

Kinnickinnic Watershed
Public Recreation Map



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The Kinnickinnic River watershed drains an area of 170 square miles (109,700) acres. The watershed is characterized by scenic bluffs, rare oak savanna, prairie, farmland, wooded coulees, sedge meadows, rare and endangered plant species, beautiful stands of white pines, and plenty of open space and scenic vistas.

The most notable feature of the watershed is the Kinnickinnic River. The river is a Class One trout stream and an Outstanding Resource Water, both the highest designations by the State of Wisconsin. The river starts flowing year-round a short distance north of Interstate 94 and flows approximately 22 miles before it reaches the St. Croix River. The river contains both native brook trout and brown trout. Some stretches of the river are home to up to 8,000 trout per mile.

The river is joined by several tributaries along its course including Parker Creek, Kelly Creek, Nye Creek, Ted Creek, South Fork, and Rocky Branch. The watershed is home to 40 endangered, threatened, or special concern species, 500 plant species (40% of all plant species found in Wisconsin), 100 non-vascular plants (mosses, lichens, etc.), and 140 bird species (50% of the species found in Wisconsin).

Kinnickinnic River Land Trust

The Kinnickinnic River Land Trust (KRLT) is a community based land trust dedicated to working with the community to conserve and protect the beauty and health of the Kinnickinnic River and its watershed. Based in River Falls, Wisconsin, we work in cooperation with landowners, private organizations, and public agencies to conserve the resources we value – clean water, wildlife, recreation, natural areas, wild trout, scenic beauty, and family farms. To learn more about how KRLT accomplishes its mission, please visit us at:

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Legend

- KRLT Preserve
- KRLT Easement
- DNR Land or DNR Easement
- USFWS Waterfowl Production Area (WPA)
- Community, County or Regional Park
- Lakes and Ponds
- City, Town, or Village
- Kinnickinnic River Watershed
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Parking lot



Sources: Kinnickinnic River Land Trust (2014); Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (2014); United States Fish and Wildlife Service (2013); United States Geological Survey (National Hydrography Dataset 2013); and United States Census Bureau (TIGER Line Files 2013).

Acronyms:
WPA - Waterfowl Production Area
WMA - Wildlife Management Area
SNA - State Natural Area
FA - Fishery Area
F&WA - Fishery and Wildlife Area

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River Safety

As you spend time enjoying the Kinni, please remember safety first. The Kinni has many remote areas that, while beautiful to visit, are not easily accessible by emergency personnel. Please consider the following safety notes as you enjoy your outing:

- Study this map to know available entry/exit points from the river. The lower Kinni is a canyon with very few access points.
- Check river levels by using the US Geological Survey water gauge data found at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv/>

- Plan sufficient time for your activities. Areas of the river can get dark earlier than expected. Be sure to plan enough time to enjoy your trip during daylight hours.
- Share your plans for the day with family or friends.
- Cell phone reception can be difficult in remote areas of the watershed.
- If canoeing/kayaking, wear a personal flotation device (PFD).



The Trumpeter Swan Preserve is a 48 acre KRLT property that includes the headwaters of the Kinnickinnic River, wetlands, groundwater seeps, planted pine and oak trees, uplands, and a former Trumpeter Swan nesting site. The preserve is bordered on the south by the WDNR Headwaters Fish and Wildlife Area and a private property that the KRLT holds an easement on. The preserve is located south of 70th Avenue and west of 150th Street in the Town of Warren, St. Croix County. Access to the property is currently available from the DNR property to the south.



The Jackson Preserve is a 46 acre KRLT property that includes the Kinnickinnic River, and access with approximately 3,460 feet of shoreline and 475 feet of a perennial tributary, floodplain areas, mixed hardwood forests, oak savanna/woodlands, pine relics, bluffs, rock outcroppings, goat prairies, wildlife habitat and spectacular scenery. The preserve is located on the north side of Pierce County Highway FF with parking available across the road at a parking lot for the WDNR Manion Wildlife Area just west of the preserve entrance.



The Kelly Creek Preserve is a 67 acre KRLT property that includes Kelly Spring and intermittent and perennial portions of Kelly Creek nearly to its confluence with the Kinnickinnic River. Tag alder and sedge meadow wetland along the creek, an area of planted pines, former pasture upland, oak woods, and planted prairie in what was previously an agricultural field are also found in the preserve. The preserve has hiking trails throughout and a small parking lot at the entrance. The preserve is located on County Road J in the Town of Kinnickinnic, St. Croix County. Access is from a shared private drive off of CTH J, approximately ¼ mile east of the bridge over the Kinnickinnic River.

River Etiquette

The Kinnickinnic River has been a popular destination for fishing, paddling and other outdoor recreation activities for many years. The popularity of the river has been increasing, which leads to a greater number of people engaging in multiple activities at the same time. The Kinni is a public natural resource, available for all to share and enjoy. All visitors should do their part to respect the activities of other river users, as well as the river itself by:

- Being aware of your location on the river. If you are not on a property listed on this map, you are likely trespassing on private property.

- "Keeping your feet wet". Should you need to pass by private property to get to your destination, Wisconsin State Law allows someone in a river to move along that river as long as they "keep their feet wet" in the stream.
- Staying alert to others along the river and respecting their activities.
- Helping to leave the river cleaner than you found it by keeping your litter and recyclables with you and by picking up litter that you may find along your way.

Kinnickinnic River Land Trust Preserves

As part of the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust's conservation efforts within the Kinnickinnic River watershed, it owns and manages properties known as preserves. These areas help reduce erosion, clean and protect surface and ground water, reduce flooding, protect wildlife habitat and rare plant communities, and provide scenic areas. KRLT also uses the preserves for environmental education activities and for public recreational uses including hiking, fishing, hunting, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, trapping, and wildlife observation. Each preserve has limitations on the recreational activities that are allowed there, so please determine which uses are allowed on the preserve you wish to visit.

For more information: Kinnickinnic River Land Trust Office - (715) 425-5738 - www.kinniriver.org

Name	Location	Fish	Hunt	Picnic	Trap	Snowshoe	Hiking	Observe	Bird	Ski	Information and Restrictions Regarding Property	Access and Parking
Jackson Preserve	C9	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	No picnicking facilities, no groomed ski trails	Along County Highway FF, no parking lot
Kelly Creek Preserve	G6	●		●		●	●	●	●		No picnicking facilities, no groomed ski trails	Parking lot on shared private drive off County Highway J
Trumpeter Swan Preserve	G5	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	No picnicking facilities, no groomed ski trails	Access from DNR property to south

KRLT – River Access on Private Land

As part of the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust's conservation efforts along the Kinnickinnic River, it has secured easements that provide the public use of a portion of the streambank on privately owned properties for fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and wildlife observation. It is extremely important for people using these areas to respect that they are on private property and understand the limitations to public use on each property, especially the boundaries.

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Name (KRLT ID)	Location	Fish	Snowshoe	Hike	Observe	Ski	Information and Restrictions Regarding Property	Access and Parking
K1 (1995-1)	B9	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 32 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K2 (1995-2)	C9	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 32 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K3 (1997-7)	B9	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 32 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K4 (1997-9)	B9	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 32 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K5 (1999-13)	G5	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 32 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K6 (1999-14)	G6	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 32 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K7 (2002-15)	B9	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 32 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K8 (2003-19)	G5		●	●		●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Entire easement accessible. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from adjoining properties and river.
K9 (2005-21)	C9	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 33 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K10 (2007-24)	D9	●		●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 33 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K11 (2007-25)	D8	●		●			PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from June 1st to September 1st one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K12 (2007-27)	B9	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 33 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K13 (2008-31)	D8	●	●	●	●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 66 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K14 (2012-32)	D8	●	●	●		●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. Public access from the water 33 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark. One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	Access from river only.
K15 (2013-33)	D7	●	●	●		●	City of River Falls property. Full public access permitted.	Access from Riverside Drive and river.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Waterfowl Production Area

WPA provide habitat for a wide variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, grassland birds, plants, insects and wildlife. They also help reduce erosion, clean and protect ground water and reduce flooding. WPA managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also provide ample opportunities for public access and wildlife-dependent recreation such as hiking, hunting, cross country skiing, wildlife observation, and photography.

For more information: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - (715) 246-7784 - www.fws.gov/refuge/St_Croix_WMD/

Name	Location	Hunt	Snowshoe	Hike	Observe	Bird	Ski	Information and Restrictions Regarding Property	Access and Parking
Kerber WPA	G3	●	●	●	●	●	●	Non-toxic shot only, fires are prohibited. Pack out your trash.	Located northwest of Roberts, off of 100th Avenue. Parking lot available.
Risberg WPA	F3	●	●	●	●	●	●	Non-Toxic shot only, fires are prohibited. Pack out your trash.	Located on the north end of Roberts, off Highway 65. Parking lot available.

City, County, Town & Regional Lands

Within the Kinnickinnic River watershed there are various properties owned and managed by town, village, city and county agencies that allow public recreational opportunities. Most of these properties are parks. Some of the recreational uses allowed on these properties include fishing, hiking, picnicking, cross country skiing, hunting, swimming, camping, and biking. Each property has limitations on the recreational activities that are allowed there so please determine which uses are allowed on the property you wish to visit.

Property Name	Location	Fish	Hunt	Picnic	Snowshoe	Bike	Hike	Ski	Information and Restrictions Regarding Property	Access and Parking
Glen Park	D8	●		●		●	●		Field/court sports, playground, and swimming pool. Canoe/kayak launch. 715-425-0924 (5 a.m. to 11 p.m.)	355 Park St. River Falls, WI - Parking lot.
Hoffman Park	E8			●		●	●	●	Field/Court sports, playground, sledding, ice rink, skate park, 9 hole frisbee golf, and camping 715-425-0924	547 Hanson Drive River Falls, WI - Parking Lot
Desanctis Park	D8			●		●	●	●	Basketball court, playground and ice skating. (5 a.m. to 11 p.m.)	Division St.
Boy Scout Conservancy Area	E8					●	●		Low impact recreation is encouraged.	Located north of Hoffman Park 715-425-0924
Mound Park	E8				●	●	●	●	(5 a.m. to 11 p.m.)	715-425-0924
Heritage Park	D8					●	●		(5 a.m. to 11 p.m.)	Via Maple St. and the Pedestrian bridge 715-425-0924
White Kinnickinnic Pathway	D8	●		●		●	●		Boat Launch is available. (5 a.m. to 11 p.m.)	Address: 374 South Winter Street River Falls, WI. Between the Winter Street Bridge and Maple Street. 715-425-0924
White Tail Ridge	D7					●	●		Site of the Wisconsin Off Road Series Border Battle Bike Race Trail	Located within the WhiteTail Ridge Corporate Park Prairie Road www.kinnioffroad.com
Kinnickinnic County Forest	G7		●	●	●		●	●	Ungroomed cross country ski trails, picnic tables available - wildlife observation and birding	Parking - 715-684-2874 X4

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Kinnickinnic State Park

The State Park was established in 1972. The Park is located at the downstream end of the Kinnickinnic River and includes the delta of the Kinnickinnic River where it flows into the St. Croix River. The delta at the mouth of the Kinnickinnic River constricts the St. Croix River to about one quarter of its normal width. This constriction causes a substantial increase in the current and keeps this area free from ice. Bald eagles fish in this open water during the winter. Large numbers of waterfowl and other migratory birds use the marshy bottomlands during their fall and spring migrations.

For more information: Kinnickinic State Park - (715) 425-1129 dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/kinnickinnic/

Name	Location	Fish	Hunt	Picnic	Trap	Snowshoe	Hike	Observe	Bird	Ski	Information and Restrictions Regarding Property	Access and Parking
Kinnickinnic State Park	A9	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	Please use State Park map for which trails to hike, snowshoe and ski. Pets must be on a leash. Camping and swimming are only on the St. Croix beach, camping and swimming access is limited to the St. Croix River. Deer hunting season is limited.	Several parking lots located within the State Park. Fee Area.
Kinnickinnic River Gorge and Delta SNA	A9	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	Steep Terrian, Area is located within State Park. Devils' Punch Bowl is located within the Gorge and Delta. Please use a park map.	Parking is along 770th Ave. or at Cty Hwy E parking lot.
Kinnickinnic Wet Prairie SNA	H7		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Located within the Western Prairie Habitat Restoration Area: dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/other/wphra.html	Parking is along Cty: Hwy: W.

DNR Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Wildlife Management Areas, managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, provide many opportunities and public spaces to hunt, fish, trap, hike, canoe, pick berries, or watch or photograph wildlife. All WMA are managed to sustain the wildlife and natural communities found on the properties and to provide a range of outdoor recreational uses. Dog training or trialing (hunting dog competitions) may be allowed by permit. Prohibited activities include; mountain biking, off-rode vehicles, and target shooting.

Name	Location	Fish	Hunt	Trap	Snowshoe	Hike	Berry Pick	Observe	Bird	Ski	Information and Restrictions Regarding Property	Access and Parking
Casey Lake WMA	J2		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Canoeing on Casey Lake (carry-in access only). Pets must be under control of owner at all times, dogs must be on a leash 8 feet or less from April 15 through July 31. There is a designated dog training area.	Parking lot available on 130th Ave.
Headwaters of the Kinnickinnic F&WA	G5	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	Pets must be under control of owner at all times, dogs must be on a leash 8 feet or less from April 15 through July 31.	Parking lot available on 60th Ave.
Nagel WMA	I1		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	Pets must be under control of owner at all times, dogs must be on a leash 8 feet or less from April 15 through July 31.	Parking is along 140th Ave.
Pleasant Valley WMA	H7	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Pets must be under control of owner at all times, dogs must be on a leash 8 feet or less from April 15 through July 31.	Parking is along Cty: Hwy W.
Manion WMA	C9		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Pets must be under control of owner at all times, dogs must be on a leash 8 feet or less from April 15 through July 31.	Parking is along Cty: Hwy: FF

DNR Fishery Area (FA)

Areas along the Kinnickinnic River and its tributaries are within the DNR's Kinnickinnic State Fishery Area. Fishery Areas protect, manage and preserve the river and watershed through land and easement acquisitions. The areas enhance fishing and the production of trout, and provide other compatible recreational and educational activities including hunting, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Prohibited activities include; mountain biking, off-rode vehicles, and target shooting.

Name	Location	Fish	Hunt	Snowshoe	Hike	Ski	Information and Restrictions Regarding Property	Access and Parking
Kinnickinnic Prairie FA	G6	●	●	●	●	●	Access by Old Cemetery Road, Cty: Hwy: J or leased easements	Parking lots on south and west side of property along Cty: Hwy: J and Old Cemetery Rd.
Liberty Road FA	E7	●	●	●	●	●	Access by State Hwy. 65 parking lot, Liberty Road, or adjacent easement.	Parking lot along State Hwy. 65 and parking along Liberty Rd.
River Road FA	E7	●	●	●	●	●	Access by River Dr., adjacent easement or stream	Two parking lots along River Drive
Swinging Gate F&WA	E7	●	●	●	●	●	Access by Parking Lot off State Hwy. 65 or by Quarry Road.	Parking lot available along State Hwy. 65 and Quarry Road.
Parker Creek FA	E7	●	●	●	●	●	Access by Pleasant Ave or adjacent easement.	Parking lot available along Pleasant Ave.
South Fork FA	G6	●	●	●	●	●	Trapping, berry picking, bird watching, and wildlife viewing also permitted.	Parking lots on north and east side of property along State Hwy. 29 and 900th St.
Sumner Creek FA	F8	●		●	●	●	No hunting within city limits.	Parking lots along Quarry Road and Main St.
Trout Brook FA	G5	●	●	●	●	●	Limited hunting opportunities.	Access by stream, Trout Brook Road or via adjacent leased land.
Town Hall FA	F6	●	●	●	●	●	Hunting access by stream or private land with permission.	Walk-in access from Cty: Hwy J. Park at Town Hall.
Steeple Drive FA	F6	●	●	●	●	●	Very limited hunting opportunities.	Access by adjacent easement or leased land.

DNR – River Access on Private Land

As part of the Kinnickinnic Fishery Area, DNR has acquired easements along the Kinnickinnic River and its tributaries that provide the public access to a portion of the streambank on privately owned properties for uses including fishing, hiking, hunting, and cross country skiing. Each easement has specific allowed uses, so be sure to identify which uses are allowed on the easement you plan to visit. It is extremely important for people using these areas to respect that they are on private property and understand the boundaries and limitations to public use on each property.

For more information: Wisconsin DNR - (715) 684-2914 - dnr.wi.gov/

Name (DNR ID)	Location	Fish	Hunt	Hike	Ski	Information and Restrictions Regarding Property	Access and Parking
D1 (13-4, 13-2, 13-3a, and 12-15c)	G6	●		●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY. 66 foot easement. Located on Parker Creek.	Access by Cty: Hwy: J or adjacent easement. Parking available at Parker Creek FA or Pleasant Ave.
D2 (14-1)	G6	●		●		PRIVATE PROPERTY. Section 14: 165 ft easement; Section 13: 660 ft easement. Located on Parker Creek.	Access by adjacent easement or state lands.
D3 (11-15)	G6	●				PRIVATE PROPERTY with 66 foot easement on both banks. Located on Parker Creek.	Access by adjacent state land or easement. Parking at Parker Creek FA of Kinnickinnic Praire AF
D4 (15-15)	F6	●				PRIVATE PROPERTY with surveyed easement on South Bank. Look for signage.	Access and parking lot available along Cty: Hwy JJ. or adjacent state land.
D5	G6	●		●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY with surveyed easement. Look for signage.	Access from Cty: Hwy: JJ or Cty: Hwy: J. Parking available at Town Hall.
D6 (21-7)	F7	●		●		PRIVATE PROPERTY with surveyed easement; South bank of McLaughlin has 33 foot easement.	Access by stream or Liberty Road.
D7 (21-10)	F7	●		●		PRIVATE PROPERTY with surveyed easement; South bank of McLaughlin has 33 foot easement.	Access by stream or Liberty Road.
D8 (20-13)	E7	●		●		PRIVATE PROPERTY with surveyed easement on South Bank. Look for signage.	Access by adjacent state land or easement.
D9 (20-14)	E7	●				PRIVATE PROPERTY with surveyed easement on South Bank. Look for signage.	Access by State Hwy: 65, River Road, adjacent state land or easement. Parking lot available along State Hwy: 65
D10 (30-1)	E7	●		●	●	PRIVATE PROPERTY with surveyed easement on South Bank. Look for signage.	Access by stream or adjacent state land.
D11 (30-2)	E7	●		●		PRIVATE PROPERTY with 33 foot easement on North bank. PRIVATE PROPERTY	Access by stream, adjacent state land or easement.
D12 (30-10)	E7	●		●		PRIVATE PROPERTY with 66 foot easement on both banks and tributary.	Access by adjacent easement.
D13 (30-11)	E7	●				PRIVATE PROPERTY with 66 foot easement on both banks.	Access by adjacent state land, easement or Quarry Road.
D14 (21-3)	F7	●	●			PRIVATE PROPERTY with 66 foot easement on both banks.	Access by stream or River Road.
D15 (14-7d)	G6	●	●			PRIVATE PROPERTY with 66 foot easement on both banks.	Access by Cty: Hwy J or adjacent state land.
D16 (11-10)	G6	●	●			PRIVATE PROPERTY with 66 foot easement on both banks.	Access by Steeple Road or adjacent state land.
D17 (2-4)	G5	●		●		PRIVATE PROPERTY leased by DNR.	Access by adjoining state land (expires3/1/2018)
D18 (11-3)	G6	●		●		PRIVATE PROPERTY with 132 ft easement East side, 33 ft easement West side in NWNW, 49.5 ft easement both sides in SWNE (expires 7/31/2015)	Access by permission or adjacent DNR land.