

# ST CROIX RIVER (SC3)

**Put-in** Riverside Landing  
**Take-out** Thayer's Landing  
**Distance** 13.4 miles  
**Approximate Time** 6 hours  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 1-2

**Elevation Drop** 15 feet  
**Average Gradient** 1.1 feet per mile  
**Minimum Suggested Flow** 4.4 feet @ Norway Point gage  
**Water Level Info / Phone** Namekagon Visitor Center @ Trego  
 715.635.8346

## Paddler's Notes

- 131.7 Mile Riverside Landing** **River:** Dense forest surrounds the river with steep rolling hills rising up from the left bank. The rocky river bottom can be seen through the clear waters. **Shuttle:** The National Park Service Landing is north of the Highway 35 bridge near Riverside. This landing is part of a wayside park in a beautiful setting overlooking the river. Trailer access ramp, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic area, rustic toilets, camping.
- 131.8 Mile Chase Creek** Chase Creek enters from river right. After the creek, you will paddle past several islands, two of which are named Hen Island and Chicken Island, both were infamous during the logging era for numerous logjams.
- 129.5 Mile State Line Rapids (Class 1-2), Ginger Island** A couple of tiny islands precede State Line Rapids which occur in a right bend where the river forks around another, larger island named Ginger Island. The rapids are usually class 1, but can be as difficult as class 2 in higher water. The Wisconsin - Minnesota state line begins shortly after the river forks converge. Minnesota is on the right bank and Wisconsin on the left.
- 127.8 Mile Upper Tamarack River** A small island sits in the mouth of the Upper Tamarack on river right. There are many scenic, wooded islands throughout this stretch.
- 127.3 Mile Trout Brook** The Brook enters from river right in the lee of a tiny island.
- 125.4 Mile Crystal Creek** The creek mouth is on river right past two small islands. There are numerous islands and a few sloughs in this stretch.
- 123.3 Mile Yellow River Landing** **River:** There are two small islands before a third larger island in a long right bend. The landing is on the left bank near several homes. You will hear highway noises from beyond the left bank from Highway 35. Shortly past the landing, the Yellow river enters from river left. **Shuttle:** On Highway 35 in Danbury, turn north onto W Reservation Road. The landing is part of an Indian Reservation and a small fee is charged for its use. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking.
- An old Railroad bridge that is now a part of the Gandy Dancer Trail system crosses over the river 500 yards downstream from the Yellow River confluence.
- 120.1 Mile Lower Tamarack River** The Lower Tamarack enters from river right. A rustic canoe landing is on river right (Minnesota side), a shortly below the confluence.
- 118.3 Mile Thayer's Landing** **River:** The large, highway bridge is easily visible from upstream. A partially submerged rock ledge juts out at a diagonal angle into the main channel from river right, just above the bridge. You can easily avoid the ledge by staying left. The landing is on the left bank, immediately downstream of the bridge. **Shuttle:** On Highway 77 / 48, the landing is off the east (Wisconsin) end of the bridge on the south side of the road. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking.

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## Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Riverside Landing**



**Yellow Landing**



**Lower Tamarack Landing**



**Thayer's Landing**

## GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Riverside Landing	46.07650,-92.24559
Chase Creek	46.06993,-92.26083
State Line Rapids	46.07439,-92.28854
Upper Tamarack River	46.06938,-92.31886
Crystal Creek	46.04111,-92.34345
Yellow Landing	46.01310,-92.35592
Lower Tamarack River	46.02674,-92.41909
Lower Tamarack Landing	46.02616,-92.42223
Thayer's Landing	46.01237,-92.44382