

# ST CROIX RIVER (SC3)

<b>Put-in</b>	Riverside Landing	<b>Elevation Drop</b>	15 feet
<b>Take-out</b>	Thayer's Landing	<b>Average Gradient</b>	1.1 feet per mile
<b>Distance</b>	13.4 miles	<b>Minimum Suggested Flow</b>	4.4 feet @ Norway Point gage
<b>Approximate Time</b>	6 hours	<b>Water Level Info / Phone</b>	Namekagon Visitor Center @ Trego 715.635.8346
<b>Most Difficult Rapids</b>	Class 1-2		

## 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. Below 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 narrow creek mouth is on river right below a pair of wooded islands.
- 123.3 Mile Yellow River Confluence, Danbury** You'll start to hear highway noises from river left (*Highway 77*) as you approach the small town of Danbury and the Yellow River confluence. Two small wooded islands followed by a larger third island precede the mouth of the Yellow River which enters from river-left.
- 0.3 mile downriver, a former railroad bridge that is now part of the Gandy Dancer Trail crosses above the St Croix. For the next several miles the river continues to flow past grassy banks, hardwood forests, small islands and sloughs.
- 120.1 Mile Lower Tamarack River** The Lower Tamarack enters from river right.
- 119.8 Mile Lower Tamarack Landing** **River:** The landing is on river right about 350 yards below the outlet of the Lower Tamarack River. **Shuttle:** From Highway 77, turn north onto Grace Lake Rd, drive north for one mile and turn east (*right*) onto Old Ferry Rd. The landing is at the end of the road (*2.1 miles*). Hand carry access, parking.
- 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 (*Wisconsin*), the landing is off the east end of the bridge on the south side of the highway. Hand carry access, vault toilets, trailer turnaround, parking.

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## Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Riverside 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 River	46.01291,-92.35811
Lower Tamarack River	46.02674,-92.41909
Lower Tamarack Landing	46.02616,-92.42223
Thayer's Landing	46.01237,-92.44382