

Upper Kickapoo River Map and Information
Kickapoo River - Ontario to La Farge
Vernon County, Wisconsin

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Information Kiosk

Kickapoo Valley Reserve

Wildcat Mountain State Park

Recommended River Campsites

Trail/River Access

Vehicle Access

Other KVR Campsites

River Accessible Campsites

*U - Hay Valley - 150 yds from river

*V - Bridge 8 - 75 yds from river

W - Frye - 30 yds from river

S - Timm - 40 yds from river

X- Markee - 40 yds from river

M - Risen - 50 yds from river

L - Silbaugh - 75 yds. from river

*I - Kaukl - 250 yds from river

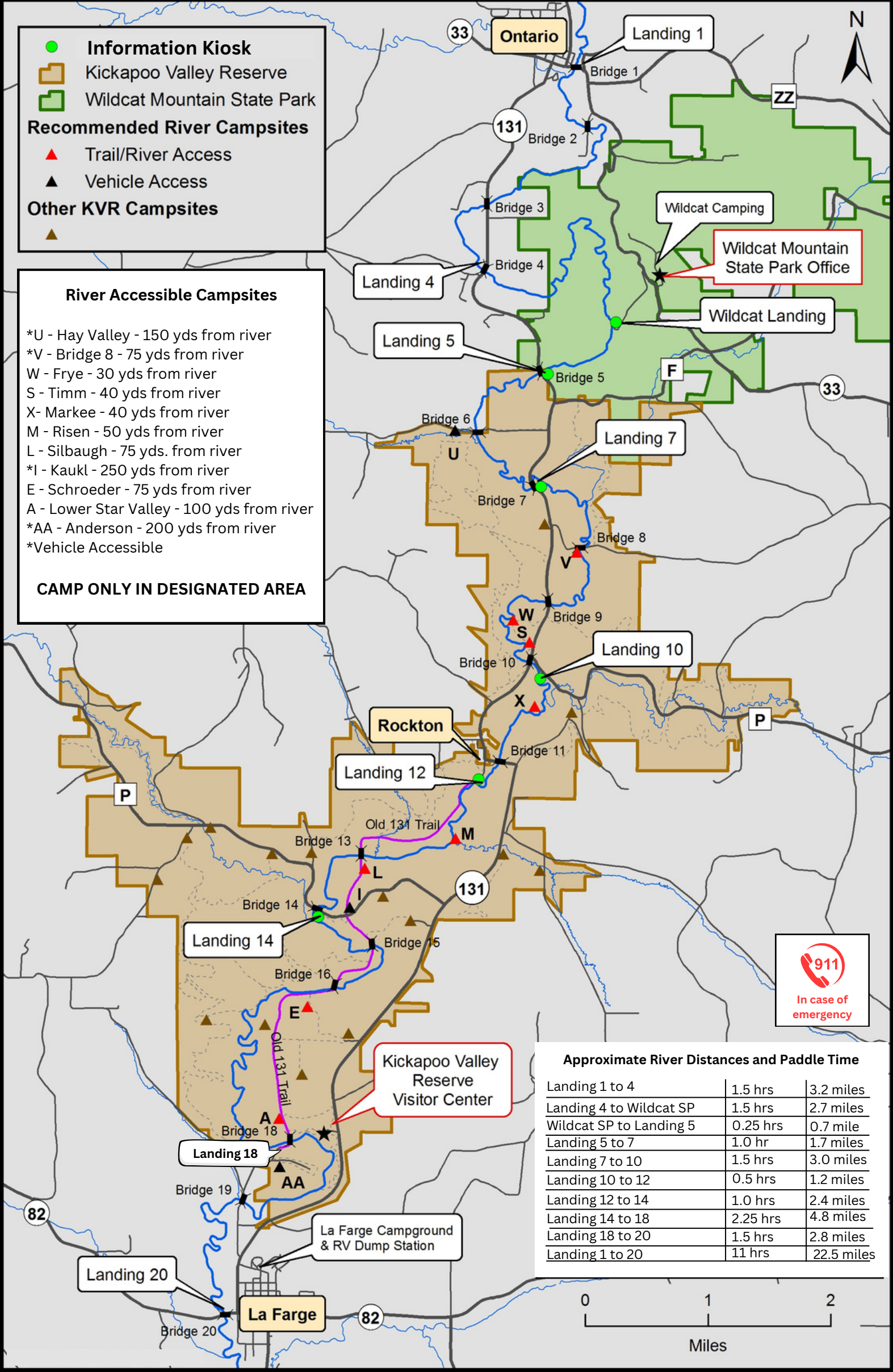
E - Schroeder - 75 yds from river

A - Lower Star Valley - 100 yds from river

*AA - Anderson - 200 yds from river

*Vehicle Accessible

CAMP ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREA



911

In case of emergency

Approximate River Distances and Paddle Time		
Landing 1 to 4	1.5 hrs	3.2 miles
Landing 4 to Wildcat SP	1.5 hrs	2.7 miles
Wildcat SP to Landing 5	0.25 hrs	0.7 mile
Landing 5 to 7	1.0 hr	1.7 miles
Landing 7 to 10	1.5 hrs	3.0 miles
Landing 10 to 12	0.5 hrs	1.2 miles
Landing 12 to 14	1.0 hrs	2.4 miles
Landing 14 to 18	2.25 hrs	4.8 miles
Landing 18 to 20	1.5 hrs	2.8 miles
Landing 1 to 20	11 hrs	22.5 miles



Kickapoo Valley Reserve pass is required at Landings 5, 7, 10, 12, 14 & 18 Purchase online or at the Visitor Center kvr.state.wi.us

Pack it in
PACK IT OUT



- Sign up for notices of clean up days and volunteer opportunities by emailing: kickapoo.reserve@krm.state.wi.us
- Seek out trash when you paddle. There are dumpsters at the KVR Visitor Center that you can dispose of any trash you pick up. If you come across something big, call us and we will be happy to know the location.
- Report any snags or blockages to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center. The KVR maintains the river from Landing 5 to Bridge 19.
- Become a Friend of Kickapoo Valley Reserve and help support stewardship efforts for the lands and waters of the Kickapoo River Valley within the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

- Seek shelter and high ground if severe weather occurs. Be aware the Kickapoo is susceptible to flash flooding. Check the real-time USGS gauging station for Ontario and La Farge at kickapoovalley.wi.gov
- The Kickapoo River flows North to South; bridges and access points are labeled with numbers from Ontario (Landing 1) to La Farge (Landing 20). Important to know your start and end points.
- Designated campsites along the river are limited and only available to registered guests; book KVR sites online up to 45 days in advance, reserve a site at WSP, or utilize private or Village campgrounds.
- State law requires Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for each person; 13 years old and younger must wear a PFD.
- Bring plenty of drinking water or be prepared to filter or boil water due to naturally occurring bacteria.
- Use caution while swimming due to river current, snags and cold-water temperatures. Wear strap sandals or tennis shoes to protect feet from sharp objects.
- No litter or glass on the river; punishable by \$150 fine. Pack out all trash. Be courteous to fellow paddlers; keep noise to a minimum and ethics to a premium.
- State Park sticker is required if parking in Wildcat Mountain State Park (WSP); KVR Day use pass, Annual Pass or Parking permit is required at KVR landings. KVR landings are Bridge 5 - Bridge 18.

River Stewardship & You

Be River Ready

More Information

The Kickapoo River is the only river that starts and ends in the Driftless Region and is a great example of the dendritic system with many streams emptying into the main stem. The shallow, gently flowing river is tame enough for the beginner but scenic enough for the advanced paddler as well. The upper stretch of the river from Ontario to La Farge is arguably the most beautiful, if not the most accessible for the public to enjoy.

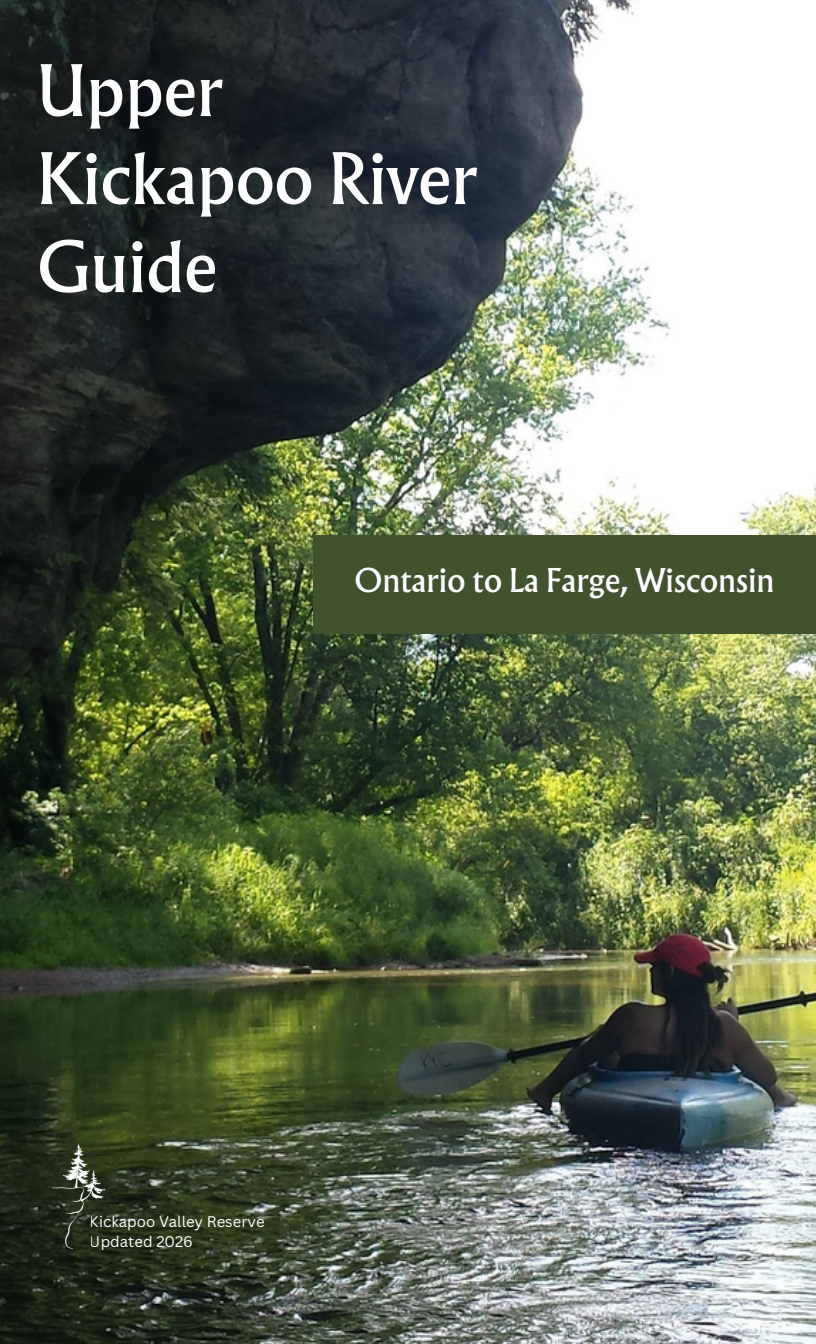
Local Information:

- Canoe/Kayak rental and shuttle services available: Search “Kickapoo River Canoeing” for more information.
 - Village of Ontario <https://ontariowi.com/ontario/>
 - Village of La Farge <https://www.lafarge-wisconsin.com/>
- Stay safe and enjoy your trip!

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