
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside
			Land Management
MN 210	State Route	5.31 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 1
			End Terminus AITKIN / CROW WING CO. LINE
			Counties AITKIN
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Lakeside, Urban
			Land Management
MN 210	State Route	9.27 mi	Start Terminus AITKIN / CROW WING CO. LINE
			End Terminus WEST JCT MN 6
			Counties CROW WING
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Lakeside
			Land Management
MN 6	State Route	4.50 mi	Start Terminus MN 210 (WEST JCT)
			End Terminus CSAH 11
			Counties CROW WING
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest, Lakeside, Marsh
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 11	County Route	4.20 mi	Start Terminus MN 6
			End Terminus CSAH 19
			Counties CROW WING
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 19	County Route	8.90 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 11
			End Terminus CSAH 3
			Counties CROW WING
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Lakeside, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 3	County Route	3.35 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 19
			End Terminus MN 25
			Counties CROW WING
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Lakeside
			Land Management
MN 25	State Route	5.76 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 3
			End Terminus North limit of Brainerd
			Counties Crow Wing
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Forest, Lakeside, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 25	State Route	1.44 mi	Start Terminus North limit of Brainerd
			End Terminus MN 210
			Counties Crow Wing
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
E. River Rd (MSAS 105)	Off-System	0.74 mi	Start Terminus MN 25
			End Terminus E. College Dr.
			Counties Crow Wing
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
E. College Dr.	Off-System	0.36 mi	Start Terminus E. River Rd.
			End Terminus MN 371
			Counties Crow Wing
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
MN 371 (URBAN)	State Route	1.34 mi	Start Terminus E. College Dr.
			End Terminus S. Limit of Brainerd
			Counties Crow Wing
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management



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Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 371 (RURAL)	State Route	15.40 mi	Start Terminus S. limit of Brainerd
			End Terminus Crow Wing/Morrison County line
			Counties Crow Wing
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Lakeside, Riverside
			Land Management
MN 371	State Route	13.06 mi	Start Terminus Crow Wing/Morrison County line
			End Terminus CSAH 76
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 76	County Route	1.80 mi	Start Terminus MN 371
			End Terminus N. limit Little Falls/1st St. NE
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Urban
			Land Management
1st St. NE (MSAS 124)	Off-System	0.33 mi	Start Terminus N. limit Little Falls
			End Terminus 4th St. NE
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
4th St. NE	Off-System	0.77 mi	Start Terminus 1st St. NE
			End Terminus MN 27/Broadway Ave.
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
MN 27/ Broadway Ave.	State Route	0.68 mi	Start Terminus 4th St. NE
			End Terminus CSAH 52
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 52/ Lindbergh Dr. (URBAN)	County Route	1.36 mi	Start Terminus MN27/Broadway Ave.
			End Terminus S. limit Little Falls
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 52 (RURAL)	County Route	10.60 mi	Start Terminus S. limit Little Falls
			End Terminus CSAH 26
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 25	County Route	1.60 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 26
			End Terminus CSAH 21
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 21	County Route	4.30 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 25
			End Terminus Morrison/Stearns Co. line
			Counties Morrison
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 1	County Route	10.80 mi	Start Terminus Morrison/Stearns Co. line
			End Terminus N. limit Sartell
			Counties Stearns
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 1 (URBAN)	County Route	1.39 mi	Start Terminus N. limits Sartell
			End Terminus CSAH 78
			Counties Stearns
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 78	County Route	0.09 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 1
			End Terminus Stearns/Benton Co. line
			Counties Stearns
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 29	County Route	0.09 mi	Start Terminus Stearns/Benton Co. line
			End Terminus CSAH 33
			Counties Benton
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 33	County Route	1.30 mi	Start Terminus Jct. CSAH 29
			End Terminus Benton Dr. N.
			Counties Benton
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
Benton Drive N.	State Route	1.29 mi	Start Terminus Jct. CSAH 33
			End Terminus 1st St.
			Counties Benton
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
1st St.	State Route	0.29 mi	Start Terminus Benton Drive N.
			End Terminus Benton/Stearns County line
			Counties Benton
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
9th Avenue N.	State Route	2.00 mi	Start Terminus Benton/Stearns County line
			End Terminus CSAH 1 (S)
			Counties Stearns
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 1 (S)	County Route	0.15 mi	Start Terminus MN 15
			End Terminus CSAH 7
			Counties Stearns
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 7	County Route	3.19 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 1 (S)
			End Terminus S. limits St. Cloud/jct. CSAH 75
			Counties Stearns
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 75 (RURAL)	County Route	9.80 mi	Start Terminus S. limits St. Cloud
			End Terminus Stearns/Wright County line
			Counties Stearns
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 75 (RURAL)	County Route	15.12 mi	Start Terminus Stearns/Wright County line
			End Terminus CSAH 75/W. limits of Monticello
			Counties Wright
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 75 (URBAN)	County Route	2.00 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 75/W. limits of Monticello
			End Terminus CSAH 39
			Counties Wright
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 39	County Route	10.50 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 75
			End Terminus MN 101
			Counties Wright
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 101	State Route	1.20 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 39
			End Terminus CSAH 42
			Counties Wright
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland
			Land Management
CSAH 42	County Route	2.30 mi	Start Terminus MN 101
			End Terminus Wright/Hennepin County line
			Counties Wright
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 12 (W. River Rd.) (RURAL)	County Route	6.07 mi	Start Terminus Wright/Hennepin County line
			End Terminus W. urban limits of Minneapolis
			Counties Hennepin
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside
			Land Management
CSAH 12 (W. River Rd.) (URBAN)	County Route	1.54 mi	Start Terminus W. urban limits of Minneapolis/St. Paul
			End Terminus MN 169
			Counties Hennepin
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Riverside, Urban
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 169	State Route	0.40 mi	Start Terminus
			N. jct. of CSAH 12 (W. River Rd.)
			End Terminus
			S. jct. of CSAH 12 (W. River Rd.)
			Counties
			Hennepin
CSAH 12 (W. River Rd.)	County Route	5.89 mi	Start Terminus
			MN 169
			End Terminus
			97th Ave.
			Counties
			Hennepin
W. River Road	Off-System	3.22 mi	Start Terminus
			CSAH 12 (W. River Rd.)
			End Terminus
			Brookdale Drive
			Counties
			Hennepin
Brookdale Drive	Off-System	0.20 mi	Start Terminus
			W. River Rd.
			End Terminus
			MN 252
			Counties
			Hennepin
			Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
			Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Urban
			Land Management



## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 252	State Route	1.70 mi	Start Terminus Brookdale Drive
			End Terminus I 694
			Counties Hennepin
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
I 694	State Route	0.29 mi	Start Terminus MN 252
			End Terminus Hennepin/Anoka County line
			Counties Hennepin
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
I 694	State Route	0.04 mi	Start Terminus Hennepin/Anoka County line
			End Terminus CSAH 1
			Counties Anoka
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
CSAH 1	County Route	2.50 mi	Start Terminus I 694
			End Terminus Hennepin/Anoka County line
			Counties Anoka
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management

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Route	Type	Length	Details
CSAH 23 (Marshall Ave.)	County Route	2.60 mi	Start Terminus
			Anoka/Hennepin County line
			End Terminus
			CSAH 66 (Broadway St.)
			Counties
			Hennepin
			Surface
CSAH 66 Broadway St.)	County Route	0.39 mi	Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
			Start Terminus
			CSAH 23 (Marshall Ave.)
			End Terminus
West River Parkway (URBAN)	Off-System	7.57 mi	MSAS 309 (W. River Rd.)
			Counties
			Hennepin
			Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Riverside, Urban
Godfrey Parkway (Minnehaha Parkway)	Off-System	0.59 mi	Land Management
			Start Terminus
			CSAH 66 (Broadway St.)
			End Terminus
			Godfrey Parkway
			Counties
			Hennepin
			Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
			Start Terminus
			West River Parkway
			End Terminus
			MN 55 (Minnehaha Parkway)
			Counties
			Hennepin
			Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Urban
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 55 (Minnehaha Parkway)	State Route	2.71 mi	Start Terminus Minnehaha Parkway (Godfrey Parkway)
			End Terminus Hennepin/Dakota County line
			Counties Hennepin
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
MN 55	State Route	0.57 mi	Start Terminus Hennepin/Dakota County line
			End Terminus MN 13
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
MN 13	State Route	2.16 mi	Start Terminus MN 55
			End Terminus I 35E
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
I 35E	State Route	0.23 mi	Start Terminus MN 13
			End Terminus Dakota/Ramsey County line
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
I 35E	State Route	0.57 mi	Start Terminus
			Dakota/Ramsey County line
			End Terminus
			Shepard Road
			Counties
			Ramsey
			Surface
Shepard Road	Off-System	1.67 mi	Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
			Start Terminus
			I 35E
			End Terminus
CSAH 37 (Shepard Rd.)	County Route	2.14 mi	CSAH 37
			Counties
			Ramsey
			Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Riverside, Urban
CSAH 36 (Warner Rd.)	County Route	2.35 mi	Land Management
			Start Terminus
			CSAH 37 (Shepard Rd.)
			End Terminus
			MN 61
			Counties
			Ramsey
			Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
			Start Terminus
			CSAH 37 (Shepard Rd.)
			End Terminus
			MN 61
			Counties
			Ramsey
			Surface
			Asphalt
			Landscape Types
			Riverside, Urban
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
US 61	State Route	4.39 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 36
			End Terminus Ramsey/Washington County line
			Counties Ramsey
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
US 61	State Route	0.34 mi	Start Terminus Ramsey/Washington County line
			End Terminus I 494
			Counties Washington
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
I 494	State Route	0.61 mi	Start Terminus MN 61
			End Terminus Washington/Dakota County line
			Counties Washington
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
I 494	State Route	0.87 mi	Start Terminus Washington/Dakota County line
			End Terminus MN 56
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 56	State Route	5.18 mi	Start Terminus I 494
			End Terminus MN 52
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
MN 52 (URBAN)	State Route	2.27 mi	Start Terminus MN 56
			End Terminus S. urban limits of Minneapolis/St. Paul
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
MN 52 (RURAL)	State Route	0.61 mi	Start Terminus S. urban limits of Minneapolis/St. Paul
			End Terminus MN 55
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Farmland, Urban
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 55	State Route	3.71 mi	Start Terminus MN 52
			End Terminus CSAH 42
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland
			Land Management
CSAH 42 (RURAL)	County Route	3.90 mi	Start Terminus MN 55
			End Terminus W. limits of Hastings
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland
			Land Management
CSAH 42 (URBAN)	County Route	1.79 mi	Start Terminus W. limits of Hastings
			End Terminus MN 61
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management
US 61	State Route	1.98 mi	Start Terminus CSAH 42
			End Terminus MN 316
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Urban
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 316	State Route	7.88 mi	Start Terminus US 61
			End Terminus MN 316 at Dakota/Goodhue County line
			Counties Dakota
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Urban
			Land Management
MN 316	State Route	2.02 mi	Start Terminus MN 316 at Dakota Goodhue County line
			End Terminus US 61
			Counties Goodhue
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland
			Land Management
US 61	State Route	29.64 mi	Start Terminus MN 316
			End Terminus Goodhue/Wabasha County line
			Counties Goodhue
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside, Urban
			Land Management
US 61	State Route	30.60 mi	Start Terminus US 61 at Goodhue/Wabasha County line
			End Terminus US 61 Wabasha/Winona County line
			Counties Wabasha
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside, Urban
			Land Management



## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
US 61	State Route	33.87 mi	Start Terminus US 61 Wabasha/Winona County line
			End Terminus I 90
			Counties Winona
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management
I 90	State Route	4.95 mi	Start Terminus US 61
			End Terminus US 61
			Counties Winona
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management
US 61	State Route	0.83 mi	Start Terminus I 90
			End Terminus Winona/Houston County line
			Counties Winona
			Surface Concrete
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Riverside
			Land Management
US 61	State Route	1.61 mi	Start Terminus Winona/Houston County line
			End Terminus MN 16
			Counties Houston
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Riverside, Urban
			Land Management

## Section C: Routes (Continued)

Route	Type	Length	Details
MN 16	State Route	2.37 mi	Start Terminus US 61
			End Terminus MN 26
			Counties Houston
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management
MN 26	State Route	21.09 mi	Start Terminus MN 16
			End Terminus MN/IA border
			Counties Houston
			Surface Asphalt
			Landscape Types Farmland, Forest, Marsh, Riverside
			Land Management

## Section D: Senators and Representatives

### Associated States

State	Senators
MN	Wellstone, Paul Grams, Rod

### State Representatives

State	District	Representative
MN	1	Gutknecht, Gil
MN	2	Minge, David
MN	3	Ramstad, Jim
MN	4	Vento, Bruce F.
MN	5	Sabo, Martin Olav
MN	6	Luther, Bill
MN	7	Peterson, Collin C.

## State Representatives (Continued)

State	District	Representative
MN	8	Oberstar, James L.

## Section E: Designations

No.	Agency	Designation Date	Designated Name	Coverage
1	State	21 May 1996	Great River Road	Entire
2	State	16 Jun 1995	Minneapolis Grand Rounds Scenic Byway	Entire
3	State	26 Jun 1999	Scenic Highway - Cass Lake to Blackduck	Entire
4	State	26 Jun 1999	Avenue of Pines - TH 46, Deer River to Northhome	Entire

## Section F: Points of Interest

Name & Description	Details
<b>Aitkin</b>  Aitkin is located on the 20 by 5 mile lakebed of ancient glacial Lake Aitkin. An Ojibwe village and a white settlement named Mud River once stood at the site. Because Aitkin served as a Northern Pacific Railroad headquarters and supply base for 300 northern logging camps, it was called "gateway to the Upper Mississippi". Visit Aitkin's many historic buildings including the Carnegie Library, the County Courthouse and Jail, and the Northern Pacific Depot where passengers, mail, and freight service was coordinated to Duluth, the Twin Cities, Bemidji, Thief River Falls, and the Pacific Coast.	Route
	CSAH 1
	Distance Along Route
	206.80 mi
	Distance Off Route
	0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities
	Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs
	Visitor Services
	Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms
<b>Ball Club Lake</b>  The Great River Road continues along the lower edge of Ball Club Lake, named after the club used in an Ojibwe game, and through the community of Ball Club.	Route
	CSAH 18
	Distance Along Route
	106.89 mi
	Distance Off Route
	0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities
	Visitor Services
	Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms
<b>Battleground State Forest</b>	Route
	CSAH 8

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<p>Further downstream a sidetrip south on Cass County Road leads you to historic Sugar Point on Leech Lake, another of the Mississippi River reservoirs, Battleground State Forest the site of the last recorded Indian battle with the U.S. Government, and Federal Dam, site of one of six dams constructed between 1884 and 1912 to stabilize water levels on the Mississippi downstream.</p>	Distance Along Route 0.00 mi	Distance Off Route 8.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Brochures	
	Visitor Services Camping; Other	
<p>Bemidji</p> <p>No trip to Bemidji is complete without having your picture taken by the giant statues of Paul Bunyan and his blue ox Babe on the lake's southwest shore. These statues symbolize Bemidji's development as a lumbering center at the turn of the century. At this lake shore park you can visit the traveler center, play miniature golf among Paul Bunyan artifacts or take in a performance at the pavillion. Enjoy dining, entertainment and shopping opportunities along the downtown lakeshore that's really the river. Stay at one of the area's many resorts or camp amongst pines at Lake Bemidji State Park, located five miles north of Bemidji, where you can swim, fish, and waterski. While icefishing, snowmobiling or cross country skiing, take in the winter wonderland as the lakeside buildings are lit up with thousand of tiny white lights. Around the campfire, you may want to wrap up in a blanket from the Bemidji Wollen Mill. They've been making north woods clothing and blankets since 1920.</p>	Route CSAH 2	
	Distance Along Route 35.43 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center	
	Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms	
<p>Bena</p> <p>The small town of Bena was founded in 1933 by Ernest Flemming, a former lumberjack, who constructed the Winnibigoshish Resort, now known as the Bena Standard Oil Gas Station and Motor Court.</p>	Route CSAH 2	
	Distance Along Route 83.98 mi	Distance Off Route 0.25 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Brochures	
	Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms	
<p>Brainerd</p> <p>Brainerd, "the City of Pines," is the</p>	Route MN 371 (URBAN)	
	Distance Along Route 248.50 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi

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<p>former site of a 1784 trading post, an 1805 Indian Village, and became a fast growing city after the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railway Company. It was a railroad crossing and repair center for all main rail and branch lines east of the Rockies. Burlington Northern Railroad trains still use the old repair shops. From the 1870s to the early 1900s, hundreds of men worked at the Brainerd Lumber Company Mill. Cutting the dense forests left clear fields, which allowed for the rise of farming as logging declined. Historic homes, railroad shops, and the Crow Wing County Historical Society Museum attest to the town's successful past.</p> <p>When logging ended, the town developed as a tourism center. With railroads already established, it was easy to head north for vacations among the lakes and woods. Area tourism industry began simply with locals who owned lake sites, provided meals, tent sites, and hunting and fishing for visitors.</p>	<p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>		
<p>Camp Ripley</p> <p>Camp Ripley, a Minnesota National Guard facility, includes the Minnesota Military Museum. The museum tells two stories: the history of Minnesota soldiers from the Civil War to the present, and the development of the weapons of war. The museum has an outdoor collection of tanks, planes, helicopters, canons and other equipment to see, touch and even a few to climb in and take for an imaginary ride. The grounds are surrounded by dry-laid stone walls and gates and contain many styles of military buildings from several eras for architecture buffs.</p>	<p>Route MN 371 (RURAL)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 274.71 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Historical Markers; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Drinking Water; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 274.71 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Cass Lake</p> <p>From Lake Andrusia the Great River Road winds around Cass Lake, named by Schoolcraft in honor of his commander Lewis Cass. Cass Lake has a unique feature- Star Island within the lake contains a lake of its own.</p>	<p>Route CSAH 12 (EAST)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 59.90 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 59.90 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
Distance Along Route 59.90 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi		
<p>Chippewa National Forest</p>	<p>Route CSAH 2</p>		

Name & Description	Details	
<p>At Lake Andrusia the Great River Road enters Chippewa National Forest, created by Congress in 1902. Although originally only small areas of pines were preserved, now more than 600,000 acres of land are managed by the National Forest Service. Camp, picnic, and explore a network of multi-use trails through the forest. Boat and canoe access is available to many lakes, including Cass and Winnibigoshish, and other reaches of the Mississippi, for some of the best Mississippi canoeing in the country. In the late summer, you can watch the harvest of wild rice, or in early spring, the tapping of sweet sap from "sugar bush" trees. Wild rice and maple syrup can be purchased throughout the area. In the summer, wild berries are available for the picking, or catch your own walleye or bass dinner.</p>	Distance Along Route 50.88 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center	
	Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms	
<p>Clearwater</p> <p>The town of Clearwater was settled in 1854 at the mouth of the Clearwater River, and built its first sawmill in 1856. Clearwater could have been a major trading center in central Minnesota, ideally located on the Mississippi, near the northern woods and close to fertile farmland to the southwest. In 1856, the Burbank Stage Company proposed a northwest route through Clearwater. Town residents refused to supply free land and stables, causing the town to stay relatively small.</p>	Route CSAH 75 (RURAL)	
	Distance Along Route 331.69 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities	
<p>Crosby</p> <p>In Crosby, visit the Croft Mine Historical Park. The Croft Mine operated between 1916 and 1934 and produced the richest ore found on the Cuyuna Range with a composition of 55% iron. Rail buffs will want to stop by the 1910 Soo Line Railroad Depot, the western terminal for transportation of the ore, noted in Ripley's Believe It Or Not as "the only depot in the world where the train never goes by." Drive past miners' cottages in Crosby and explore the site of the old sintering plant on CSAH 30 and the historic Spina Hotel in Ironton.</p> <p>Many of the area lakes are actually old strip-mining pits. Today, instead of iron ore, these mines offer good fishing and diving opportunities. Portsmouth Lake in</p>	Route MN 210	
	Distance Along Route 221.75 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center	
	Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms	

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Crosby, once the largest open pit mine on the Cyuna Range, is now one of the deepest lakes in Minnesota at 480 feet.					
<p>Crow Wing State Park</p> <p>Downriver from Brainerd is Crow Wing State Park, where the Crow Wing River quietly empties into the Mississippi. The Dakota and Ojibwe fought over this area for most of the 18th century because of its rich hunting and access to two major rivers. Traders occasionally visited the Crow Wing area to purchase furs, and eventually set up permanent trading posts there. By the 1870s, the village had grown to 600 people, but suffered a crushing blow when it was bypassed by the railroad and established in Brainerd. Crow Wing State Park offers an excellent place to investigate the history of the area with many interpreted sites available, as well as river access, camping, and many trails.</p>	<p>Route MN 371 (RURAL)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>261.29 mi</td><td>0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	261.29 mi	0.00 mi
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<p>Cut Foot Sioux Lake</p> <p>A side trip follows MN 46 north to the Cut Foot Sioux Lake area, site of the last battle between the Dakota and the Ojibwe in northern Minnesota. Along Itasca County Road 35 off MN 46 is the Turtle Mound Oracle, a turtle-shaped mound built to signify a Dakota victory over the Ojibwe. In the same area is the Cut Foot Sioux Ranger Station, one of the oldest in the region.</p>	<p>Route MN 46</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>0.00 mi</td><td>5.30 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs</p> <p>Visitor Services</p>	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	0.00 mi	5.30 mi
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0.00 mi	5.30 mi				
<p>Cuyuna Iron Range</p> <p>South of the Mississippi along this stretch of the Great River Road is the Cuyuna Iron Range. From the early 1900s, over several decades and especially during the war years, this range produced over 100 million tons of ore known for its high manganese content. Elevated metal water tanks identify the mining towns of Deerwood, Crosby and Ironton.</p>	<p>Route MN 6</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>225.27 mi</td><td>0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	225.27 mi	0.00 mi
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<p>Dresbach Tourist Information Center</p> <p>Ferries and steamboats no longer tie up</p>	<p>Route I 90</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>536.87 mi</td><td>0.00 mi</td></tr> </table>	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	536.87 mi	0.00 mi
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<p>along the river banks at Dresbach and Dakota. Instead, visitors stop nearby at the Minnesota Department of Transportation Tourist Information Center to picnic, hike, or watch barges pass through the Lock and Dam.</p>	<p><b>Interpretive Facilities</b> Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p><b>Visitor Services</b> Drinking Water; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>		
<p>Elk River</p> <p>From Little Falls to Elk River the Great River Road travels through rolling fertile farm land. Beautiful turn of the century barns, farmhouses and auxiliary buildings remain. Much of the Upper Mississippi River Valley was subjected to grasshopper plagues throughout the 1850s, 60s and 70s. Early settlers could only watch as giant clouds of locusts descended on crops, eating everything in sight and destroying their livelihoods.</p> <p>A side trip takes you to the home of Elk River's most noted resident, Oliver H. Kelley, founder of the Patrons of Husbandry, popularly known as the Grange. It was during his work for the federal agriculture bureau that he realized much of farmers' plight was due to a lack of up-to-date information and poor communication. He founded the Patrons of Husbandry, commonly known as the "Grange," which served to educate farmers and lobby the state legislature regarding agricultural issues. Today, the Oliver H. Kelley Farm is a 189-acre living history farm o</p>	<p><b>Route</b> MN 101</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Distance Along Route</b> 360.31 mi</td><td><b>Distance Off Route</b> 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Interpretive Facilities</b> Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Visitor's Center</p> <p><b>Visitor Services</b> Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	<b>Distance Along Route</b> 360.31 mi	<b>Distance Off Route</b> 0.00 mi
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<p>Forest History Center</p> <p>To learn how forests have shaped human culture for centuries in Minnesota, visit the Forest History Center. Step back to life as it would have been in a Mississippi River logging camp on Saturday December 15, 1900. Visit a 1930's patrolman's cabin and climb the 100-foot fire tower for a spectacular view. Bring your picnic and finish with a walk along quiet riverside trails.</p>	<p><b>Route</b> CSAH 76</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Distance Along Route</b> 135.00 mi</td><td><b>Distance Off Route</b> 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p><b>Interpretive Facilities</b> Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p><b>Visitor Services</b> Drinking Water; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	<b>Distance Along Route</b> 135.00 mi	<b>Distance Off Route</b> 0.00 mi
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<p>Fort Ripley</p>	<p><b>Route</b> MN 371 (RURAL)</p>		



Name & Description	Details	
<p>The town of Fort Ripley sits across the river from the site of its namesake, a U.S. fort that operated from 1849 to 1878. It was the second military post established in the Minnesota Territory after Fort Snelling. A historical interpretive marker is placed along the Great River Road.</p>	Distance Along Route 267.20 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Historical Markers	
	Visitor Services	
	Route MN 55	
<p>Fort Snelling</p> <p>Located on a bluff high above the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers sits Fort Snelling, the state's first military post, and part of a system of forts established in the Northwest by the U.S. War Department. The government planned Fort Snelling soon after the Louisiana Purchase, with the hope that a military presence in the area would prevent the British from expanding so American fur trade could grow. Located within Fort Snelling State Park, the Historic Fort Snelling offers a glimpse of the rugged life in Minnesota's first military fort. Costumed staff greet visitors with discussions about their jobs and responsibilities, as well as details about the fort's history.</p>	Distance Along Route 397.00 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center	
	Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms	
	Route US 61	
<p>Frontenac State Park</p> <p>Between Red Wing and Frontenac the Great River Road travels through a geologic area known as a "hanging valley", which is a steep walled valley formed by ancient meanderings of the Mississippi. Here, Frontenac State Park features miles of trails and panoramic views of Lake Pepin, a naturally formed lake. Historic and archaeologic sites are located within the park.</p>	Distance Along Route 467.76 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs	
	Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms	
	Route CSAH 23 (URBAN)	
<p>Grand Rapids</p> <p>Grand Rapids, which began with the establishment of a nearby Northwest Company Trading Post, thrived as a lumbering center with many logging camps in the area, and a landing point for steamboats coming up the Mississippi. Logging around Grand Rapids declined in the early 1900s, but paper manufacturing continues today at plants such as the Blandin Paper Company. Regularly scheduled tours explore the past and highlight</p>	Distance Along Route 136.11 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
	Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center	
	Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area	
	Route	

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<p>advanced paper production technology in action.</p> <p>Grand Rapids is the actress Judy Garland's birthplace.</p>									
<p>Great River Bluffs State Park</p> <p>Great River Bluffs State Park, popular for camping and hiking, contains King and Queen Bluffs which have long intrigued naturalists. Steep goat prairies (collections of native grasses which grow on the upper southwestern slopes of bluffs) are located on the sunny south slopes, and cool conifer forests, relics of glacial times, are found on the north. The park, which is also known for its Indian mounds, is accessible from Interstate I-90.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Route I 90</td></tr> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 534.08 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Interpretive Signs</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</td></tr> </table>	Route I 90		Distance Along Route 534.08 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi	Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Interpretive Signs		Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms	
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<p>Hastings</p> <p>Begin traveling the Great River Road in Hastings, a town which grew around its natural river harbor. Drive or walk down streets canopied by giant trees, past historic mansions and shops of the 1850s. Enjoy the scenic gorge and mill ruins at Vermillion Falls or watch barges slowly pass through Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 2.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Route US 61</td></tr> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 430.08 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Visitor's Center</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</td></tr> </table>	Route US 61		Distance Along Route 430.08 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi	Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Visitor's Center		Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms	
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<p>Jacobson</p> <p>The Great River Road travels around lakes and potholes and over hills and flat plains created by the Wisconsin Ice Age. Archaic, Woodland, Dakota, and Ojibwe Indians from Lake Superior hunted, fished, and harvested berries, rice, and maple sap for generations in the waters and forests of the region. In the 1750s, French voyagers began a fur trading industry with the Dakota and Ojibwe that continued until the 1850s. The late 1800s to the early 1900s marked the logging era when giant red and white pine were harvested. By the 1930s, the great forest had been cut and tourism began.</p> <p>Travel past logging sites from the boom days of the 1890s where supplies were frequently brought up river by steamboats and distributed to outlying camps. On the</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Route CSAH 10</td></tr> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 159.59 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Interpretive Facilities</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</td></tr> </table>	Route CSAH 10		Distance Along Route 159.59 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi	Interpretive Facilities		Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms	
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<p>River Road above the Aitkin County line is the Grub Pile or Old Headquarters, marking where steamboats landed. Just north of Jacobson is a boat access and campground, the former site of the Swan River logging camp and steamboat landing.</p>			
<p>John Latsch State Park</p> <p>Traveling south from Weaver on U.S. 61, enjoy the visual delight each spring and fall of thousands of tundra swans, snow geese, ducks, herons and birds of prey which migrate through the river corridor. Farther down the road you will see landmark limestone bluffs: Faith, Hope, and Charity, located within John Latsch State Park. In the past these bluffs were used as route markers by Indians, rivermen and lumberjacks. Climb to their summits for excellent river viewing spots.</p>	<p>Route US 61</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 505.75 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Picnic Area</p>	Distance Along Route 505.75 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>LaCrescent</p> <p>Near the Information Center is the beginning point for the Apple Blossom Scenic Drive. In spring, blossoms from many apple orchards blanket the hillsides, but the views along the drive are lovely anytime. Stop at any of the many roadside stands found throughout the region in the fall for fresh apples, cider, Indian corn, and pumpkins.</p>	<p>Route MN 26</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 544.37 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities</p> <p>Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 544.37 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Lake Bemidji</p> <p>Lake Bemidji is one of three large Minnesota lakes that the Mississippi River flows through as it continues its course east around the giant fish hook-shaped beginnings. The Great River Road will soon take you past Cass Lake and Winnebigoshish. Lake Bemidji formed from the melting of a giant block of glacial ice. Development around Lake Bemidji began in 1888 at the Carson Trading Post, and by 1897 this "first city on the Mississippi" was established.</p>	<p>Route CSAH 2</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 35.43 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 35.43 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>between Frontenac and Wabasha to the Rhine Valley of Germany and Switzerland. Lake City (which is located between Frontenac and Wabasha, on the shores of Lake Pepin), is known as the birthplace of water skiing. On warm Minnesota days, the deep blue waters of the lake are sprinkled with hundreds of bright-colored sail and motor boats.</p>	<p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>		
<p>Lake Itasca State Park</p> <p>Driving through the landscape of Lake Itasca State Park, created by glaciers, you are surrounded by rich woodlands and sky blue waters. Lake Itasca is the Mississippi River headwaters. Early Indian tribes and later the Dakota (Sioux) and Ojibwe (Chippewa) Indians were attracted to the abundant wildlife in the area. This led to a thriving fur trade between the Ojibwe and French, British, and American fur trading companies.</p> <p>By 1858 fur bearing animals had become scarce and the Ojibwe had been forced from their lands onto reservations. Logging began, and within a generation great forests of giant red and white pines, hundreds of years old, were swept away. The forests you see today are the result of conservation efforts begun in the 1930s when the logging industry gave way to tourism.</p>	<p>Route CSAH 38</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 0.00 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 0.00 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Lake Julia</p> <p>For a side trip to Lake Julia, named by Italian explorer Giacomo Beltrami during his search for the Mississippi's source in 1823, follow MN 197 and Clearwater County Road 15 north from Bemidji. On the way you will cross the Continental Divide where waters separate to flow north and south.</p>	<p>Route MN 197</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 0.00 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 13.40 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities</p> <p>Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 0.00 mi	Distance Off Route 13.40 mi
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<p>Lake Maria State Park</p> <p>A detour south to Lake Maria State Park will offer visitors a feeling for the Big Woods. Hikers will enjoy the rugged terrain that resulted from glacial moraine</p>	<p>Route CSAH 75 (RURAL)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 336.99 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Interpretive Signs; Visitor's Center</p>	Distance Along Route 336.99 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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Leech Lake Indian Reservation  Just before reaching Lake Andrusia, you cross into the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, one of three reservations established by Congress in the late 1800s, where many Ojibwe still live and work. Traditional Indian customs such as pow wows, held during spring and summer months, are open to the public. Tours of the reservation can be arranged.	Route CSAH 12 (EAST) <table border="1" data-bbox="922 401 1495 464"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>48.04 mi</td><td>0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	48.04 mi	0.00 mi
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Libby  A side trip past Jacobson and Ballbluff brings the traveler to Libby where William Aitkin operated an American Fur Company Post on the Sandy River in the 1820s. Depressions in the earth mark the location of the post and a nearby pile of boulders remains where steamboats landed. Continue traveling south to Big Sandy Lake, an Ojibwe village and important Ojibwe and Dakota battle site. In 1794, the Northwest Fur Company established the first permanent trading post on the lake. The Army Corps of Engineers built the last remaining lock and lock house on the Upper Mississippi at this lake. Today the lock house is an interpretive center for visitors to the 120-acre Big Sandy Lake Recreation Area.	Route CSAH 10 <table border="1" data-bbox="922 863 1495 926"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>0.00 mi</td><td>5.00 mi</td></tr> </table> Interpretive Facilities Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	0.00 mi	5.00 mi
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Little Falls  In Little Falls the Great River Road follows Lindbergh Drive taking travelers to the 294-acre Lindbergh State Park and the Minnesota Historical Society interpretive center and boyhood home of Charles Lindbergh, pilot of the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Close by is the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum which offers a glimpse at an 18th-century French fur post, the lumber industry, ethnic settlements and the importance of the Mississippi River.	Route MN 371 (URBAN) <table border="1" data-bbox="922 1514 1495 1577"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>280.64 mi</td><td>0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	280.64 mi	0.00 mi
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<p>Mendota</p> <p>Across from Fort Snelling, Mendota, the oldest white settlement in the state was a primary stop for Red River fur trade in the early 1800s. In 1835, Mendota became home to Henry Hastings Sibley, who would go on to be the first governor of the state. The Sibley House, which was substantial for its day, was built of limestone quarried on the nearby river bank. Guided tours are offered spring through fall.</p>	<p>Route MN 13</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 397.00 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs</p> <p>Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 397.00 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Mesabi Iron Range</p> <p>A short trip north of the Great River Road is Minnesota's Mesabi Iron Range. From Grand Rapids travel northeast on US 169 to the towns of Coleraine, Bovey, Taconite, Marble, and Calumet, constructed by mining companies for the miners and their families. Historic buildings are located in several towns and many of the operating mines have tours available.</p>	<p>Route US 169</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 0.00 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 15.73 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 0.00 mi	Distance Off Route 15.73 mi
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<p>Minneapolis</p> <p>Minneapolis was born as a small trading village called St. Anthony, named after the waterfall that powered the city's rapid growth.</p> <p>For good views of the St. Anthony Falls and the Mississippi River, visit St. Anthony's original Main Street across the river from downtown Minneapolis. Revitalized in the 1970s, the street now contains a number of specialty shops, cafes, and offices. Guided walking tours of the Falls area are available Wednesday through Sunday, May through October. While in the area, bike or walk the 2-mile St. Anthony Falls Heritage Trail along St. Anthony's old main street, across the stone arch bridge, along West River Parkway and back across Nicollet Island. Marker signs provide historic information.</p> <p>In 1856, a group of investors created the Minneapolis Mill Company. Between 1890 ;</p>	<p>Route West River Parkway (URBAN)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 383.24 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 383.24 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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and 1930, Minneapolis was the largest flour producer in the country. Minneapolis and St. Anthony merged in 1872.			
<p>Minnehaha Falls</p> <p>Dakota for "laughing waters," Minnehaha Falls on Minnehaha Creek has drawn visitors for hundreds of years, and gained acclaim in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "The Song of Hiawatha." The 170-acre park that surrounds the falls offers visitors shaded lawns, picnic facilities and wooded paths.</p>	<p>Route MN 55 (Minnehaha Parkway)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 396.95 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 396.95 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Monticello</p> <p>The first settlers to the Monticello area were drawn to its natural prairie, far easier to farm than the thick woods to the north. Today, the town is perhaps best known as the site of one of Minnesota's two nuclear power plants. Northern States Power Co. built the plant in 1971, and it continues to be a major source of electric power for the state.</p>	<p>Route CSAH 75 (URBAN)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 344.24 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 344.24 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Palisade</p> <p>The Great River Road continues south on a partly gravel road that closely parallels the river. This rustic stretch offers pastoral farmsteads, rolling fields, and frequent views of this remote reach of the Mississippi. Steamboats like the White Swan, the Fawn, the Irene and the Andy Gibson transported passengers and supplies and assisted log drives on the Upper Mississippi between 1878 and 1920. Today many of the 25 steamboat landings once located between Aitkin and Grand Rapids are water access and camping sites offering opportunities to boat, canoe or fish from shore. Remains of sunken boats that were lost to the challenging river can sometimes be seen. Travel past the historic Wold Ferry Crossing site about nine miles south of Big Sandy Lake and into Palisade, once a busy logging town. From Palisade continue to Aitkin.</p>	<p>Route CSAH 10</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 184.56 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities</p> <p>Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 184.56 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Red Wing is the former site of a Dakota Chief Redwing's village and later a mission station. You can view many homes and buildings that attest to this rivertown's early success as a manufacturing and shipping center. Browse through shops at the Pottery Place Outlet Center or watch shoes being made at the Red Wing Shoe factory. Before leaving town, drive up Sorin's Bluff or hike to the top of Barn Bluff for magnificent views of the river and the city.</p>	Distance Along Route 448.82 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Sauk Rapids</p> <p>Benton County is named after Thomas Hart Benton, a Missouri senator who strongly supported the Homestead Law. The town of Sauk Rapids is named after a band of Sauk Indians who sought refuge there after they were driven from Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1730. Minnesota Highway 10 here follows two old oxcart trails. At Sauk Rapids, the Woods Trail followed the Mississippi north to the Crow Wing River before heading northwest. The East Plains Trail picked up the present route of Interstate 94 to head northwest.</p>	Distance Along Route 314.25 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Savanna Portage State Park</p> <p>Savanna Portage State Park is located nearby. The Continental Divide passes through the park, dividing the flow of water west to the Gulf of Mexico and east to the Atlantic Ocean. For centuries, this difficult portage linking the two water systems was used by the Dakota, voyagers, explorers, fur traders, and missionaries. Step back in time for a moment and hike part of the historic trail. Or hike the Continental Divide, or along the top of an esker, around pristine lakes or on a floating bog walk. See deer, beaver, porcupines and foxes, as well as eagles, numerous songbirds and waterfowl.</p>	Distance Along Route 0.00 mi	Distance Off Route 15.00 mi
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<p>Schoolcraft State Park</p> <p>Downriver you'll see how the Mississippi's channel has meandered back and forth, and some of northern Minnesota's great peatlands are visible.</p>	Distance Along Route 120.96 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Schoolcraft State Park, a former Ojibwe ricing area. Nearby is Deer River, once a rip-roaring lumber town built at the junction of two railroads and the Mississippi River. The Itasca Lumber Company built many structures here including the company superintendent's residence which is still standing.</p>	<p>Visitor Services</p> <p>Camping; Drinking Water; Other; Phone; Picnic Area</p>				
<p>Scientific and Natural Area</p> <p>About nine miles southeast of Lake City along U.S. 61 is a new Scientific and Natural Area. It is a major roost site for bald eagles, located between Camp Lacupolis and Reads Landing (directly across the road from a Mn/DOT Overlook and Geological Marker). Reads Landing was once a center for all western Wisconsin lumber trade. Hundreds of raftsmen rode log rafts spanning as much as three and one-half acres down river during the 1800s.</p>	<p>Route</p> <p>US 61</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>480.61 mi</td><td>0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities</p> <p>Visitor Services</p>	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	480.61 mi	0.00 mi
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<p>St. Cloud</p> <p>St. Cloud is also known as the "Granite City." Large granite deposits at St. Cloud are among the oldest rock on earth. The abundance of this stone and the need for a state prison merged in 1868 when prisoners began cutting granite blocks for a penitentiary. Soon after work on the prison had begun, more than 50 quarries opened. Architects began to depend on the stone for buildings such as the St. Paul Cathedral. The Stearns County Heritage Center and Park offers a broad survey of local history, including a large exhibit on granite mining. Heritage Park includes woodlands, prairie and aquatic habitats for nature study.</p> <p>In summer, St. Cloud visitors can enjoy the Munsinger and Clemens Gardens, which offer more than 70,000 annual plants and hundreds of rose bushes on the banks of the Mississippi River.</p>	<p>Route</p> <p>9th Avenue N.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route</td><td>Distance Off Route</td></tr> <tr> <td>316.66 mi</td><td>0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities</p> <p>Brochures; Historical Markers; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services</p> <p>Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route	Distance Off Route	316.66 mi	0.00 mi
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<p>spurring the founding of St. Paul. Soon after the fort was established, squatters gathered near the compound, creating the state's first settled community. They were evicted and headed to a nearby area, known as Pig's Eye. The settlement was named after Pierre Parrant, a community founder with a misshapen blind eye, whose personality contributed to his nickname.</p> <p>In 1841, Father Lucian Galtier built a chapel at the landing where Kellogg Blvd. and Minnesota St. meet today. He named the chapel after Saint Paul, and local residents gladly renamed their settlement.</p> <p>In the 1840s, only a few cabins dotted the landscape. In the 1860s and 70s, St. Paul became a rail hub for the upper Midwest and the gateway to the Pacific Northwest. James J. Hill's Great Northern rail line dominated the new land and his empire included steamers that could complete a journey to Japan. Visit the Hill mansion in Minnesota's capitol city.</p>	<p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; Restrooms</p>		
<p>The Winnie Dam</p> <p>The Winnie Dam on Cass County Road 9, designed like the Federal Dam to regulate water flow downstream, has also produced a water recreation system and improved wildlife habitat.</p>	<p>Route CSAH 9</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 94.33 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Other; Picnic Area</p>	Distance Along Route 94.33 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Wabasha</p> <p>The town of Wabasha (most of whose populace resides east of U.S. 61 and is accessed by MN 60 or Wabasha County Road 30) was named after a lineage of Dakota Chiefs named Wapasha who were powerful leaders of the Dakota in this region. In 1857, the area around the little town was one of the richest wheat producing regions of the state. For a glimpse of what a rivertown was like over a hundred years ago, stroll through Wabasha's historic downtown area.</p> <p>The Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, which lies west of the Great River Road south of Hastings and extends to the Iowa border, is named after a well-known Minnesota conservationist. The Kruger Recreation Area, one-half mile</p>	<p>Route US 61</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 485.34 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 485.34 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>south of Wabasha, is set deep within the hardwood forest, providing campsites, fishing, miles of trails, and access to the Zumbro River, a State Canoe Route.</p>			
<p>White Fish Chain of Lakes</p> <p>Like today's traveler, guests came to fish, swim, boat, and play golf in pine-scented air. Thousands more came to gamble and listen to music by famous bands such as Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey, Woody Herman, and Duke Ellington in area nightclubs, some of which still are in operation.</p> <p>Nearby on Clark Lake is historic Minnewawa Lodge, built before the turn of the century and operated by a Shakespearean actor from New York. At nearby Lake Hubert is the Minnesota and International Railroad freight house and shelter shed, one of the few buildings remaining at the once bustling Lake Hubert Railroad Station.</p> <p>A short sidetrip away is Nisswa, once the headquarters for the Upper Mississippi Ojibwe band and the home of famous Chief Joseph Hole-in-the-Day. Near Nisswa, is the site of the Mission of St. Columba, one of many missions established in the 1850s and 1860s to teach Ojibwe families handicrafts and religion. Visit historic Grandview Lodge to stay, eat, or golf.</p>	<p>Route CSAH 3</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 226.13 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 226.13 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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<p>Winona</p> <p>Winona stands at the site of Ke-ox-ah "the homestead" of Chief Wapasha's band. The hardwood forests that surrounded the sand prairie townsite led to Winona's success as a lumber milling center. Many historic buildings grace this beautiful city. Toward the southwest end of town you can see Sugar Loaf Mountain, a famous landmark towering 500 feet above the river.</p> <p>At the base of a bluff in what is now Homer, Willard Bunnell, first settler and one of the last Indian traders in the area, built his Gothic house. Take a side route (approximately two miles south on Winona County Road 7) to Pickwick. See the charming Pickwick Mill, one of the oldest mills in Minnesota. It stands beside the waterfall and pool that served as its power source in the days when it ground flour for Civil War troops.</p>	<p>Route US 61</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Distance Along Route 517.49 mi</td><td>Distance Off Route 0.00 mi</td></tr> </table> <p>Interpretive Facilities Brochures; Historical Markers; Interpretive Signs; Kiosks; Visitor's Center</p> <p>Visitor Services Camping; Drinking Water; Gas, food, lodging; Handicapped Accessibility; Other; Paved Parking; Phone; Picnic Area; RV Services; Restrooms</p>	Distance Along Route 517.49 mi	Distance Off Route 0.00 mi
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## Section G: Designation Requirements

### ☒ State or Federal Lands Designation

See Section E: Designations

### ☒ Intrinsic Qualities

See Section H: Intrinsic Qualities

### ☒ Corridor Management Plan

See Section I: Corridor Management Plan

### ☒ Passenger Vehicles

All segments of the Great River Road in Minnesota are classified and maintained to accommodate all types of vehicles.

### ☒ Bicycles and Pedestrians

The development guides and their implementation during categorical funding era strove to include bicycle and pedestrian use on the GRR. However, some portions of the GRR do not meet MnDOT bikeway safety standards. See Attachments 7, 13 and 15 for more details. In addition, the Upper Mississippi River Trails Work Group is currently exploring the establishment of a signed bikeway/trail system, in coordination with the Great River Road, from the headwaters to St Louis, MO, with the intention of connecting to the existing Mississippi River Trail from St. Louis to the Gulf of Mexico.

### ☒ Seasonal Limitations

All segments of the Great River Road in Minnesota are open and maintained twelve months of the year by local, county and state road authorities.

### ☐ Destination Unto Itself (All-American Roads only)

*No text provided.*

### ☒ Tour Buses (All-American Roads only)

Tour buses can be accommodated on all segments of Minnesota's Great River Road. See Attachment 13, Section 1 capitol improvements for paving the remaining gravel sections to make the entire route more attractive to all traveler types, including tour buses.

### ☒ User Facilities (All-American Roads only)

The Great River Road in Minnesota successfully provides services and facilities to meet tourist needs. See Attachment 13 for a fuller discussion on matching local hospitality resources to specific market niches and targeting improvement to best suit traveler styles. All public resources listed have been inventoried in a GIS data base as a part of the Great River Road Development Study, 2000.

☒ **Promotional Plan (All-American Roads only)**

q The Minnesota Office of Tourism (MOT) annually assists the MnMRPC in updating it's Marketing Plan for the GRR. See attachment 22 for the current plan.

q MOT and the MnMRPC produce a variety of publications promoting and marketing the GRR both in Minnesota and within our regional market. For the past two travel seasons, the MnMRPC has entered into a cooperative marketing program with the Minneapolis Star Tribune Company, the major newspaper in the state, to produce and distribute a GRR travel insert in early May. In 1999, over 400,000 copies were distributed. See Attachment 22 for the 1998 and 1999 examples.

q As part of a 10 state marketing cooperative known as Mississippi River Country USA, the Minnesota GRR is promoted in the far east, particularly Japan, and in Europe. The Preliminary 2000 Marketing Program and publications in several languages are produced by the National MRPC office and examples are enclosed in Attachment 3.

q As a Minnesota state scenic byway, the GRR is part of the website ([www.exploreminnesota.com](http://www.exploreminnesota.com)), publications and promotions of the MOT including their new scenic byway ad campaign funded with FY 1998 and 1999 National Scenic Byways Program grants. See Attachment 22 for the current Explore Minnesota travel guide produced by the Minnesota Office of Tourism which includes a number of GRR references as noted with the page tabs.

See Attachment 24, CMP

☐ **Tourism Plan (All-American Roads only)**

*No text provided.*

☒ **Multilingual Facilities (All-American Roads only)**

Languages available: German, Japanese

See Attachment 22 for examples of the Mississippi River Country USA program.

## Section H: Intrinsic Qualities

Choose one intrinsic quality of regional significance.

☐ Archaeological

☐ Cultural

☒ Historical

☐ Natural

☐ Recreational

☐ Scenic

### Cultural

Great River Road communities in Minnesota offer many festivals that celebrate the legends, products, immigrant culture, and art. A complete inventory of festivals is included in the Development Study GIS Inventory, Attachment 13. In the four demonstration areas discussed in the report festivals include:

Itasca to Bemidji:

§ Annual Ozawindib Walk

§ Annual International Snakesnake Games

§ Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers Reunion and Show

§ Annual Winter Bird Count

§ Art in the Park in July and People's Art Festival in November.

§ Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox statues established in 1937 for a

## Cultural (Continued)

### Winter Carnival.

#### Little Falls to Brainerd:

- § Minnesota Fishing Museum in Northern Pacific Depot;
- § Arts and Crafts Fair, downtown, weekend after Labor Day;
- § Antique Auto Show, weekend after Labor Day;
- § Great River Arts Association, sponsors exhibits and performances throughout the year, including Sunday afternoon concerts in Maple Island Park;
- § Heartland Symphony Orchestra, performs in both Little Falls and Brainerd;
- § Storoia Ballet Company, performances throughout the year, Nutcracker annually at Christmas
- § Morrison County Fair, east of Little Falls off Highway 27;
- § Little Falls House Concerts, folk musicians performing at a variety of venues;
- § Camp Ripley, Highways 371 and 115, contains the Minnesota Military Museum (open to the public) and Historic Fort Ripley site (by appointment only);
- § Little Elk Heritage Preserve, two miles north of Little Falls, archaeological preserve with fur trade era sites.

#### Minneapolis to St. Paul:

- § 1840s Food, Dining and Preparation
- § Children's Day
- § Historic Mendota Days
- § La Fete de Saint Jean-Baptiste
- § Mill City Blues Festival
- § Capitol City Celebration, New Years Eve
- § Taste Of Minnesota
- § Minneapolis Aquatennial
- § St. Paul Winter Carnival

#### Red Wing to Winona:

- § Red Wing Shoe Museum, 315 Main Street
- § Goodhue County Historical Society, 1166 Oak Street
- § Music Festival
- § Pow Wow
- § River City Days
- § Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous

## Historical

At the August 1999 Mississippi River Parkway Commission Annual Meeting in Brainerd, MN, representatives from all ten states discussed the applicability of the six intrinsic qualities throughout the ten-state Mississippi River corridor. At that meeting it was decided that a goal of the Parkway Commission is to eventually seek National Scenic Byway designation for the Great River Road in all ten states. Some states, Minnesota included, felt that all six qualities could apply to at least some of the areas along their stretch of the Great River Road. But not all states felt they could apply a scenic quality to their Great River Road. Throughout the corridor the integrity of archeological resources is often degraded or destroyed. Where the Mississippi is an active working river recreational opportunities are lacking. Everyone agreed, though, that in every state history truly resonates along the banks of the Mississippi River. Rivers are the seat of human settlement and the

## Historical (Continued)

Mississippi River played a tremendous role in the establishment of the United States of America. Therefore, history was chosen as the intrinsic quality that binds all states of the Mississippi River and the Great River Road. That the establishment of the Great River Road was deemed by the Department of Interior to be of national significance in 1938 is itself historical. See Attachments 4 and 5.

History: Great River Road stories of the Mississippi unfold from the dramatic interactions of people with the river. By revisiting the places along the river that have so greatly affected our collective experiences, the byway traveler better understands our common connections within these landscapes and our greater history.

GRR stories of the Mississippi in Minnesota are integral to the history of the nation. When Henry Rowe Schoolcraft finally identified the true source of the Mississippi as the crystal clear waters that flow from Lake Itasca, the final boundaries of the Louisiana Purchase were set.

The Mississippi River, in particular, was important to Indians centuries before the Europeans arrived; the name Mississippi, in fact, was an Algonquin name, that, when applied to rivers meant "Great River" for which this byway is named. There is an established interpretive program at Itasca State Park that addresses the Mississippi River, American Indian culture, European and American exploration for the source of the river, early efforts to preserve the land around Lake Itasca, and the influence of Depression Era federal relief programs on the development of the park.

During the 1820's and 30's Fort Snelling, along with Grand Portage on Lake Superior, was the focal point of Euro-American activity in the region. Strategically located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, it served as the first U.S. Military outpost in the area.

The GRR traces the river through Chippewa National Forest, created by Congress in 1902. Although originally only small areas of pines were preserved, now more than 600,000 acres of land are managed by the National Forest Service. In CNF historic Sugar Point on Leech Lake, another of the Mississippi River reservoirs, is Battleground State Forest, the site of the last recorded Indian battle with the U.S. Government, and Federal Dam, site of one of six dams constructed in the area between 1884 and 1912 to stabilize water levels on the Mississippi downstream.

Due to the river, St. Paul became a transportation hub for opening up the Upper Midwest and Minnesota's state capitol, and Minneapolis became the main flour-milling district of the nation. St. Anthony Falls and the lock and dams provide testimony to man's success at harnessing the power of the river to create, not wilderness, but a thriving urban center. Flour, beer, textiles and lumber were produced and successfully transported to the nation and the world through the lock and dam system that begins here.

In the early 1900's through the 30's, the Cuyuna Iron Range produced over 100 million tons of ore used to build the U.S. military machines of the great world wars. In Crosby, visit the Croft Mine Historical Park. The Croft Mine operated between 1916 and 1934 and produced the richest ore

## Historical (Continued)

found on the Cuyna Range with a composition of 55% iron. Portsmouth Lake in Crosby, once the largest open pit mine on the Cyuna Range, is now one of the deepest lakes in Minnesota at 480 feet.

Camp Ripley, a Minnesota National Guard facility, tells two stories: the history of Minnesota soldiers from the Civil War to the present, and the development of the weapons of war. In Little Falls the Great River Road follows Lindbergh Drive to the boyhood home of Charles Lindbergh, pilot of the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. The evolution of the American Nation can be traced off the GRR on the Ox Cart trail still visible though Schoolcraft and Crow Wing State Parks.

Across the river from the GRR, Elk River's most noted resident, Oliver H. Kelley, founded of the Patrons of Husbandry, popularly known as the Grange, which evolved into the Democratic Farmer Laborer or DFL party. Today, the Oliver H. Kelley Farm is a 189-acre living history farm operated by the Minnesota Historical Society. This historic site explores the life and lifestyle of the Kelleys who lived here in the late 1800s.

While at first drawn to the pristine beauty of the headwaters area, or the remote wilderness of the Chippewa National Forest or the reknowned four-season allure of Mississippi Bluff Country, the byway traveler is helped through excellent interpretation to understand the historic importance of the GRR and river as transportation routes and vital links among Mississippi communities.

The legacies of the great pine forests along the Mississippi live in the majestic trees that remain. In Bemidji the most recognizable landmark is the 1937 colossal statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox located on the shore of Lake Bemidji. The legend of the giant lumberjack illustrates the importance of the lumber industry for many northern Minnesota towns.

The Bluff region includes Red Wing, Frontenac, Lake City; Reads Landing, Wabasha, Weaver, and Winona. This is an area of unprecedented natural beauty. Another legend, Mark Twain described the scene:

The majestic bluffs that overlook the river, along through this region, charm one with the grace and variety of their forms, and the soft beauty of their adornment. The steep verdant slope, whose base is at the water's edge, is topped by a lofty rampart of broken, turreted rocks, which are exquisitely rich and mellow in color - mainly dark browns and dull greens with other tints. And then you have the shining river, winding here and there and yonder, its sweep interrupted at intervals by clusters of wooded islands threaded by silver channels; and you have glimpses of distant villages, asleep upon cares; and of stealthy rafts slipping along in the shade of the forest walls; and of white steamers vanishing around remote points. And it is all as tranquil and reposeful as dreamland, and has nothing this-worldly about it-nothing to hang a fret or a worry upon.

In Attachment 13, Cultural Tourism Component of the Great River Road Development Study, Volume II the historical interpretation of the Great River Road corridor focuses on the river town communities and how they both grew from and shaped the Mississippi River. Each of these communities has various resources that reflect larger historical themes; it is these themes that provide cohesiveness to the corridor. They describe different aspects of our interactions with the Mississippi River



## Historical (Continued)

and provide a framework for the marketing and interpretation of various types of buildings and structures found within the historic landscapes surrounding the river. The corridor's key themes are: Where Many Cultures Meet; Lumbering and Agriculture; Boats, Trains and Automobiles; The Power of the River; River Recreation; and Community Development.

Historic amenities have been inventoried, mapped, and interpreted. For a fuller account of the people, places and events that breath life into the past along Minnesota's Great River Road, please refer to Attachment 13, "Cultural Tourism Component of the Great River Road Development Study," Volumes I, II and III.

## Recreational

From the headwater to the Iowa boarder, Minnesota's Great River Road traveler can partake in a vast variety of recreational opportunities that are consistantly available along its route. There is literally something for everyone. Young or old, handicapped, soft adventurers or extreme sports enthusiasts, in a group or on your own, poor or wealthy. And you can find your fun in all four of our very distinct seasons. Attachments 15, 16, and 18 detail the many opportunities. In Attachment 13 see Section 6 and 7 of the Development Study to learn more about the marketing strategies that match tourists to seven Great River Road destination areas to best fulfill their specific recreation desires.

A taste of the possibilities include swimming, sunning, fishing, boating, jet skiing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, hunting, hiking, biking, inline skating, rock climbing, orienteering, bird watching, wildflower identification, golfing, ice fishing, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, ice sailing, ice skating, snowmobiling, horseback riding, antiquing, gaming, camping, picnicing, or go to the theatre, museums, concerts, sports, festivals, historic sites, to name a few.

## Scenic

From the Great River Road you can look upon pristine lakes, virgin pine forests, see eagles, loons and deer, quaint river towns, a vibrant metropolis, blazing autumnal hardwood forests, the awesome power of locks and dams, imagine a longshoreman's life as barges glide past, recall Mark Twain's time on paddle wheelers, feel the wind that pushes the sailboats, watch water skiers relive the sport's Mississippi birth, and hills sides fluttering with apple blossoms.

Great River Road travelers are witness to a river that evolves from a clear shallow stream into a meandering serpentine watercourse through vast marshes into a reknowned canoe route into the working into a rolling river that powers dams and mills river of the Twin Cities, squeezing past the only gorge on the river, over the largest falls, through the first locks, past tall sandstone bluffs, and finally maturing into a mile-wide river surrounded by a vast and fruitful valley. All this as you travel on Minnesota's Great River Road.

## Section I: Corridor Management Plan

- ☒ A map identifying the corridor boundaries, location of intrinsic qualities, and land uses in the corridor.
- ☒ An assessment of the intrinsic qualities and their "context" (the areas surrounding them).
- ☒ A strategy for maintaining and enhancing each of those intrinsic qualities.
- ☒ The agencies, groups, and individuals who are part of the team that will carry out the plan, including a list of their specific, individual responsibilities. Also, a schedule of when and how you'll review the degree to which those responsibilities are being met.
- ☒ A strategy of how existing development might be enhanced and new development accommodated to preserve the intrinsic qualities of your byway.
- ☒ A plan for on-going public participation.
- ☒ A general review of the road's safety record to locate hazards and poor design, and identify possible corrections.
- ☒ A plan to accommodate commercial traffic while ensuring the safety of sightseers in smaller vehicles, as well as bicyclists, joggers, and pedestrians.
- ☒ A listing and discussion of efforts to minimize anomalous intrusions on the visitor's experience of the byway.
- ☒ Documentation of compliance with all existing local, state, and federal laws about the control of outdoor advertising.
- ☒ A plan to make sure that the number and placement of highway signs will not get in the way of the scenery, but still be sufficient to help tourists find their way. This includes, where appropriate, signs for international tourists who may not speak English fluently.
- ☒ Plans of how the byway will be marketed and publicized.
- ☒ Any proposals for modifying the roadway, including an evaluation about design standards and how proposed changes may affect the byway's intrinsic qualities.
- ☒ A description of what you plan to do to explain and interpret your byway's significant resources to visitors.

### Comments

Highlight all of the planning that has occurred over the life of the GRR.  
Reference attachments, summary is Attachment 24, all others support.

Dennis,

The following text was inadvertently omitted from Section I: Corridor Management Plan Comments:

The Great River Road in Minnesota meets the fourteen requirements of Corridor Management Planning as listed above. From its inception in the 1930's, to the first feasibility studies in the 1950's, to the active planning, development and promotion in the 1970's and 80's, and continuing today, the MnMRPC, with the support of state agencies, local communities, as well as the National MRPC, has intuitively managed the GRR in the manner required for National Scenic Byway designation. Please refer to Attachment 24, a detailed summary of how each of the fourteen points have been and continue to be met. Attachments 1 through 26 provide supporting evidence and examples of these efforts, as frequently referenced in the summary.

## Section J: Abstract

Minnesota's Great River Road experience is unique. Explore a cornucopia of ecotypes, topography, vegetation, wildlife and communities. History resonates and recreational opportunities abound. Yet the transformation of the Mississippi River is what sets this byway apart.

From toe-tickling headwaters flowing from Lake Itasca to serpentine meanderings through vast marshes in remote wilderness. Fish, hunt, hike and bike while the GRR continues past the big lakes of Bemidji, Cass, Andrusia and Winnebigoish inside Chippewa National Forest. After its last lazy ramblings past Schoolcraft State Park, the Mississippi picks up speed, powering mills in Grand Rapids.

Enjoy serene Mississippi canoeing past quaint pioneer towns like Ball Bluff, Palisade, and Aitkin. Recall Cuyuna Iron Range glory days before swinging your irons at world-class golf courses in the Brainerd Lakes area. The river grows, rolling past well-told stories of Native American culture, military might, aviator Charles Lindbergh, and turn-of-the-century farming.

In Minneapolis and St. Paul the largest falls, only gorge, and first locks provide framework for fine dining, major-league sports, history, arts and entertainment. In Bluff Country, Minnesota first shares the Mississippi with another state. Along the GRR, quaint rivertowns and spectacular river scenery reward you year-round.

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Color Slide	Milling district in Minneapolis  NA	Map Name Minnesota GRR Map w/Visual Aids by Location	Map Label Q
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Color Slide	River boat pulling up to Red Wing, MN  NA	Map Name Minnesota GRR Map w/Visual Aids by Location	Map Label W
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Color Slide	Sugarloaf rock formation  NA	Map Name Minnesota GRR Map w/Visual Aids by Location	Map Label EE
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Photographic CD-ROM	Turtle Mound Trail off Cnty. Rd. 35 spur  NA	Map Name Minnesota GRR Map w/Visual Aids by Location	Map Label 06
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Photographic CD-ROM	Winona Lake Park bandshell  NA	Map Name Minnesota GRR Map w/Visual Aids by Location	Map Label 62
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## Section L: Marketing

To what degree is the byway able to handle increased visitation? (1=Poor, 5=Excellent) 5

## Section L: Marketing (Continued)

Does the byway group agree that increased visitation is a goal for the nominated route? Yes  
Enter any comment below:

The river is an important feature in towns along the Great River Road for one simple reason: their existence is owed to it. Consequently, tourism in these areas should be based upon their waterfronts, often the location of the most interesting collections of historic buildings and sites.

As described in Attachment 13, Great River Road Development Study, William Gartner's survey of visitor expectations indicated that going to historic sites and museums is a popular tourist activity. Approximately one-third of the survey participants responded that visiting historic sites was among the activities they most liked to do. It is a community's historic buildings that give it a distinctive identity and will provide visitors with additional amenities and activities during their stay.

Refer to Attachment 13, Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 to learn more about suggested strategies for increasing visitation that best fit individual communities and the seven identified destination areas along Minnesota's Great River Road, matching local resources to specific market niches.

Provide basic driving directions for a visitor to reach the nominated route by using major cities and towns as landmarks:

From Chicago, IL to Dresbach, MN

1. Begin at Chicago, IL on I-90 and go Northwest for 280 miles.
2. Take exit ramp at sign reading "Exit 272B & A to Dresbach." Proceed north or south on U.S. 61, this is the Great River Road in Minnesota.

From Milwaukee, WI to Dresbach, MN

Distance: 210 Miles

1. Begin at Milwaukee, WI on I-94 and go West for 210 miles
2. Take exit ramp at sign reading "Exit 272B & A to Dresbach." Proceed north or south on U.S. 61, this is the Great River Road in Minnesota.

From Des Moines, IA to Dresbach, MN

Distance: 257 Miles

1. Begin at Des Moines, IA on I-35 and go North for 145 miles
2. Bear right on ramp at sign reading "Exit 13A I-90 East to La Crosse" and go East on I-90 for 112 miles
3. Take exit ramp at sign reading "Exit 272B & A to Dresbach." Proceed north or south on U.S. 61, this is the Great River Road in Minnesota.

From Des Moines, IA to St. Paul, MN

Distance: 240 Miles

1. Begin at Des Moines, IA on I-35 and go North for 220 miles
2. Bear right on ramp at sign reading "I-35 East to St. Paul" and continue on I-35E and go Northeast for
3. Exit west on MN 13 (the Great River Road) to travel upriver or continue on I-35E across the river bridge and exit east on Shepard Road (the Great River Road) in St. Paul.

Duluth, MN to Grand Rapids

## Section L: Marketing (Continued)

Distance: 76 Miles

1. Begin at Duluth, MN on US-2 and go Northwest for 76 miles.
2. In Grand Rapids turn left on 77th Ave. SE, go one block, cross over the Mississippi River.
3. Turn left on Itasca Co. Rd. 3 (the Great River road) to travel downstream, or continue south on 77th Ave. SE (the Great River Road) to travel upstream.

Sioux Falls, ND to Minneapolis

Distance: 263 Miles

1. Begin at Sioux Falls, SD on I-90 and go East for 171 miles
2. Take Exit 159B to I-35 North for 75 miles
3. Continue on I-35W at sign reading "Exit 88A I-35West to Minneapolis" and go North for 16 miles.
4. Exit at sign reading "Exit 16A MN-65 I-94 West to Downtown Exits" continuing on MN-65 12 blocks to Washington Ave.
5. Turn right on Washington Avenue, one block to Portland Ave.
6. Turn left on Portland Ave. S., two blocks to West River Rd.
7. At West River Rd. (the Great River Road) turn left to travel upstream or right to travel downstream.

Fargo, ND to Lake Itasca, MN

Distance: 114 miles

1. Begin at Fargo, ND on US-75 and go North for 31 miles
2. Turn right on MN-200 and go East for 80 miles
3. Turn right on Clearwater Co. Rd. 38 (the Great River Road) to go upstream to the headwaters at Lake Itasca and left to go downstream.

International Falls, MN to Bemidji, MN

Distance: 114 Miles

1. Begin at International Falls on US-71 and go Southwest for 113 miles into Bemidji to Beltrami Co. Rd. 7 (the Great River Road).
2. Turn west on Co. Rd. 7 to travel upstream or east to travel downstream.

Provide contact information for an agency that can handle calls and questions regarding the designated route:

Agency: Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Minnesota

Phone: 612-212-2552

E-mail: [johnedman@Carlson.com](mailto:johnedman@Carlson.com)

Does the byway have a marketing plan? Yes

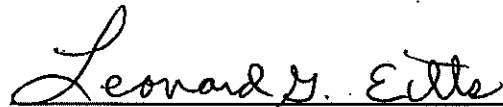
If the byway has a web site, enter the URL below:

<http://mississippi-river.com/mrpc>

Do you have contact with or are you directly connected with your state's tourism office or an active tourism organization? Yes

**Section M: Signatures**

State Scenic Byways Agency Representative



Leonard Eilts  
Director, Office of Environmental Services

1-18-00

Date



**Section N: Attachments**

- ☐ State or Federal Lands Designation Verification
- ☐ Corridor Management Plan
- ☐ Primary Byway Map
- ☐ USGS or Similarly-Detailed Maps
- ☐ Visual Aids (104)
- ☐ Completed Visual Aid Release Forms
- ☐ Marketing Plan

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Aitkin County	NA
Canoe access point	NA
Mississippi River north of Palisade	NA
Aitkin County, Mississippi River bridge	NA
Aitkin County farmstead	NA
Bridge crossing Aitkin County	NA
Historic Deerwood Auditorium	NA
Historical architectural features on the Pitt building	NA
Another view of the Will S. Pitt building in Crosby	NA
Brainerd Merchant's block	NA
International Raceway in Brainerd, MN	NA
Grandview Lodge in Nisswa, MN	NA
Enjoying the view of the River at Crow Wing State Park	NA
Father Francis Xavier Pierz interp. monument near Camp Ripley	NA
Mississippi River overlook gazebo	NA
Lindberg State Park along the GRR	NA
Interpretive historical elements in Lindberg State Park	NA
Former Lindberg home in Lindberg State Park	NA
Entrance to Lindberg State Park	NA
Northern Pacific depot along the GRR through Little Falls, MN	NA
Quaint park along the river in Little Falls	NA

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Historic rivertown character of Main Street, Wabasha	NA
Big Jo Flour elevator along the GRR in Wabasha	NA
Historic homes in Wabasha, MN	NA
Biking along Lake Winona	NA
Merchant's National Bank, designed by Purcell, Feick, & Elmslie	NA
Historical downtown Winona	NA
Sugarloaf rock formation	NA
Winona Lake Park bandshell	NA
Winona Waterwork's historic architecture	NA
Winona County Courthouse	NA
Aerial panorama of the GRR, River, and Bluff Country at Winona	NA
Dresbach Travel Information Center overlook	NA
Winona County farmstead	NA
Apple Blossom Scenic Byway, connection off the GRR	NA
Scenic Bluff Country along the southern reaches of the GRR in MN	NA

January 18, 2000

## **Attachments to the Great River Road application for National Scenic Byways Designation by the FHWA :**

1. Minnesota Great River Road Map (Green Cover)  
This map shows the entire 575 mile state scenic byway (highlighted in pink) being nominated for NSB designation in Minnesota with most recreation, historic and natural resources located for traveler information. A parallel state GRR route is also indicated. This route is not part of the application.
2. Minnesota GRR "At a Glance Travel Guides" and Examples of Travel Book Series  
The original interpretive materials developed to outline the intrinsic qualities of the GRR travel experience. The books were expected to be sold but the MnMRPC has been unable to develop a reliable vendor relationship. All five books are camera ready for printing.
3. Ten State GRR Travel Map and Other Promotional Materials  
The newest promotional piece (10-state map) produced by the National Mississippi River Parkway Commission and its marketing alliance, Mississippi River Country USA. The preliminary 2000 Cooperative International Marketing Program and other materials developed for promoting the GRR internationally are also included.
4. Legislative Beginnings of GRR  
This section includes the announcement of creation of the GRR by Congress and the enabling Federal and State legislation.
5. History of the GRR  
Summary of the history of the GRR developed by the National Mississippi River Parkway Commission office.
6. Project Development Report For the GRR - Approved 8/22/77  
Basic environmental document prepared by MnDOT to cover development work on the GRR and to provide consistency among all the local units of government developing GRR related projects with various state or federal funds.
7. Example MN GRR Route Selection and Development Guide/Segment 1B - Approved 1988  
Example of our most recent guide developed to be the primary planning tool used by MnDOT, local units of government and the MnMRPC to develop the route. Copies of the Table of Contents and supporting figures for the other segments of the route are also included.
8. National GRR Route Description Table with supporting maps of counties and municipalities  
The table is a complete record of every change in route jurisdiction along the entire byway from the Lake Itasca headwaters to Wisconsin border. Page 5 includes a route description of the GRR in Southeast MN. The map, page 6, shows the 20 counties through which the GRR passes and page 7 is a tabulation of GRR communities. See Attachment 2 "At a Glance Travel Guides" for driving directions.
9. MN Great River Road Project Cost Summary To May 8, 1997  
Summary of all investments in the GRR from initial categorical federal funding through recent national scenic byway and transportation enhancement funds. This shows the diversity

of investment and funding sources and reinforces the desire to continue enhancing the GRR traveler experience.

10. Great River Road 10 State Design Guide from MRPC Technical Committee - 1981

Example of the coordinated documents produced by technical committees to insure common approaches to route development which insure a seemly travel experience for the traveler.

11. MN Great River Road Site Design Guide - 1982

Document prepared by MnDOT and distributed to local units of government and state agencies. The document's intent was to create a set of common design solutions and features along the entire route which would provide visual cues to travelers that all facilities were part of the GRR experience. Was also distributed to other GRR states.

12. MN Great River Road Route Signing Study - 1982

This study was conducted along the entire route in order to insure consistent levels of traffic signing and to locate a complete installation of GRR logo signs with Federal funds. Example is meant to show the level of detail for the entire route.

13. MN Great River Road Development Study for Minnesota - 2000

Most recent GRR planning project. This work included a detailed route inventory tabulated using GIS, a GRR traveler survey, assessment of traveler needs, numerous public meetings to inform citizens and agencies about the GRR and its potential and suggestions for changes to the support structure for the GRR in Minnesota.

Cultural Tourism Component of the GRR Development Study, Volumes I, II, and III

This three volume set includes an inventory of all cultural resources within the corridor, suggestions for using historic resources as the basis for development within the tourism demonstration areas, and interpretive themes for the entire corridor which will form the basis for the GRR Interpretive Signing Project discussed in Attachment 14.

14. MN Great River Road Interpretation Signing Project

This packet of material includes concepts and construction plans for route interpretive signs. Pages 1 to 4 show the initial project funded with FY 93 a NSB grant. Page 5 to 11 is the packet used by the MnMRPC to contact GRR supporters, the contact list is pages 9 to 11, to secure additional matching funds for an interpretive project over the entire length. Page 12 is the start of the funding proposal submitted to MnDOT. The last item is the actual plan set for the initial project. MnDOT tentatively has approved funding for this project subject to the results of the GRR Development Study just completed.

15. Recreational Resources

Collection of maps and reference documents from GRR partner agencies. Includes Chippewa National Park and state park and bike trail maps. Note that GRR route is shown on the Federal and state maps.

16. Cultural Resources

Collection of maps and reference documents from GRR partner agencies. Includes state wide and individual brochures from sites along the GRR operated by the Minnesota Historical Society.

17. Transportation Resources

State highway map showing GRR and other state designated scenic byways. MnDOT also produces state bike maps which include the GRR route, see Attachment 15.

18. River Resources

Collection of maps and reference documents describing Mississippi River based recreation resources. Series of six maps produced by the Mississippi River Headwaters Board and DNR showing the GRR and canoeing or boating opportunities. Blue covered maps show the entire river recreation experience from St Cloud south to the Iowa Border.

19. MN Great River Road Association Documents - 1990/91

Information documenting the MnMRPC's effort to create a local membership support group which would build local connections to and support for continued development of the GRR.

20. Great River Road Ramble Article - 1998

Article from Public Roads Magazine describing the history of the GRR, its connection to transportation planning and showing the traveling displays which were used at all stops along the route. The GRR Ramble was a tour of the GRR for vintage cars and trucks and included traveling displays. The Minnesota portion of the event was held in July 1998.

21. Interpretive Sign Installations

Photos, sample interpretive sign panels and other information describing the interpretive work conducted to date on the GRR.

22. MN GRR Marketing Plan & Example Promotional Products

Current marketing plan under which the MnMRPC is developing products to promote the GRR in Minnesota. Example of the Minneapolis Star Tribune newspaper spring insert targeting GRR travel and the year 2000 Explore Minnesota travel guide produced with by the Minnesota Office of Tourism and highlighting scenic byways including the GRR.

23. Application Visual Aids

Slides, color print out of digital images, CD with images of Points of Interest and a MN GRR green map with visual aids by location.

24. Great River Road Corridor Management Planning Summary January 18, 2000

Contains an overview, fourteen elements of corridor management planning, GRR background, roadway characteristics, and marketing.

25. State Scenic Byway Designation Verification 1996-7

26. Scenic Byways and Outdoor Advertising Control in Minnesota June 1994