

KETTLE RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

Map 1 - Kettle River to Sandstone

- Carry-in Access
- Trailer Access
- Rest Area
- Waterfall
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Campground
- Watercraft Campsite
- Dam
- River Level Gauge
- State Public Lands
- Other Public Lands
- Willard Munger State Trail (paved)
- River Miles
- Powerlines
- Rapids
- Hazards



Scale 1:111,410



Scale in Miles



Route Description, RM 62 to 24.6

R and L represent sides of the river facing downstream.

- 62.0-56.0** Many short boulder-bed rapids. Class I-II. Most of the river is Class I during low water with some stretches reaching II or III in high water.
- 61.1** Highway 73 bridge.
- 60.1 (R)** Confluence with Dead Moose River.
- 59.1** Powerline crossing.
- 58.8** County Road 12 bridge. River level gauge.
- 57.8 (R)** Confluence with Silver Creek.
- 55.8** Highway 27 bridge.
- 55.6-55.3** Class I rapids.
- 55.3** Confluence with Gillespie Brook.
- 54.7-54.3** Class I rapids.
- 53.8 (R)** Confluence with Split Rock Creek.
- 53.6-53.5** Class I rapids.
- 52.7-52.6** Class I rapids.
- 51.6** Underwater hazard railroad trestle.
- 51.4-51.3** Class I rapids.
- 50.7** Highway 46 bridge.
- 50.0 (L)** White Pine Campsite.
- 49.6 (L)** Headwater Campsite.
- 48.5 (R)** Confluence with Birch Creek.
- 46.6 (L)** Confluence with Moose Horn River.
- 46.3 (R)** Musclewood Carry-in Access. County Road 52 bridge.
- 42.5** County Road 41 bridge.
- 41.9 (L)** Confluence with Willow River.
- 40.3** Long Lake Road bridge. River level gauge.
- 39.4 (R)** Beaver Pond Campsites (2 sites). **Caution: steep bank.**
- 37.3** County Road 61 bridge. Willard Munger State Trail crossing.
- 36.4 (R)** Confluence with Pine River.
- 35.2-end of map** Banning State Park.
- 33.5-33.3** Short Class I boulder-bed rapids. Outcrop on right with glacial potholes cut by swirling water.
- 33.5** Rustler Bend Campsites (2 sites).
- 33.2 (L)** Confluence with Cane Creek.
- 33.0** Short Class I boulder-bed rapids.
- 32.9** Interstate 35 bridges.
- 32.5** Short Class I boulder-bed rapids.
- 31.9 (L)** Confluence with Log Drive Creek.
- 30.4 (L)** Bridgeview Campsite. Fire rings, toilet. The trail to this site joins Highway 23, but is gated closed. No parking at the site, but is available at access downstream.
- 29.8 (L)** #1 Trailer Access. Highway 23 bridge, river level gauge. Rapids downstream are unrunnable when gauge reads less than one foot.
- 28.4-28.2** Portage left, 1.5 miles.
- 28.5 (L)** Blueberry Slide Watercraft campsite (N).
- 28.4 (R)** Banning State Park #2 Trailer Access. Permit required to park.
- 28.4-28.2** Blueberry Slide. The first of the Banning Rapids. Class II-IV. Two steep pitches in this long rapids create large holes and standing waves.
- 28.2 (L)** Blueberry Slide Watercraft Campsite (S). Accessible by portage trail.
- 27.8-27.2** Mother's Delight. Class II-III. River rushes through steep boulder-bed rapids into the Dalles of the Kettle River, a short, narrow canyon flanked by sandstone cliffs.
- 27.8** Dragon's Tooth. Named for a large rock on the right side of the channel near the tail of the rapids. Class II-IV. The river, less than 50 feet wide, has severely undercut the canyon walls. The "tooth" forms a powerful hole and waves in high water.
- 27.6-27.3** Little Banning Rapids. A series of boulder-bed rapids. Class I-III.
- 27.3** Banning ruins. The town of Banning, grew around major sandstone quarries two miles north of Sandstone. More than 20 million tons of rock were shipped out of Banning. By 1905, however, the quarries were abandoned.
- 26.9-26.8** Hell's Gate. Long boulder-bed rapids ending in a steep, narrow pitch between high sandstone escarpments as the Kettle leaves the dalles. Class II-III.
- 26.4** Wolf Creek Falls. Wolf Creek tumbles over a 10-foot ledge before it joins the Kettle. Find the mouth of the creek on the right and follow the stream about 100 yards into the woods.
- 25.8** Railroad bridge.
- 25.5 (R)** Quarry Rapids. Class II, portage right 100 yards. This drop may not be runnable at low water since the entire river tumbles onto sharp boulders; at high water, large back rollers develop.
- 25.4 (R)** Robinson City Park. Campground, boat ramp, toilets, drinking water, picnic tables and a shelter.
- 25.1** State Highway 123 bridge.
- 24.6** Powerline crossing.

All Class I Rapids in this section are Class II if gauge is above 4.5 at the Hwy 12 bridge.

CONTINUED ON TO MAP 2 - SANDSTONE TO ST. CROIX RIVER