

# ST CROIX RIVER (SC2)

**Put-in** Dry Landing  
**Take-out** Riverside Landing  
**Distance** 10.1 miles  
**Approximate Time** 4 hours  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 2

**Elevation Drop** 42 feet  
**Average Gradient** 4.2 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

- 141.8 Mile** **Dry Landing** **River:** The sandy-bottomed river flows past low banks of dense brush and scrub pine. All flatwater until Big Fish Trap. There are a few small grassy islands. **Shuttle:** On County T, turn south onto Town Road F, turn west onto Dry Landing Road. WARNING these roads are a little rough! Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, limited parking, fire pit.
- 140.0 Mile** **Big Fish Trap Rapids (Class 2)** After a couple of islands, the river takes a sharp left bend and flows into Big Fish Trap Rapids, these are considered the toughest on the upper St Croix. The rapids rumble for several hundred yards through two bends and feature a fast current and numerous boulders. The white-water is fun and challenging during medium to high water conditions, but will be a bumpy ride when water levels are low. The deepest channel is usually down river left.
- 138.8 Mile** **Little Fish Trap Rapids (Class 1)** The scrappy boulder garden begins approximately 200 yards above the CCC Bridge. The rapids become wavy and fast under the bridge, ending a short distance downstream in a wide pool near several small islands. The rapids can be bumpy when the river is low.
- 138.9 Mile** **CCC Bridge Landing** **River:** The landing is on river left, below the bridge. Downstream, Clemens Creek enters from river left, then the river splits around a large island. The main channel flows down the wider right fork. **Shuttle:** From Highway 35 turn east onto St Croix Trail. The landing is east of the bridge on the south side of the road. Parking, trailer turnaround, hand carry access, pit toilets, picnic area.
- 136.5 Mile** **Rapids, Moores' Farm Creek (Class 1)** An easy rapids that run through an s-curve and occurs in two pitches. The most difficult part is the second pitch, in a short constriction. Moores' Farm Creek enters from river left in a right bend, after the second pitch. More rapids occur downstream in a right bend.
- 135.5 Mile** **Namekagon River** The Namekagon River enters from river left. A long series of riffles and several islands are located throughout this stretch. The river significantly widens and deepens with the additional flow from the Namekagon. Several cabins are on river left below the confluence.
- 134.1 Mile** **Big Island, Rapids (Class 1),** After series of islands, the river forks around Big Island. Paddlers often miss the much narrower right fork, which is hidden in the lee of another smaller island. 'Big Island' is more than a mile long and a half-mile wide. While both forks are navigable, the much wider left fork has several pitches of fun class 1 rapids which begin right after the the river splits.
- 131.7 Mile** **Riverside Landing** **River:** The National Park Service landing is easily visible on river right, above the Highway 35 Bridge. Look for the cement ramp. There is a free campground here, next to the highway. **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, group campsite.

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## Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Dry Landing**



**Riverside Landing**

## GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Dry Landing	46.15546,-92.12154
Big Fish Trap Rapids	46.13315,-92.12913
Little Fish Trap Rapids	46.11738,-92.13143
Namekagon R Confluence	46.09574,-92.16370
Big Island (Head/Fork)	46.08791,-92.18061
Big Island Confluence	46.07908,-92.20681
Riverside Landing	46.08202,-92.24075
	46.07650,-92.24559