











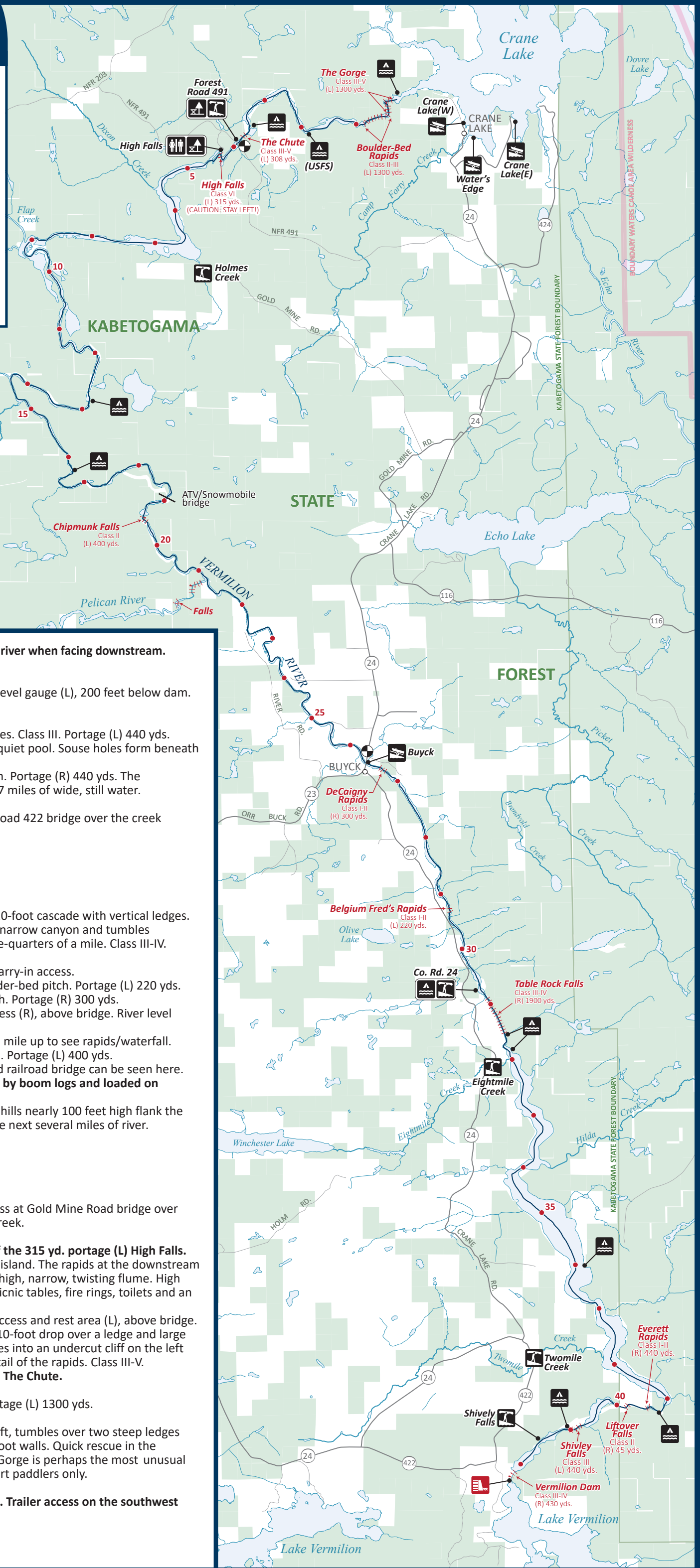
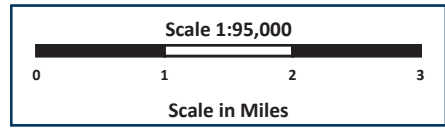


VERMILION RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL

-  Carry-in Access
-  Trailer Access
-  Rest Area
-  Watercraft Campsite
-  Toilet
-  Dam
-  Public Lands
-  State Units
-  River Level Gauge
-  Hazard Areas
-  Rapids
-  River Miles



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

NOTE: (R) and (L) represent right and left banks of the river when facing downstream.

RIVER MILE

- 42.3** Vermilion Dam. Portage (R), 430 yds., river level gauge (L), 200 feet below dam.
- 41.6 (L)** Shively Falls carry-in access.
- 41.0 (L)** Watercraft campsite.
- 40.9** Shively Falls. Three steep boulder-bed pitches. Class III. Portage (L) 440 yds.
- 39.8** Lifter Falls. A sheer four-foot drop into a quiet pool. Souse holes form beneath the falls. Class II. Portage (R) 45 yds.
- 39.4** Everett Rapids. A Class I-II boulder-bed pitch. Portage (R) 440 yds. The river then enters the Chain of Lakes, 7 miles of wide, still water.
- 39.3 (R)** Watercraft campsite.
- 37.8 (L)** Twomile Creek. The landing at the County Road 422 bridge over the creek provides access to the Vermilion.
- 36.1 (R)** Watercraft campsite.
- 34.0 (R)** Confluence with Hilda Creek.
- 32.0 (L)** Confluence with Eightmile Creek.
- 32.0 (L)** County Road 24 carry-in access.
- 32.0 (R)** Watercraft campsite.
- 31.-8-30.9** Table Rock Falls. Portage (R) 1900 yds. A 20-foot cascade with vertical ledges. Class IV-VI. The river then runs into a steep, narrow canyon and tumbles through continuous rapids for the next three-quarters of a mile. Class III-IV.
- 31.8 (R)** Watercraft campsite.
- 30.7 (L)** County Road 24. Watercraft campsite and carry-in access.
- 29.3** Belgium Fred's Rapids. A short, Class I boulder-bed pitch. Portage (L) 220 yds.
- 26.8** DeCaigny Rapids. A Class I boulder-bed pitch. Portage (R) 300 yds.
- 26.4** County Road 24 bridge at Buyck. Trailer access (R), above bridge. River level gauge (R).
- 21.2 (R)** Confluence with Pelican Rapids. Paddle 1/2 mile up to see rapids/waterfall.
- 19.5** Chipmunk Falls. A Class II boulder-bed pitch. Portage (L) 400 yds.
- 18.9** ATV/Snowmobile Bridge. Ruins from the old railroad bridge can be seen here.
- 17.4** Pilings mark where pine logs were stopped by boom logs and loaded on railroad cars, bound for Virginia.
- 16.5** Snowshoe Narrows. Pine-covered cliffs and hills nearly 100 feet high flank the river. The bluffs recede and rice beds line the next several miles of river.
- 16.2 (R)** Watercraft campsite.
- 14.8 (L)** Confluence with Wagner Creek.
- 14.3 (L)** Confluence with Bug Creek.
- 12.8 (R)** Watercraft campsite.
- 9.1 (L)** Confluence with Flap Creek.
- 6.6 (R)** Confluence with Holmes Creek. Trailer access at Gold Mine Road bridge over the creek. Watercraft access is up Holmes Creek.
- 5.6 (L)** Confluence with Dixon Creek.
- 4.4** A long, rocky island marks the beginning of the 315 yd. portage (L) High Falls. **CAUTION!** Take the left channel around the island. The rapids at the downstream end of the island lead to the falls, a 25-foot high, narrow, twisting flume. High Falls, rates Class VI. USFS area on left with picnic tables, fire rings, toilets and an observation railing along the falls.
- 3.9** National Forest Road 491 bridge. Carry-in access and rest area (L), above bridge.
- 3.8** The Chute. Portage (L) 308 yds. A twisting 10-foot drop over a ledge and large boulders. The current is powerful and crashes into an undercut cliff on the left and an undercut rock on the right near the tail of the rapids. Class III-V.
- 3.6 (R)** Watercraft campsite just downstream from The Chute.
- 1.9 (R)** Watercraft campsite.
- 0.8** Beginning of the "Gorge". See R.M. 0.4. Portage (L) 1300 yds.
- 0.9-0.5** Class II-III boulder-bed rapids.
- 0.4** The Gorge. The river bends sharply to the left, tumbles over two steep ledges and enters a narrow canyon with sheer 50-foot walls. Quick rescue in the canyon is nearly impossible. Class III-V. The Gorge is perhaps the most unusual and beautiful of the Vermilion's rapids. Expert paddlers only.
- 0.1** Watercraft campsite
- 0** The Vermilion widens as it joins Crane Lake. Trailer access on the southwest shore of the lake.