

# ST CROIX RIVER (SC1)

**Put-in** Gordon Dam Access  
**Take-out** Dry Landing  
**Distance** 13.2 miles  
**Approximate Time** 6 hours  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 2

**Elevation Drop** 91 feet  
**Average Gradient** 6.9 feet per mile  
**Minimum Suggested Flow** 1.5 feet @ County T Bridge  
**Water Level Info / Phone** Namekagon Visitor Center @ Trego  
 715.635.8346

## Paddler's Notes

- 155.0 Mile Gordon Dam Park Landing** *River:* Below the dam, the river is wide and shallow with a moderate current. Gorgeous northwoods scenery surrounds the river with mixed pine and hardwoods lining both banks. You may see anglers wading in the river in this stretch, especially on weekends. Several islands are located below the put-in. A few low hazard rapids occur further downstream where the river forks around an island, more challenging rapids follow. *Shuttle:* Gordon Dam County Park is a well maintained park featuring 33 campsites, 12 with electricity. There are numerous picnic areas along the river beneath tall pine groves and hardwoods. Trailer access ramp, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic tables, pit toilets, water, camping.
- 154.0 Mile Scout Chute (Class 1)** The river forks around a long island with the main channel going down the right. In this main channel; the river funnels into a tight, fast chute which forms a low hazard rapids. The rapids extend through a couple of bends until the river widens, then a series of riffles leads into Scott Rapids.
- 153.3 Mile Scott Rapids (Class 1-2)** The river runs wide and shallow with numerous riffles before constricting into Scott Rapids, a fast boulder garden with the hardest part coming at the end. You will need to maneuver a bit to navigate some of the rocks, scouting is recommended.
- 153.1 Mile Moose River, Scott Bridge** Moose river enters from river right, just before the bridge. For the next several miles, the St Croix runs through frequent shallow riffles and past numerous islands.
- 150.5 Mile Sheosh Creek** The creek enters from river right. Open marsh surrounds the river, and sloughs frequently join the river throughout this stretch.
- 149.3 Mile Crotte Creek** The creek enters from river right, after a sharp left bend.
- 148.6 Mile Coppermine Dam Rapids (Class 2)** The large stone structures that create the rapids are the remains of an old sluice dam from the logging era. These rocky 'ruins' create several chutes with a few drops that can form big waves. Scout from the right bank and watch for any partially submerged debris such as logs and deadwood that frequently become lodged in the rocks. Portage on the short trail on the right bank.
- WARNING** The National Park Service strongly recommends that *all paddlers portage Coppermine Dam*. Steel spikes stick up from submerged support timbers that formed the dam. The spikes are usually underwater so you may not see them.
- 148.1 Mile Buckley Creek** The creek enters from river left.
- 147.8 Mile Rapids (Class 1)** There are several sets of riffles and class 1 rapids in this stretch.
- 147.4 Mile Shelldrake Rapids (Class 1)** Shortly after St Croix Drive borders the river on the left bank, you will come upon a large island. The main channel goes down the right fork where it narrows into several pitches of class 1 rapids.
- 145.9 Mile County Road T Landing** *River:* A class 1 ledge is about 100 yards before the bridge. The landing is on river left, upstream of the bridge. *Shuttle:* On Highway T, the parking area is east of the bridge. This is an excellent developed landing. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround, pit toilets, picnic tables, grills.

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- 145.7 Mile** **Bear Trap Rapids (Class 1-2)** Just past the County T bridge, the river forks around another large island with the main channel flowing down the right fork. The river bends left as you encounter the first pitch, then the river gets faster and constricts into the second pitch. During low to medium water, this rocky run will require some maneuvering to avoid numerous boulders. The rapids rate as a strong class 2 during high water. Several more sets of riffles, and class 1 rapids occur over the next mile.
- 144.7 Mile** **Louise Park Landing** **River:** Several small islands lead into a sharp right bend about a half mile below Beaver Creek, (enters from river left). The landing is on the right bank after the right bend. When the river level is low, this whole stretch in front of and below the landing will be scrappy with plenty of riffles. Downstream, there are riffles, sloughs, and several islands all the way to Schoen Park. **Shuttle:** From Highway T, turn west onto East Big Beaver Road, which eventually becomes South Park Rd. The landing and park are located at the end. The park has a primitive campground in a beautiful setting. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, pit toilets, picnic tables.
- 142.8 Mile** **Schoen Park Landing** **River:** The landing is on the right bank following a riffley s-turn. **Shuttle:** From Highway 35, turn east onto Big McGraw Road, which eventually becomes South Rocky Brook Trail, turn south onto East Schoen Road. The road ends at the scenic Schoen Park. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, pit toilets, picnic tables, camping.
- 141.8 Mile** **Dry Landing** **River:** The river flows past low banks of dense brush and scrub pine. The landing is on river left, past a weedy slough, also on river left. Unlike most access points, this one does not have a sign. **Shuttle:** On County Highway T, turn south onto Town Rd F, turn west onto Dry Landing Road. **WARNING** these roads are a little rough! Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, limited parking, fire pit.

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## Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Gordon Dam Park Landing**



**County Road T landing**



**Louise Park Landing**



**Schoen Park Landing**



**Dry Landing**

## GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Gordon Dam Park Landing	46.25380,-91.92806
Scout Chute	46.25665,-91.94651
Scott Rapids	46.25579,-91.95959
Sheosh Creek	46.23245,-92.00349
Crotte Creek	46.22363,-92.02101
Coppermine Dam	46.21592,-92.02761
Buckley Creek	46.21055,-92.03242
Shelldrake Rapids	46.20374,-92.04984
County Road T Landing	46.19273,-92.07063
Bear Trap Rapids	46.19118,-92.07392
Louise Park Landing	46.18432,-92.08951
Schoen Park Landing	46.16781,-92.11513
Dry Landing	46.15546,-92.12154