

MINNESOTA AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS

MINNESOTA

Project Name: Mississippi National River and Recreational Area National Water Trail



National Park Service

Project Type:

- Recreation (National Water Trail)
- Education
- Urban

Project Description: Mississippi National River and Recreation Area provides a unique and diverse outdoor experience, with its many historic, cultural and natural sites, along the 72-mile stretch of the Mississippi River and 4-mile stretch of the Minnesota River. Archeological sites, historic structures and landscapes, shorelines, wetlands, steep slopes, and other sensitive resources are found in the area. The corridor passes through the eastern deciduous forest and the tall grass prairie biomes. Other vegetation types include floodplain forest, upland prairie, and maple basswood forest.

The local community is seeking a National Water Trail designation for this section of the Mississippi River and Minnesota River, which will promote awareness of these natural, archeological and historic resources, and promote river recreation and stewardship.

Lead Federal Agency:

- National Park Service

Non-Federal Partners

- Wilderness Inquiry
- Mississippi River Fund

Outcomes for 2012:

- Obtain a National Water Trail designation
- Develop strategic plan
- Host 10,000 students for a day-trip on Mississippi River
- Host 1,000 students for an overnight camping trip



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