

**NOTE: Recommended Paddling Sections are highlighted in blue in the route description. See text side for details.**

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION

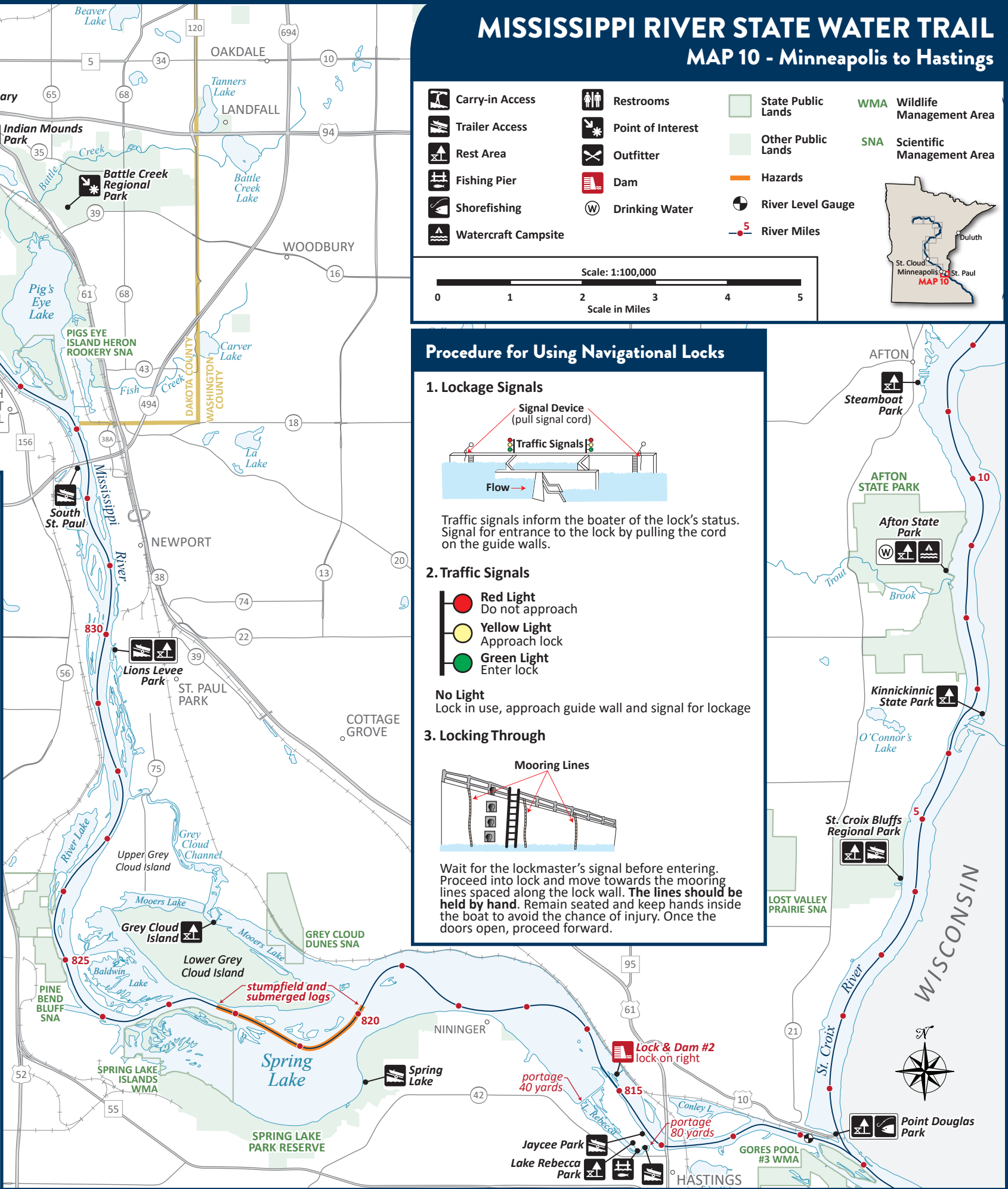
River miles 852 to 811 (41 miles)

(R) and (L) are right and left banks of the river when facing downstream.  
Red text indicates caution areas.

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- 851.1 (L) Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park: Rest area.
- 850 (R) Lake Street: Carry-in access.
- 847.5 **Lock & Dam #1 (Ford):** lock on right.
- 846.6 (L) Hidden Falls Park: Trailer access, rest area, drinking water.
- 845.5 (R) Historic Fort Snelling: Take out at Pike Island.
- 846-843.8 (R) Fort Snelling State Park: Trailer access, restrooms, rest area. Minnesota River confluence.
- 844.5 (L) Crosby Farm Regional Park: Rest area.
- 842.1 (R) Lilydale Regional Park: Trailer access, rest area, drinking water.
- 841.3 Railroad bridge. From here to beyond Pig's Eye Lake the river is industrial and urban. **Barge traffic is heavy.**
- 840.4 River level gauge.
- 840.1 (R) Harriet Island Park: Carry-in access, rest area and drinking water.
- 839.4 Raspberry Island. Wabasha Street bridge.
- 838.5 (L) Bruce Vento National Sanctuary.
- 837.7 (L) Indian Mounds Park: high on the bluffs.
- 837-833.5 (L) Battle Creek Regional Park.
- 834.2-833.2 (L) Pigs Eye Island Heron Rookery SNA.

- 833.2 (L) Pig's Eye Lake and barge fleeting area. Pig's Eye Lake is a 500-acre flood plain lake and is the largest rocky for black-crowned night herons in the country.
- 832.5 (R) South St. Paul: Trailer access.
- 829.8 (L) Lions Levee Park: Trailer access, rest area.
- 829.6-828 (L) Complex of small islands: Alternate channel.
- 827.6-825 (L) Upper Grey Cloud Island.
- 826.2-824.6 (R) Pine Bend Bluff SNA.
- 825 (L) Alternate channel leads to Baldwin and Moers lakes. This route leads to the lower end of Lower Grey Cloud Island. Rest area located on north side of Lower Gray Cloud Island.
- 823.7-822 (R) Spring Lake Islands WMA.
- 823.3-819.8 **Spring Lake:** A stump-choked lake that became part of the river when Lock and Dam 2 was constructed. **Caution: stumpfield and submerged logs.**
- 821.8 (R) Spring Lake Park Reserve.
- 820.2 (R) Spring Lake: Trailer access (shallow launch).
- 817.5 (R) Town of Nininger.
- 815.3-814 **Lock and Dam 2:** Lock on right. To get to Lake Rebecca Park, portage 40 yards (R). To re-enter the river downstream of the lock and dam, portage 80 (R) yards.
- 814.2 (R) Jaycee Park/Lake Rebecca Park: Trailer access, rest area, fishing pier (in Lake Rebecca Park) and parking.
- 813.7 (R) City of Hastings.
- 812-810.7 Gores Pool #3 WMA.
- 811.3 (L) St. Croix River confluence. Upstream on the left 350 yards, Point Douglas Park: rest area, shorefishing.

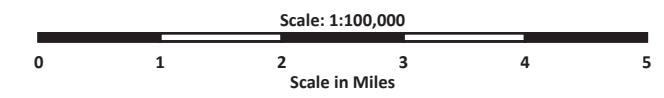
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# MISSISSIPPI RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

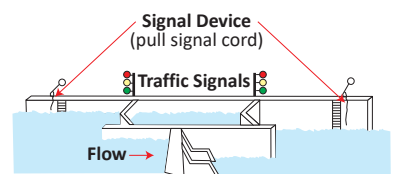
## MAP 10 - Minneapolis to Hastings

- Carry-in Access
- Restrooms
- State Public Lands
- WMA Wildlife Management Area
- Trailer Access
- Point of Interest
- Other Public Lands
- SNA Scientific Management Area
- Rest Area
- Outfitter
- Hazards
- River Level Gauge
- Fishing Pier
- Dam
- River Miles
- Shorefishing
- Drinking Water
- Watercraft Campsite



### Procedure for Using Navigational Locks

#### 1. Lockage Signals



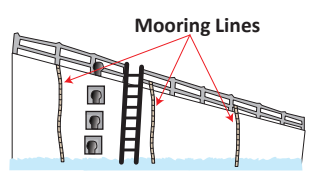
Traffic signals inform the boater of the lock's status. Signal for entrance to the lock by pulling the cord on the guide walls.

#### 2. Traffic Signals

- Red Light: Do not approach
- Yellow Light: Approach lock
- Green Light: Enter lock

No Light: Lock in use, approach guide wall and signal for lockage

#### 3. Locking Through



Wait for the lockmaster's signal before entering. Proceed into lock and move towards the mooring lines spaced along the lock wall. **The lines should be held by hand.** Remain seated and keep hands inside the boat to avoid the chance of injury. Once the doors open, proceed forward.

