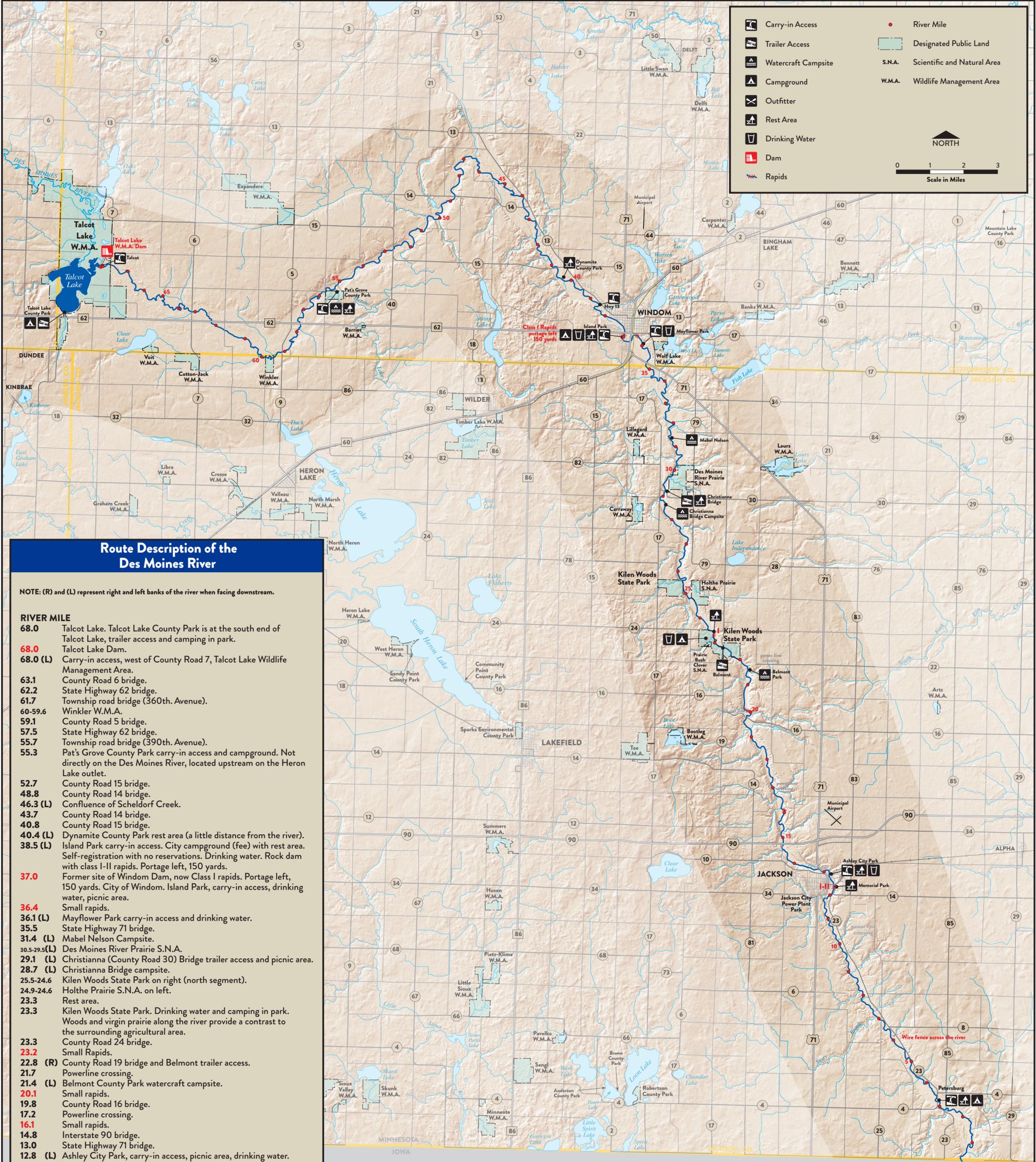


A STATE WATER TRAIL GUIDE TO THE DES MOINES RIVER



Route Description of the Des Moines River

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

RIVER MILE

- 68.0** Talcot Lake. Talcot Lake County Park is at the south end of Talcot Lake, trailer access and camping in park.
- 68.0** Talcot Lake Dam.
- 68.0 (L)** Carry-in access, west of County Road 7, Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area.
- 63.1** County Road 6 bridge.
- 62.2** State Highway 62 bridge.
- 61.7** Township road bridge (360th. Avenue).
- 60-59.6** Winkler W.M.A.
- 59.1** County Road 5 bridge.
- 57.5** State Highway 62 bridge.
- 55.7** Township road bridge (390th. Avenue).
- 55.3** Pat's Grove County Park carry-in access and campground. Not directly on the Des Moines River, located upstream on the Heron Lake outlet.
- 52.7** County Road 15 bridge.
- 48.8** County Road 14 bridge.
- 46.3 (L)** Confluence of Scheldorf Creek.
- 43.7** County Road 14 bridge.
- 40.8** County Road 15 bridge.
- 40.4 (L)** Dynamite County Park rest area (a little distance from the river).
- 38.5 (L)** Island Park carry-in access. City campground (fee) with rest area. Self-registration with no reservations. Drinking water. Rock dam with class I-II rapids. Portage left, 150 yards.
- 37.0** Former site of Windom Dam, now Class I rapids. Portage left, 150 yards. City of Windom. Island Park, carry-in access, drinking water, picnic area.
- 36.4** Small rapids.
- 36.1 (L)** Mayflower Park carry-in access and drinking water.
- 35.5** State Highway 71 bridge.
- 31.4 (L)** Mabel Nelson Campsite.
- 30.5-29.5 (L)** Des Moines River Prairie S.N.A.
- 29.1 (L)** Christianna (County Road 30) Bridge trailer access and picnic area.
- 28.7 (L)** Christianna Bridge campsite.
- 25.5-24.6** Kilen Woods State Park on right (north segment).
- 24.9-24.6** Holthe Prairie S.N.A. on left.
- 23.3** Rest area.
- 23.3** Kilen Woods State Park. Drinking water and camping in park. Woods and virgin prairie along the river provide a contrast to the surrounding agricultural area.
- 23.3** County Road 24 bridge.
- 23.2** Small Rapids.
- 22.8 (R)** County Road 19 bridge and Belmont trailer access.
- 21.7** Powerline crossing.
- 21.4 (L)** Belmont County Park watercraft campsite.
- 20.1** Small rapids.
- 19.8** County Road 16 bridge.
- 17.2** Powerline crossing.
- 16.1** Small rapids.
- 14.8** Interstate 90 bridge.
- 13.0** State Highway 71 bridge.
- 12.8 (L)** Ashley City Park, carry-in access, picnic area, drinking water. Small rapids.
- 12.4 (L)** Memorial Park rest area.
- 12.3** Former site of Jackson Dam, class I rapids.
- 10.8** Powerline crossing.
- 7.1 (R)** Confluence of Stony Brook.
- 6.9** County Highway 25 Bridge.
- 6.1** Wire across the river, may be impassible in high water.
- 3.1 (R)** Petersburg carry-in, campsites and rest area. County Road 23 bridge.
- 0.0** Minnesota-Iowa border.

