



MetroQuest Round 1 Summary

October 2014

OVERVIEW

In order to broaden the geographic extent of outreach for the Great River Road Corridor Management Plan, an interactive online survey was available from July 15, 2014 to October 15, 2014. The MetroQuest survey was developed to gain feedback consistent with the first round of open houses, which took place in July 2014. It included project information and opportunities to provide feedback on Great River Road themes, places, and stories. A total of 307 people took the survey, of which 91 provided demographic data. All age ranges between 19 and 65+ were represented, with 6 to 13 responses in each age group.

307 participants aged 19-65+

543 specific locations identified 215 River Stories

Top Themes: Nature ▪ Recreational Activities

Top Places: Cuyuna ▪ Fort Snelling ▪ French Rapids ▪ Frontenac ▪ Headwaters ▪
Lake Pepin ▪ Minnehaha Falls ▪ National Eagle Center ▪ Stone Arch Bridge ▪
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

✓ **Our Plan** Help shape goals for Minnesota's Great River Road

WELCOME

What are your Mississippi River Goals?
Minnesota is developing a corridor management plan for its Great River Road and needs your help. For 575 miles, a series of roadways follows Minnesota's mighty Mississippi, connecting our river communities, resources, and economies. Called the Great River Road, this National Scenic Byway fosters economic development and resource awareness.
Tell us what you think!
Help shape goals for Minnesota's Great River Road by giving input on each screen, which is collected as you go.

Why Plan?
Developing a corridor management plan for the Great River Road will help promote, preserve, and enhance the resources of the Mississippi River Valley and develop highways and amenities of the route. The planning effort will include gathering information on the byway and its amenities and developing a shared vision to collaboratively manage them.

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This project is made possible in part by funding from America's Byways Program and the US National Park Service.

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More detailed information and participant responses are provided in the following pages.



▲ SURVEY RESULTS

Themes

Survey respondents were invited to provide feedback on what travel experiences are important to them. Travel themes. Nature and recreational activities were the top-ranked themes. Additional travel themes suggested included fishing, learn about the resource threats, enjoy beautiful views of the river and other natural and cultural aspects of the Great River Road, safe travel, use the road to get where I am going, learn ecology, and mountain biking/hiking.

Themes	1st	2nd	3rd	Weighted Total
Nature	88	57	30	408
Recreational Activities	66	68	45	379
Working River	29	26	32	171
History	30	27	25	169
Food	15	21	46	133
Local Culture	14	22	38	124
Archeological Resources	3	11	8	39
Ethnic Heritage	5	8	6	37
Agritourism	1	8	7	26
Arts	1	3	11	20

The following comments were also received:

- ▶ Bird sanctuaries and nature in general
- ▶ Brainerd needs some arts and crafts type thing to get people to visit the parks
- ▶ Gotta understand some history
- ▶ Route should travel as close to river as feasible through all types of terrain. Through rural and urban environments. This should be the land view of what would be seen if traveling by boat on the river
- ▶ I like to learn about the settlers also. My relatives arrived in this unique area in 1859
- ▶ A trail of campsites only accessible by water!
- ▶ Clearly marked bicycle and walking trails. More canoe and kayak launch places. Also easy to follow maps that include the art and culture along the way
- ▶ I am especially interested in learning about how Native Americans interacted with the river through all facets of life
- ▶ As with the origin of most great cities the river provided a mechanism important to spurring growth....transportation, industry (logging, shipping, power, water, etc.)
- ▶ Eagles own the river...and to see their magnificence with the backdrop of the Mississippi River it's understandable
- ▶ You don't really see or feel the magnificence of the river until you Kayak along its banks
- ▶ The history of the river, everything about the river road is about river
- ▶ There are great artists who have made their homes out in the blufflands. Whether it be painters sculptors craft work or just plain fun stuff it can be found here
- ▶ We are blessed with a truly beautiful and abundant flyway. You cannot travel this river valley without seeing turkey, deer, otters, along with all the migrating birds in spring and fall and so many others



- ▶ I am the descendant of Scandinavian immigrants and have grown up in northern MN. As I mature and put into perspective the impact that immigration has had on the Native Americans, I am saddened by what the logging industry and settlers did to their environment and way of life. It cannot ever be fully restored, but hopefully we can make efforts in that direction. As that is done, I feel we need to teach others about those events, help to restore health and respect to that population, and educate the public about an amazingly self-sufficient culture
- ▶ I love biking along the river in my community and would like to take the Mississippi River Trail someday
- ▶ Would love to see opportunities for family friendly camping along the River identified.

Places

In this portion of the MetroQuest survey, participants placed pins on important resources along the Great River Road. A total of 543 specific locations were identified, with an additional XX general areas located on the map. Resource descriptions of specific areas are listed below.

- ▶ 35 Bridge Memorial
- ▶ 35w memorial
- ▶ 5K fun runs - too many to name that go across the river downtown Minneapolis
- ▶ Acoustic Cafe -- Coffee, beer, soups, and sandwiches in a laid-back environment and a historic location
- ▶ ADA Universal Playground and Discovery Garden
- ▶ Aitkin County Campground. Rustic, good access to the river, fishing
- ▶ Aitkin City Park, Fireworks on the 4th, pie eating.
- ▶ Alma, WI Buena Vista Park. Excellent views of the Mississippi River valley.
- ▶ Anderson Center at Tower View, one of the top artistic destination points in the upper Mississippi River region by National Geographic Traveler Magazine
- ▶ Apple Blossom Drive
- ▶ Architecture of Older Homes in St. Cloud
- ▶ Pantown Motors
- ▶ Art at Rice Creek Festival in September
- ▶ Arts in The Park
- ▶ Aster Cafe
- ▶ At the end of Summit Ave with a view of Mpls skyline
- ▶ ATV Trail 200 miles of interconnected ATV trail.
www.NorthwoodsATVTrail.com
- ▶ Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts
- ▶ Barn Bluff
- ▶ Barn Bluff
- ▶ Barn Bluff and Covell Park
- ▶ Barn Bluff Park
- ▶ Battle Creek Park--historic location of Indian battle; natural area that shows the bluffs along the Mississippi
- ▶ Bay Point Park
- ▶ Bdote
- ▶ Beanery: nice internet cafe. Good food, historic opera house building being restored
- ▶ Beaver Island Trail St
<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/campusrec/facilities/trails/trails.asp?route=beaver> Trail provides opportunity to see portions of the Mississippi River.
- ▶ Beaver Island Trail. Offers hiking, biking, camping along with many scenic views.
- ▶ Bedlam! Lowertown
- ▶ Beginning (source) of the Mississippi River
- ▶ beginning of Mississippi
- ▶ Belle Prairie Park Disc Golf
- ▶ Bemidji has beautiful art on their main street and iconic Paul
- ▶ Berglund Campground shows river access, fishing pier, ATV trails, and Snowmobile trails.
- ▶ Best Dam Fishing Float.
- ▶ Big Lake Music by the Lake every Thursday during the summer
- ▶ Big River Scoop
- ▶ Bike from Minneapolis to Saint Paul along the river.
- ▶ Bike the river gorge between Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- ▶ Bike trails
- ▶ Birchwood Cafe; Longfellow Grill
- ▶ Blandin Paper Company important to Grand Rapids.
- ▶ Blandin Paper Mill
- ▶ Blue Ox Trail (Voyager Trail)
- ▶ Bluff Country
- ▶ Bluff country beautiful views
- ▶ Bluffs
- ▶ Bluffs in Red Wing
- ▶ bluffs of Lake Pepin



- ▶ Boat house for U of MN Crew team
- ▶ Boathouse - Winona overlooking the Mississippi
- ▶ Boats
- ▶ Boats and Bluegrass On Last Weekend of September
- ▶ Bob Welch Aquatic Center
- ▶ Brainerd Lakes area is a great place to do all water activities.
- ▶ Brainerd Raceway
- ▶ Brainerd restaurants on the water
- ▶ Broadway Bridge
- ▶ Brownsville, Minnesota Overlook end of October to mid-November - Tundra Swans and bald eagles
- ▶ Buena Vista Park
- ▶ Camping within close distance to Mississippi River for boating fishing and other river recreation
- ▶ Cannon Falls Bike Trail
- ▶ Cannon Valley Trail, trail head
- ▶ Can't beat the headwaters... a must see to appreciate the river.
- ▶ Casino
- ▶ Casino/Hotel
- ▶ Central Riverfront
- ▶ Chain of Lakes
- ▶ Charles Lindbergh Boyhood Home in Little Falls
- ▶ Chars Bluff, Spring Lake Regional Park.
- ▶ Cherokee Bluffs overlook at top of High Bridge
- ▶ Coffee Shop
- ▶ Coldwater Spring
- ▶ Coldwater Spring is being restored, but it is the site of the first American settlement in Minnesota. Originally used by Native Americans and the encampment of US soldiers that built Historic Fort Snelling. Artifacts remain in place to help describe the complicated history of this location.
- ▶ Coldwater Spring, which the NPS and Mississippi River Fund are restoring to oak savanna prairie. A neat park in the heart of the city.
- ▶ Coldwater Spring. The National Park Service is restoring the old Bureau of Mines campus back to oak savanna. Restoration is well underway and the park now appears much as it did during pre-settlement times
- ▶ Colville Park in many years hosts large numbers of Bald Eagles. There is an eagle's nest directly across from the marina. Also many ducks in winter.
- ▶ Como Park and Zoo - it may be more than a mile from the Miss. River, however it has so much to offer~ zoo, swimming pool, fishing, picnicking, walking paths, Como Lake, area for sports activities, arboretum...
- ▶ Coon Rapids Dam
- ▶ Coon Rapids Dam. Good place for bird watching and fishing.
- ▶ Crosby Farm trails
- ▶ Crosby Lake (backwater lake) illustrates the important connection the river has outside its banks
- ▶ Crow Wing County Historical Center
- ▶ Crow Wing State Park offers events, scenic views, history
- ▶ Crow Wing State Park, including historic site of former town of Crow Wing
- ▶ Cut Foot Sioux
- ▶ Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. 23 miles of mountain biking trails, for beginners to advanced riders. A premier biking destination.
- ▶ Cuyuna Country State Recreational Area
- ▶ Cuyuna Lakes Trail Paul Bunyan Trail
- ▶ Cuyuna Range
- ▶ Cuyuna Rec Area
- ▶ Cuyuna Recreational Area. Great place to mountain bike on the established trails.
- ▶ Cuyuna State Park Mountain Bike Trail
- ▶ Dangerous Man Brewery
- ▶ Douglas Point. Winter often brings many waterfowl to this area of open water, some of which are unusual and rare visitors. Eagles are common.
- ▶ downtown bike race
- ▶ Downtown Minneapolis - industry, housing, shops, trails, stone arch bridge, etc.
- ▶ Downtown St. Paul
- ▶ Dresbach Bridge Rest Area
- ▶ Eagle Center
- ▶ Eagle Center
- ▶ Eagles by Wabasha
- ▶ East and West River Road areas in St. Paul and Minneapolis ... but I would want to list more recreational activities than just hiking like bicycling, canoeing/kayaking, fishing
- ▶ Eckert's Apple Orchard.
- ▶ Everywhere
- ▶ Everywhere
- ▶ Falconer Vineyards: great wine and pizzas



- ▶ Fall Color Drive
- ▶ Fall color drive and motorcycle tour.
- ▶ Farmers Market
- ▶ Ferry Boat Rides
- ▶ Fishing on Lake Winnie.
- ▶ Ford Bridge
- ▶ Forest History Center and the trail system in Grand Rapids offer many ways to recreate and enjoy nature.
- ▶ Forest Trails along the River - Dams
- ▶ Former grain milling sites
- ▶ Former Mill Ruins
- ▶ Fort Snelling
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- ▶ Fort Snelling State Park
- ▶ Fort Snelling State Park. Trumpeter swans are often found here in winter at this location.
- ▶ Fort Snelling: Land seizure and subjugation of native people.
- ▶ Frank Gehry designed museum at the University of Minnesota
- ▶ Franklin Art Center - Artists work
- ▶ French Rapids
- ▶ French Rapids - great natural area
- ▶ French Rapids- Also for hiking, mtn. biking, horseback riding.
- ▶ French Rapids Dam
- ▶ French Rapids Trail System - Cross Country Skiing, Hiking, Mtn. Biking. Also has a boat ramp.
- ▶ From Winona to La Crescent -- beautiful bluff lands and State Parks
- ▶ Frontenac State Park
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- ▶ Frontenac State Park
- ▶ Frontenac Lake City Wabasha
- ▶ Garvin Heights
- ▶ Garvin Heights Look Out
- ▶ Garvin Heights Park
- ▶ Gold Medal Park
- ▶ Golf
- ▶ Goodhue Pioneer State Trail
- ▶ Grand Rapids, Iron Range
- ▶ Grand Rapids has a great museum about the lumber industry.
- ▶ Grand Rapids has a small but fun museum about Judy Garland.
- ▶ Grand Rapids, bird watching, fishing, etc.
- ▶ Grand Rapids. Wizard of Oz
- ▶ Gravel section of GRR is a must see!
- ▶ Great food, patio overlooking the river.
- ▶ Great hiking and views at Great River Bluffs State Park
- ▶ Great River Bike Trail and Upper Mississippi Wild Life Refuge
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- ▶ Great River Shakespeare Festival in Winona
- ▶ Grey Cloud Dunes Natural and Scientific Area. Sand dunes rise above the Mississippi River harboring a unique plant and animal community.
- ▶ GRR through Minneapolis
- ▶ Gull Lake near Brainerd is a fun lake for boating and looking at lots of beautiful lake homes.
- ▶ Guthrie area
- ▶ Guthrie Theater
- ▶ Guthrie Theater - beautiful architecture, views of river, quality productions
- ▶ Guthrie Theater cantilever
- ▶ Guthrie Theatre
- ▶ Halloween capital
- ▶ Halloween capital
- ▶ Harbor View - Pepin, WI
- ▶ Harriet Island
- ▶ Hay Creek Trail
- ▶ Headwaters
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- ▶ Headwaters - it's a must see activity
- ▶ Hidden Falls
- ▶ Hidden Falls Park to Harriet Island
- ▶ High above Prescott, WI, Mississippi River Visitor's Center
- ▶ High Bridge
- ▶ High bridge in St. Paul: combination of scenic view and recreation. I follow a great bike path that parallels the river. Wonderful hill biking.
- ▶ Highway 61 in Lake City along Lake Pepin
- ▶ Hike, bike, boat, fish, cross-country ski-- there's year-round recreation fun along the river. I like Crosby Farm Regional Park in St. Paul.
- ▶ Historic Downtown
- ▶ Historic Downtown Red Wing
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- ▶ Historic South St. Paul Stockyards
- ▶ Historic Water Tower in downtown Brainerd



- ▶ Historic Winona Bridge
- ▶ Hogs Back Beer Garden (at Eckert's Apple Farm). Outdoor bar with craft beers on tap.
- ▶ Historic RR Landing Rabey line at the River
- ▶ Hull Rust Mahoning Mine, 401 Penobscot Rd Hibbing, MN 55746 218-262-4166
- ▶ I always bring people to the lock and dam. Scenic, educational and unique.
- ▶ I have always loved Bemidji. Great place to center a fishing trip, scenic vistas, cycling, shopping, etc.
- ▶ I think that anyone who has seen how wide and powerful the Mississippi River is, is humbled by its beautiful source.
- ▶ I used to live near the river and met many people that were spending a vacation visiting every bridge that crosses the Mississippi. I think there would be benefits in doing interpretive panels at bridges.
- ▶ In summer, Hastings has cruise-ins every other Saturday, with collector cars.
- ▶ Indian Mounds Park
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- ▶ Indian Mounds Park: best river view in the Twin Cities.
- ▶ Indian Mounds Regional Park. Great views of downtown St. Paul. Spectacular at night. History of Native American use as well.
- ▶ Irish Fair
- ▶ It is great fun to see the Headwaters of the Mississippi and walk across it. A "must do" visit with the kids!
- ▶ Itasca
- ▶ Itasca state park
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- ▶ Itasca State Park and the Headwaters
- ▶ Itasca State Park including Headwaters
- ▶ Itasca State Park is a beautiful area of the state to enjoy nature and learn about the Mississippi headwaters.
- ▶ Itasca State Park offers more than just hiking. It's a place to experience co-existence at it's' best.
- ▶ Itasca State Park, great hiking, biking trails, canoeing the lake, beautiful scenery
- ▶ Itasca State Park. Headwaters, largest red and white pine trees in MN, excellent interpretive center
- ▶ Itasca State Park. People love to say they walked across the Mississippi
- ▶ Itasca State Park. Hike, bike, canoe, see big trees and source of river.
- ▶ Jacobson Campground. Beautiful Park, camping, rustic, camper cabins, fantastic artesian well.
- ▶ Jacobson Wayside Rest and River Bridge. Canoe Access
- ▶ James J. Hill House
- ▶ JD Jorgensen's The Satellite Gallery in St Joe
<http://jdjorgensonpottery.com/the-satellite-gallery/>
- ▶ John A. Latsch State Park
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- ▶ John Latch State Park: 600 steps up the bluff for spectacular views of the Mississippi River Valley, including Lock and Dam No. 5.
- ▶ Just north of Alma is Reichs Pond, formerly a great place to watch for migrating tundra swans in the fall. There are still a few there, but they are often close making this a great spot to watch them.
- ▶ Just south of 694 on east side of river, best bike trail!
- ▶ Just south of Brownsville is a great place to watch thousands of migrating tundra swans in October and November.
- ▶ Kayaking in former mines at State Park in Crosby
- ▶ Kayaking trips to the Gorge with Above the Falls Outfitters
- ▶ Kelly Historic Farm
- ▶ Kiwanis Park with bathroom, fishing pier, canoe access, and walking/biking trails
- ▶ La crescent Apple Festival annually. excellent selection for eating
- ▶ La Moille
- ▶ LaCrosse/LaCrescent
- ▶ Ladyslipper scenic byway is in this area.
- ▶ Lake City
- ▶ Lake City Birthplace of Water skiing, apples, Lake Pepin boat tours. Sailing, sailboarding, fishing, Jet Ski, river walk. Biking events. Historical, needs a boardwalk and highway moved out of town.
- ▶ Lake Itasca State Park



- ▶ Lake Itasca State park biking and hiking
- ▶ Lake Pepin
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- ▶ Lake Pepin area and surrounding towns and bluffs
- ▶ Lake Pepin is a great place for many water activities!
- ▶ Lake St/Marshall Ave bridge - easy stroll from home, beautiful view up and down the river in all seasons, easily accessible for visitors to the metro
- ▶ Lake Winnibigoshish: Wildlife, fishing
- ▶ Lake Wobegon Trails
<http://lakewobegontrail.com/> These trails offer and opportunity to experience not only the "Big Woods" biome but also the "Prairie Potholes" biome. Both of these natural wonders are part of the Minnesota world of nature.
- ▶ Lake Wobegon Trails
<http://lakewobegontrail.com/> Provides opportunity to view nature at its best and enjoy the local scenery along one of the best trails in Minnesota. Also connects to other trails the Soo Line West and the Central Lakes Trails and with a short off trail ride you can access the ROCORI Trail and the Glacial Lakes Trails providing nearly 150 miles of paved connected trails.
- ▶ Large beds of blooming lotus dot this area. Best seen by canoe, kayak, or boat. Beware of shallow waters.
- ▶ Lark Toys
- ▶ Lark Toys: Best Toy Store in MN.
- ▶ Lark Toys Amazing, unique, family fun!
- ▶ Lake Pepin
- ▶ Levee Park - working river
- ▶ Libby Dam Great camping, history, views, river lake connection
- ▶ Little Falls: Military museum, fishing museum, Charles Lindbergh boyhood home, state park
- ▶ Lobos Bar/Grill - mystery of large wolf.
- ▶ Lock
- ▶ Lock
- ▶ Lock and Dam
- ▶ Lock and Dam
- ▶ Lock and Dam at St. Anthony
- ▶ lock and dams in metro area
- ▶ locks
- ▶ Locks and Dams
- ▶ Long Lake Conservation Center
- ▶ Longfellow Grill: Great food, beer, and outdoor seating right off the Mississippi River bike/ped trail
- ▶ Lost 40
- ▶ Lots of great food/drink destinations in the metro (especially Minneapolis) that take advantage of river proximity. Favorites include Aster, Wilde Roast, Pracna in St. Anthony Main area; Spoonriver, Izzy's, and Mill City Farmers Market in Mill City area.
- ▶ Lots of history, and things to do and see in the Crosby/Brainerd area including the antique shops, the serpent at Sealant lake, old train yard, paper mill in northeast Brainerd, the (somewhat) historic 210 bridge in Brainerd, and many area trails for hiking, biking and wildlife viewing.
- ▶ Lower Dean Lake - Wild Rice Harvesting
- ▶ Lum Park RV Park, Disc Golf, Beach, huge park, boat landing, canoe access,
- ▶ Memorial Park
- ▶ Memorial Park
- ▶ Migrating Birds in spring and fall.
- ▶ Mill City Museum
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- ▶ Mill City Museum tells the story of the milling district and why St. Anthony Falls was so important to the development of large-scale food production.
- ▶ Mill City Museum Great history of Minneapolis, great river views
- ▶ Mill Ruins Park
- ▶ Mill Ruins Park Beautifully preserved, urban history
- ▶ Milling District
- ▶ Mine Tailings Overlook
- ▶ Mini-golf
- ▶ Mining History of Cuyuna Mines
- ▶ Minneapolis Stone Arch Bridge Art Fair.
- ▶ Minnehaha Falls
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- ▶ Minnehaha Falls
- ▶ Minnehaha falls and park
- ▶ Minnesota and Mississippi meet
- ▶ Minnesota Discovery Center 801 SW Highway 169, Chisholm, 218-254-



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www.mndiscoverycenter.com

- ▶ Minnesota Fishing Museum in Baxter and Minnesota Boat Museum in Little Falls
- ▶ Minnesota Museum of Marine Art
- ▶ Minnesota School of Diving 712 Washington St, Brainerd, MN Interesting stories and artifacts
- ▶ Mississippi Gorge Drive along River
- ▶ Mississippi headwaters
- ▶ Mississippi Headwaters - amazing to be where it all begins. Beautiful!
- ▶ Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Visitor Center
- ▶ Mississippi River Recreational Bridge at Palisade
- ▶ Mississippi River Regional Trail - Spring Lake Park Reserve
- ▶ Mississippi River trail near 35W bridge, Guthrie, and Mill City Museum -- beautiful city lights from the bike trail just after sunset.
- ▶ Mississippi River Visitor Center - great film on the national park
- ▶ Mississippi/Minnesota Rivers confluence
- ▶ Mounds Park Overlook: Best view of Downtown Saint Paul
- ▶ Mounds Park/ Dayton's Bluff
- ▶ Mounds Park--historic Indian burial site; also views of St. Paul and Mpls, Trout Brook Valley where original RRs left St. Paul, and the working river
- ▶ Munsinger Gardens
- ▶ Munsinger Gardens in St. Cloud
- ▶ Munsinger Gardens. Beautiful park and gardens with fantastic views of the river, dam, and SCSU
- ▶ National Eagle Center
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- ▶ National Eagle Center year round.
- ▶ National Eagle Center, Wabasha, MN; live eagles up close and in the wild
- ▶ National Eagle Center.
- ▶ National Water Trail US FWS
- ▶ Nelson cheese Factory
- ▶ New Moon Beer Festival Sept 13th
- ▶ Nisswa - restaurants, Paul Bunyan Trail, shopping
- ▶ North Country Trail goes through Itasca State Park
- ▶ Northland Arboretum. Trails, gardens, nature center and programs.
- ▶ Northwoods ATV Trail and Snowmobile Trail
- ▶ NOSH Restaurant Lake City MN
- ▶ One of the few places in the world you can find cross rocks.
- ▶ Our grand kids are impressed by the water flowing over the dam here, especially in the spring!
- ▶ Paddle Boat rides in the fall-Awesome colors
- ▶ Palisade Cafe, Stuffed hash browns, share an order with a friend though.
- ▶ Papermills, Shopping, Forests. Grand Rapids is easily enjoyed.
- ▶ Paramount Center for the Arts <http://www.paramountarts.org/>Provides the opportunity to view some of the best local art works and to experience live shows in a theater that was active at the turn of the 20th century as well.
- ▶ PARK
- ▶ Park in Prescott, WI
- ▶ Paul
- ▶ Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox are not to be missed, and fun for the kids - a great photo op!
- ▶ Paul Bunyan and Babe, the Blue Ox, in downtown Bemidji
- ▶ Paul Bunyan Trail
- ▶ Pickerel Lake, Lilydale Regional Park. Trumpeter Swans are often found at this location during the winter.
- ▶ Picnic Island, Fort Snelling State Park. Good wildlife watching here, especially for deer during the winter.
- ▶ Pig's Eye Lake--the remainder of early 19th century settlement, natural area, surrounded by industry
- ▶ Pike Island confluence -- awesome to see the rivers come together
- ▶ Pike Island, Fort Snelling State Park. Deer and eagles are found here all year round. Migrating songbirds are common in spring and fall.
- ▶ Pike Island. The Confluence of the Mississippi River and the Minnesota River, see where the colors swirl together.
- ▶ Pilot Knob
- ▶ Pine Bend Bluff SNA
- ▶ Pine Bend Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area
- ▶ Pine Bend Bluffs SNA
- ▶ Pokegama Lake water sports
- ▶ Polish Heritage Museum



- ▶ Port of Winona--in the fall when all the truckloads of grain are being loaded for shipping downriver
- ▶ Psycho Suzie's
- ▶ Psycho Suzis
- ▶ Psycho Suzi's
- ▶ Pullouts along the Mississippi. Great eagle viewing in the winter.
- ▶ Quarry Park
<http://www.co.stearns.mn.us/Recreation/CountyParks/QuarryParkandNaturePreserve>This is one the finest nature parks in the area and include an opportunity to not only see beautiful forested lands but also experience swimming in a granite quarry!
- ▶ Rabey ATV Trail. Part of the Northwoods ATV Trail 200 miles of interconnected ATV trail.
- ▶ Raspberry Island - opportunity to be on an island in the middle of the Mississippi River - the working river
- ▶ Reads Landing Brewing Company. Good food and beer.
- ▶ Red Wing has a park on top of a bluff - great for hiking and views of the river.
- ▶ Red Wing Shoe Store and Museum
- ▶ Red Wing shopping/main street
- ▶ Red Wing to Winona
- ▶ Red Wing: Golden China, Fiesta Mexicana
- ▶ Reno Bottoms area - canoe trail
- ▶ Resort and Casino
- ▶ Resorts
- ▶ Resorts
- ▶ Resorts
- ▶ River at Summit Ave
- ▶ River Levee Trail
- ▶ River Roads (East or West). Views of the river from bluffs.
- ▶ Riverfront Trail
- ▶ Rivertown Days
- ▶ Roadside views
- ▶ Rock Island Swing Bridge
- ▶ Rock Island Swing Bridge
- ▶ Russell's on the Lake
- ▶ Saint Anthony Falls and downtown Minneapolis from the Stone Arch Bridge
- ▶ Saint Anthony Falls Views
- ▶ Saint Anthony Falls: Most impressive view of the river in the Twin Cities.
- ▶ Same comment as Minneapolis - no place to get off the river to enjoy the town.
- ▶ Scenic Loop Drive/By bicycle
- ▶ Schoolcraft state park via boat on the river
- ▶ Science Museum
- ▶ Science Museum of Minnesota- fascinating exhibits, musical stairs, and great views of the Miss. River and the area from the upper level outdoor plaza!
- ▶ Sea Salt
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- ▶ Sea Salt restaurant: Great fried fish, beer, and ice cream just spitting distance from the Minnehaha falls.
- ▶ See the eagles at the National Eagle Center Wabasha.
- ▶ Several along Main Street near St. Anthony Main offer wonderful views of the river; Spoonriver
- ▶ Shakespeare Festival
- ▶ Skate Board Park
- ▶ Soap Factory 10-second film festival
- ▶ Soap Factory gallery
- ▶ Soldier's Field Park
- ▶ Sooooo much in both of the downtowns, but no way to get out of the River to visit!
- ▶ Spring Lake Park Reserve
- ▶ St Cloud River Bluffs Regional Park
- ▶ St Cloud: gardens, quarry, museum
- ▶ St Joe Farmer's Market
<http://www.stjosephfarmersmarket.com/>
- ▶ St John's Abbey Arboretum
<http://www.csbsju.edu/outdooru/abbeyarboretum>This 2400 acre arboretum provide s a view into what the area looked like before the European settlers arrived in the area and the opportunity to see one of the oldest Catholic Benedictine Monasteries in the United States .
- ▶ St John's Pottery
<http://www.csbsju.edu/saint-johns-pottery>Richard Bresnahan is the artist in residence at St John's University and is one of only a few American Potters who has been trained in Japan in the unique style of the master potters of Japan. It is also the home of the largest wood fired kiln in the United States.
- ▶ St Joseph's annual Joetown Rocks festival that include live music, a parade, lots of food and fun for everyone. It's a festival that's been around for over 100 years.
- ▶ ST. Anthony Falls
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- ▶ St. Anthony Falls
- ▶ St. Anthony Falls (35W) Bridge
- ▶ St. Anthony Falls Stone Arch Bridge
- ▶ St. Anthony Main
- ▶ St. Anthony Main / Riverplace Bridge
- ▶ St. Anthony Main restaurants provide a great view of the river
- ▶ St. Anthony Main restaurants, art festivals, aquatennial, other celebrations.
- ▶ St. Cloud State University
- ▶ Start of the Mississippi River
- ▶ Steve's House
- ▶ Stockholm Art Festival
- ▶ Stockholm Arts and crafts shops
- ▶ Stone Arch Art Fair
- ▶ Stone Arch Bridge
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- ▶ Stone Arch Bridge - historic, iconic, connects recreational areas
- ▶ Stone Arch Bridge and Lock and Dam
- ▶ Stone Arch Bridge in Minneapolis affords fantastic views, especially at sunset
- ▶ Stone arch bridge, mill city, farmers market
- ▶ Stone arch bridge, mill district which popped up due to the St. Anthony falls and is why Minneapolis became a city, etc.
- ▶ Stone Arch Bridge/Main Street area
- ▶ Stone Arch Bridge National Historic Landmark
- ▶ Stone arch Bridge
- ▶ Summer Fest in Cass Lake is always a great place to experience the culture. Always held the 4th weekend in July
- ▶ Summertime by George <http://www.summertimebygeorge.com/th> is great summer event in downtown St Cloud provides the opportunity to enjoy not only Lake George but also to experience live music performed by local artists who are well known not only locally but regionally as well. It also provides the opportunity to experience great foods and an outdoor picnic environment.
- ▶ Summit Ave overlook
- ▶ Sunken steamboat "Andy Gibson"
- ▶ Swan Park. Hundreds of the magnificent trumpeter swans gather here in winter. Great viewing and wildlife photography opportunities.
- ▶ Swimming/beach
- ▶ Target Fireworks
- ▶ The Bachelor Farmer
- ▶ The Barn (rest.)
- ▶ The Boat House a place where you can eat a great meal. The food is served with flair. Prices range from fair to well the taste is worth it. The view is also nice come see the fall colors and watch the river flow by. While eagles and other birds fly south.
- ▶ The Charles Lindbergh home and historical site has lots of fascinating information.
- ▶ The city in the urban area: dams, Stone Arch bridge, natural gorge, easy access bike/hike paths
- ▶ The drive south along the river and Lake Pepin is scenic and has lots of interesting places to stop.
- ▶ The Falls--the reason for Mpls
- ▶ The Gorge
- ▶ The grandkids live in Farmington, so they cross over the river often. I bring their attention to all of the birds and wildlife along the river at each point, hopefully developing a sense of stewardship and conservation in them.
- ▶ The Headwaters offers history, nature, recreations, archeological sites and more. It's a must see!
- ▶ The Mississippi gorge has great hiking, bird watching, geology,
- ▶ The Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge 261 river miles 240 thousand acre starting at Wabasha, MN to Rockford, ILL. Truly a remarkable Natural area.
- ▶ The Onion Grille Hastings, MN
- ▶ The Onion in Hastings, and the new restaurant, Bella Vista, that's opening here as well.
- ▶ The river bluff area around Winona is great for watching eagles and other birds.



- ▶ The river corridor between Mpls and St. Paul provides fantastic, well-maintained, convenient, gorgeous cycling.
- ▶ The river gorge has great color in the fall and interesting wild life all year
- ▶ The river in downtown Minneapolis is a terrific asset--including one of the few metro spots you can walk down and touch the Mississippi (below Father Hennepin Bluffs Park).
- ▶ The Stone Arch Bridge, Mill City Museum, Mill Ruins Park and memorial to the 35W Bridge victims are all must-see destinations by the river in downtown Mpls.
- ▶ The view from under the new bridge, and all along the Hastings waterfront the whole corridor
- ▶ Theaters
- ▶ There are events for everybody here in Winona from Beethoven Festival to Shakespeare in the summer to Blue Grass Concerts throughout the fall with music on the Levee Spring through fall once a month. Go to the Winona Visitors site for details.
- ▶ Third Street Brew house Cold Spring MN
<http://www.thirdstreetbrewhouse.com/?ageverified=7fde94a177> local brewery that been in operation for over 100 years.
- ▶ This area of the River is a great place to hike around with the family and the pets. Shallow areas along the river allow pets to play in the water.
- ▶ This entire river section from Monticello to roughly Minneapolis is a world class smallmouth bass fishery.
- ▶ This is where I live. Come by and see us some time
- ▶ This is where it all begins. The headwaters is a must
- ▶ Thousands of trumpeter swans, especially during winter
- ▶ Throughout the area there are great restaurants and resorts to stop and eat and stay the night
- ▶ Timothy's on the River
- ▶ Tour de Pepin
- ▶ Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. Migratory bird and wildlife observation. Scenic wildlife drive.
- ▶ Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. Deck over wetlands bordering the Mississippi. Great views.
- ▶ Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. Wildlife and waterfowl
- ▶ Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, Trempealeau Wisconsin. White Pelicans, egrets, herons, sand hill cranes
- ▶ Twin cities
- ▶ Union Depot
- ▶ University of MN Centennial Showboat
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Brownsville Overlook: Especially in the fall, see tens of thousands of migratory birds, including tundra swans, resting and feeding here. Spectacular!
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Aghaming Canoe Trail.
http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/aghamingtrailmap_for_web.pdf
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Browns Marsh Canoe Area.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Brownsville Overlook.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Finger Lakes Canoe Trail.
[http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/FingerLakesCanoeTrail\(2011\).pdf](http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/FingerLakesCanoeTrail(2011).pdf)
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Goose Island Canoe Trail.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Half-moon Landing Canoe Trail.
[http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/HalfmoonCanoeTrail\(2011\).pdf](http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/HalfmoonCanoeTrail(2011).pdf)
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Highway 26 Overlook.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, La Crosse District office and visitor center. Displays, interpretation, trails, river overlook.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Lake Onalaska Overlook.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Long Lake Canoe Trail.
[http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/LongLakeCanoeTrail\(2011\).pdf](http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/LongLakeCanoeTrail(2011).pdf)
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Nelson-Trevino Canoe Trail.
<http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/NelsonTrevinoCanoeTrail.pdf>



- ▶ n Trevino Canoe Trail (2011) for brochure.pdf
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Reno Bottoms Canoe Trail.<http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/renobottomscanoetrailbrochure.pdf>
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Shady Maple Overlook.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Straight Slough Canoe Trail.
[http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/StraightSloughCanoeTrail\(2011\).pdf](http://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/StraightSloughCanoeTrail(2011).pdf)
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Weaver Landing: Overlook for observing migrating waterfowl.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Winona District Office: Learn about the Refuge, obtain Refuge maps and public use information. Note - no formal visitor center at this time.
- ▶ Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge: 261 river miles from the Chippewa River to the Quad Cities. Please see our website for more information including maps of amenities such as boat landings, overlooks, canoe trails, and hiking trails.
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Upper_Mississippi_River/
- ▶ Uptown restaurants, cafés, etc.
- ▶ Villa Bellezza Winery
- ▶ Visitor's center near Prescott, WI-- beautiful view of the Mississippi and interpretation of the confluence of the St Croix and Mississippi
- ▶ Wabasha -- Eagle Center
- ▶ Wabasha National Eagle Center
- ▶ Wabasha Street Bridge. See up and down the busy river here.
- ▶ Wabasha: National Eagle Center, lock and dam
- ▶ walking
- ▶ Walking over the headwaters

- ▶ Walking over the stone arch bridge and near St Anthony falls with all of the unique opportunities in the area is priceless
- ▶ Water Ski Days Festival, Lake City MN
- ▶ Waterski
- ▶ wayside rest
- ▶ Weaver Dunes. Large movements of reptiles, mostly turtles, including the endangered Blanding's turtle are found in this area of dunes in spring.
- ▶ Wier on diversion channel. Rushing water.
- ▶ Wilde Roast Cafe
- ▶ Wilde Roast Café - something for everyone with a bar/cafe area, dining area, dessert counter, all in a fun and comfortable setting
- ▶ Wilde Roast Cafe in St. Anthony Main is a marvelous spot to watch the river and people.
- ▶ Winona
- ▶ Wynona
- ▶ Winona area
- ▶ Winona area
- ▶ Winona Bluffs great in the fall with changing of leaves
- ▶ Winona has festivals year around
- ▶ Winona Shakespeare Festival and Concerts
- ▶ Winona Winter Carnival.
winonawintercarnival.com, Mid-West Music Fest
- ▶ Winona, MN Lake Lodge Recreation Center
- ▶ Winona: Frozen River Film Festival
- ▶ Winona: Marine Art Museum
- ▶ Winona: Outdoor Recreational opportunities are unlimited
- ▶ Winona-Old River Town
- ▶ Winter Fishing Challenge on Cass Lake. In February. Great prizes, good times.
- ▶ World's Landing. Historic river crossing. Great views. Nice river ramp access
- ▶ Wyalusing State Park

Stories

In this portion of the MetroQuest survey, participants were asked to share why the Mississippi River is important to them, using only six words.

- ▶ The river represents strength and power
- ▶ The Mississippi River refreshes the soul
- ▶ Bringing Family Together
- ▶ Connection to history, return to roots
- ▶ It has fresh unpolluted potable water
- ▶ Minnesota stream leads to big things
- ▶ Art in Lake City. History in Red Wing
- ▶ Nature in the middle of the city
- ▶ Love beautiful scenes as Lake City
- ▶ Great place for canoeing and fishing



- ▶ Ancestor helped found Lake City
- ▶ The River starts in my home state of Minnesota
- ▶ Already submitted my six word story at the Mpls Open House
- ▶ It's where I walk and think
- ▶ Great scenes, culture, history, and recreation
- ▶ I spent two months in a canoe on the river
- ▶ It's a natural beauty here every day!
- ▶ Marks a milestone
- ▶ Remote beauty that has many accesses
- ▶ Pioneer's highway - Minnesota's birthplace
- ▶ The River where I first sailed
- ▶ Canoeing through the Lock
- ▶ Significant water resource; precious ecological treasure
- ▶ it's a natural and beautiful place
- ▶ Kids love walking across at headwaters.
- ▶ I grew up along its banks
- ▶ It connects in time and space
- ▶ Time passes with the river flow
- ▶ Good place for rock hunting.
- ▶ Good place for rock hunting.
- ▶ Majestic, Memorable Beauty and abundant resources
- ▶ It's the main artery of the nation
- ▶ it connects us to many others
- ▶ Its history and multiple unique recreational opportunities
- ▶ traverses the nation north to south
- ▶ Explore entire length by bike canoe
- ▶ The vigor and tolerance of the river is what I wish to emulate in my own mind
- ▶ The river IS Minnesota
- ▶ It's the original reason we're all here
- ▶ It's power, it's history, it's beauty
- ▶ The fishing is great
- ▶ Connects me to New Orleans
- ▶ Such beautiful waters, so many memories
- ▶ My father loved it so
- ▶ the scenic beauty of the river is fascinating
- ▶ Always lived 2 miles from river
- ▶ Nature water peace life everyone
- ▶ It is a national treasure
- ▶ It runs through us
- ▶ Place making, historic, internationally renowned, wide
- ▶ The reason we live here
- ▶ Scenic Walks along its shoreline
- ▶ beautiful, powerful, water resource that provides life
- ▶ Biking along the river = good times
- ▶ The river is home to nature
- ▶ Its major role in history & economy
- ▶ Our favorite fall leave tour route
- ▶ The river gives identity to Minnesota
- ▶ The river still provides a route to Americana
- ▶ There's always something in that river
- ▶ The river is ever changing
- ▶ It builds a sense of community
- ▶ A beautiful, hard-working, historic gem
- ▶ It's where I grew Up
- ▶ Proudly flowing heartbeat of our nation
- ▶ I spent many hours boating on the river
- ▶ travel, nature, fishing
- ▶ Backwaters are really cool
- ▶ Canoeing the river = new perspective
- ▶ Beautiful, powerful, wondrous, family, relaxing, inspiring
- ▶ The most important American historical feature
- ▶ Jogging and scenery along the river
- ▶ Teeming with life in all seasons
- ▶ Love the history, nature, and beauty
- ▶ Enjoyable ride along the river in our Mustang Convertible
- ▶ Water source for plants and wildlife
- ▶ It brings nature to the city
- ▶ Nature close to home
- ▶ It's Minneapolis/St Paul's lifeblood
- ▶ The river leads to the Cities.
- ▶ It's a beautiful location.
- ▶ A place like no other
- ▶ Trails connect Minnesota, Wisconsin, scenic bluffs
- ▶ I need to live by Big Water
- ▶ Eagles nesting bringing magic heart city
- ▶ distinctive topography in Minnesota
- ▶ I am awed by the view from the top of Barn Bluff in Red Wing every time I hike it
- ▶ Awe-inspiring, deep history of American Indians
- ▶ It's the artery of the heartland
- ▶ River Bluffs, flowing water, abundant wildlife
- ▶ The river and bluff are beautiful
- ▶ Hung out here when skipping school
- ▶ I love boating on the river
- ▶ The river connects us all
- ▶ The river brings Minnesotans together
- ▶ It's where I learned to swim
- ▶ Nature History Commerce Recreation
- ▶ Outdoor activity, bicycling, views, food, joy



- ▶ I grow up on the back water of the Mississippi
- ▶ It links communities through common bonds.
- ▶ Beautiful and fun river towns
- ▶ The River Made Me Do It
- ▶ Natural element that brings people together
- ▶ The water heals the soul.
- ▶ Every generation walks the headwaters.
- ▶ Majestic and rich with history.
- ▶ Peace and nature in the city.
- ▶ Spectacular beauty in all 4 seasons
- ▶ Biking, Canoeing, Drinking Water, Nature, Family
- ▶ It connects us with boating friends!
- ▶ It connects nature and history
- ▶ Connects me to nature in city
- ▶ Great river to boat and view
- ▶ I'm not from Minnesota, but I live here now, and I am infinitely fascinated with the beauty and the boldness of the Mississippi River. It is to other rivers what Lake Superior is to other lakes
- ▶ Central riverfront is center of Minneapolis
- ▶ Childhood memories boating on the river with my family
- ▶ Childhood memories boating on the river with my family
- ▶ Allows me to have a job
- ▶ Starts the great Mississippi
- ▶ Love the many beautiful places along the river
- ▶ Makes me think about our ancestors
- ▶ Home. Beauty. Energy. Captivating. Powerful. Cleansing
- ▶ It holds memories throughout my life
- ▶ Helps me know where I am
- ▶ The Start of Many memory's
- ▶ It's where I go to fish
- ▶ Drinking water for millions of people!
- ▶ A place to relax and enjoy
- ▶ Beautiful views with family
- ▶ Family's cabin was on Mississippi River
- ▶ The river is my prayer
- ▶ Adds unparalleled amenities to the prairie
- ▶ It is my home. It is where I work. It is a part of my very being. I would not be where I am without the waterways of our world especially the Upper Mississippi River Refuge
- ▶ Memories of hiking with my family
- ▶ It helps define who we are
- ▶ Grew up on the river
- ▶ History, family, nature, recreation, fun, adventure
- ▶ Connection to nature and past
- ▶ History that is the state's future
- ▶ The river is the reason we are here
- ▶ Canoeing, swimming, boating fishing, pondering life
- ▶ The start to something great
- ▶ It brings me to familiar places
- ▶ The river defines this place
- ▶ Fluid stich of history and resources
- ▶ Family fun along the river
- ▶ Scenery, bluff views are beautiful
- ▶ Ecological, biological, cultural - significance and diversity
- ▶ Nature, natural waterway, natural resource
- ▶ The backwaters are outstanding for kayaking
- ▶ Birds from far away visit me
- ▶ Boating with friends
- ▶ I love to paddle the river
- ▶ On its banks, I got engaged!
- ▶ The river connects Minnesota to everything
- ▶ To thrive, we need the river
- ▶ I commute through a national park
- ▶ National Wildlife Refuges -- Wildlife Comes First
- ▶ Enjoy viewing the changing seasons
- ▶ The river is a place of rejuvenation and healing.
- ▶ It is where I grew up
- ▶ its famous
- ▶ Adds to the beauty of Minnesota
- ▶ Where it begins.
- ▶ Good views of life on trial!
- ▶ A great place to escape
- ▶ Saves me from living in Wisconsin!
- ▶ Biking, hiking, scenic views, and camping
- ▶ Natural corridor that defines my city
- ▶ Love the changing scenery, rural & urban
- ▶ Summertime trail riding
- ▶ Beauty and majesty of the river
- ▶ It supports life, is national treasure
- ▶ There's always something new to explore
- ▶ Flushes everything south keeping north clean
- ▶ Historical Importance
- ▶ Its natural setting is always relaxing
- ▶ I kayak to my heart's content
- ▶ Amazing beauty and endless fun
- ▶ Flour milling and fir trading: history



- ▶ 3am fishing, 8am nap, noon deliciousness
- ▶ fun, crisp, adventure, family, WATER
- ▶ Connects past with future
- ▶ Rowing there shaped my college years
- ▶ Powerful scenery with amazing history
- ▶ Traveled river by boat thru locks.
- ▶ it ties great Minnesota places together
- ▶ The falls are why Minneapolis exists
- ▶ fall colors
- ▶ Scenic beauty everywhere I look around
- ▶ History and nature
- ▶ Family, friends and fun for all
- ▶ A fantastic natural resource
- ▶ The river feels like home
- ▶ Played there as a child

Other Feedback

Other comments:

- ▶ Check out what other River Organizations do. Consider the Rhine River.
- ▶ I've almost always lived along the Mississippi. It's home. . .
- ▶ South highway 61 needs to be done like the highway in Duluth. The existing highway should be a scenic route and a bypass (new highway for through traffic and trucks) should go over the bluffs circumventing the valley all together.
- ▶ I already receive the updates and e-mails ... thank you!!
- ▶ I've spent so much time near the mighty Mississippi and I think we as Minnesotans forget how iconic the river is. It wasn't until my wife's family (from New York state) visited and made the comment, "Do you realize you live in Minnesota and cross this great (i.e. iconic) river several times a day. Do you realize how cool that is?" It was that statement that hit home.
- ▶ I have a lot of history and ideas of the area
- ▶ I've lived in 3 different towns/cities. But figured out once that I've never lived more than 2 miles from the Mississippi. We now also own a cabin on a lake which is a reservoir of the river.
- ▶ Nice interactive website. Well done.
- ▶ broaden participation with youth, minority groups assisting
- ▶ The Great River Road is impressive and an important piece of America.
- ▶ It is not all about the drive. It's paddling, bicycling, walking, and more. So much to see if taken at a slow pace.
- ▶ Need to have a good website map of Great River Road through the Cities, and have it indicate where temporarily closed.
- ▶ Thank you!
- ▶ Small 5-10 tent camp sites for cyclists along the Great River Road would be helpful for cycling tourists.
- ▶ Thank you for this fabulous opportunity to share my brief Mississippi River experiences
- ▶ Great survey
- ▶ Thank you for trying to put a face on the river road there are changes that will come to this river valley. We need to be prepared to protect its pristine beauty. As it is there is never a moment of true silence here. What with 80 plus oil trains not to count other freight trains, Barges being pushed with Tows big diesels with screaming turbines throughout spring, summer, and fall. cars, trucks, pleasure boats jet boats, and worse of all airboats. Traffic has quadrupled in the last 5 years. The bluffs are special especially for the very people who visit here. It is mandatory that we protect all our resources into the future for all people to enjoy.
- ▶ Sorry I do not have any stories
- ▶ Worked with Pawpaw doing sign assessment along the entire route. Great adventure in amazingly beautiful country. We hope to return in June. Save the gravel section!