

Zumbro River

Come join the River Ramblers on a cruise down the scenic Zumbro River in southern Minnesota. Enjoy an active current, easy Class I rapids and standing waves as we paddle through a hardwood forest interrupted by an occasional bluff. You may see deer, turtles, herons, swallows, and hawks.

Saturday, June 23: Meet at the campground at Sportsman's Park in Zumbro Falls at 9:30 am (directions below). Please arrive early if you wish to check in and set up your tent before paddling. We will organize the car shuttle to the put-in at County Road 7 and will paddle back to the campsite at Sportsman's Park. This is a 3-4 hour trip of relaxed-pace paddling and will include a lunch stop on a sandbar or gravel bar. Trip distance is approximately 10 miles.

Sunday, June 24: We will paddle from our campground to Millville. Lunch can be on a gravel bar or we can stop at the halfway point (in Hammond) and eat on picnic tables. This is about a 12-mile trip and should take no more than 4 hours. We will shuttle cars to the take-out point before paddling.

Directions: From the Twin Cities, go south on Highway 52. Just south of Zumbrota, take Highway 60 east to Zumbro Falls. At the stop sign, turn right on Highway 63; proceed 0.4 mile and turn left into Sportsmen's Park.

Things to Bring: Canoe, paddles, PFD's, sunglasses, sunscreen, sun hat, rain gear. Camera and/or binoculars if desired. Lunch for on the river both days. Camping equipment if planning to stay overnight. Maybe a few logs for a campfire at night.

Camping: Will be at Sportsmen's Park in Zumbro Falls. Last year, the fee was \$15 per night for one tent and one car. I have been assured that the gates are closed at 10:00 pm to help reduce noise. Picnic tables, fire rings, water, and outhouses are on site.

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