**The Kickapoo** is a gentle, meandering river flowing through diverse vegetation and along numerous sandstone bluffs. There are 18 bridges between Ontario (#1) and La Farge (#20). **Note**: Bridges #12 and #17 have been removed.

#### Wildcat Mountain State Park of-

fers a canoe landing at the lower picnic area. Use of this canoe access requires a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Park vehicle sticker available at the landing or park office. A primitive campsite within the park is located between the canoe landing and Bridge 5. This campsite is first-come-first-served and no fee is required.

#### The Kickapoo Valley Reserve

(KVR) has eleven primitive campsites along the river, two of which are vehicle accessible. All campsites are first-comefirst-served, require a permit, and have site capacity of 10 persons. Contact the KVR for groups over 10. Parking at Landings 5, 7, 10, 12 and 14 require a river access parking permit, or display of a camping, annual or daily land/trail permit. Permits are available at the KVR Visitor Center or at the self-registration stations located at each KVR canoe landing.

Canoe Landings at Bridges 1 and 20 are maintained by the Villages of Ontario and La Farge, respectively. No fee is required at these landings. "Porta-potties"/pit toilets are available at all landings.

**Respect:** Remember that other people use the river. Keep noise at a minimum.

#### **SAFETY TIPS**

**State Laws** require life preservers be available for each person in the watercraft. Persons under 13 years old must wear a life preserver while riding in any watercraft.

**Weather**: At first signs of severe weather conditions, seek shelter and high ground. Dangerous river conditions can develop rapidly during and after heavy rains.

Warning: Do not attempt to paddle the river during high water due to fast currents, potential log jams, and debris in the river. Passing under bridges may be difficult or impossible during high water.

**Do Not Overload** or stand in watercraft. Distribute weight evenly.

Wear Suitable Clothing: Use sun block and/or insect repellant when necessary. Watch for signs of hypothermia during colder seasons.

**Stay Alert**: Watch for submerged and floating debris in the river.

**Plan Your Trip**: Inform someone of your planned times and locations. Know your start and end point. Bring plenty of drinking water for your trip.

**Do Not Litter:** "Pack it in, pack it out". Do not leave garbage or other items. Glass bottles/containers are not allowed on the Kickapoo River.

#### AREA CANOE RENTAL

(608) Area Code

Ontario, WI
Drifty's Canoe Rental337- 4288
Kickapoo Wild Adventures337- 4522
Mr. Duck Canoe Rental337- 4711
OK Corral Canoe Rental337- 4517
Titanic Canoe Rental337- 4551
Rockton/La Farge, WI Kickapoo Yacht Club
Other Area Canoe Rentals
Crooked River Resort (Readstown, WI)
629-5624
Flasher's Canoe Camping Trips
(Wilton, WI)435-6802

#### **Additional Information**

Kickapoo Valley Reserve S3661 State Hwy 131 La Farge, Wisconsin 54639 PH: (608) 625-2960 kickapoo.reserve@krm.state.wi.us http://kvr.state.wi.us

Wildcat Mountain State Park
E13660 State Hwy 33
Ontario, WI 54651
PH: (608) 337-4775
http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/
wildcat/index.html

Kickapoo River Stage/Flow Rate http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wi/nwis



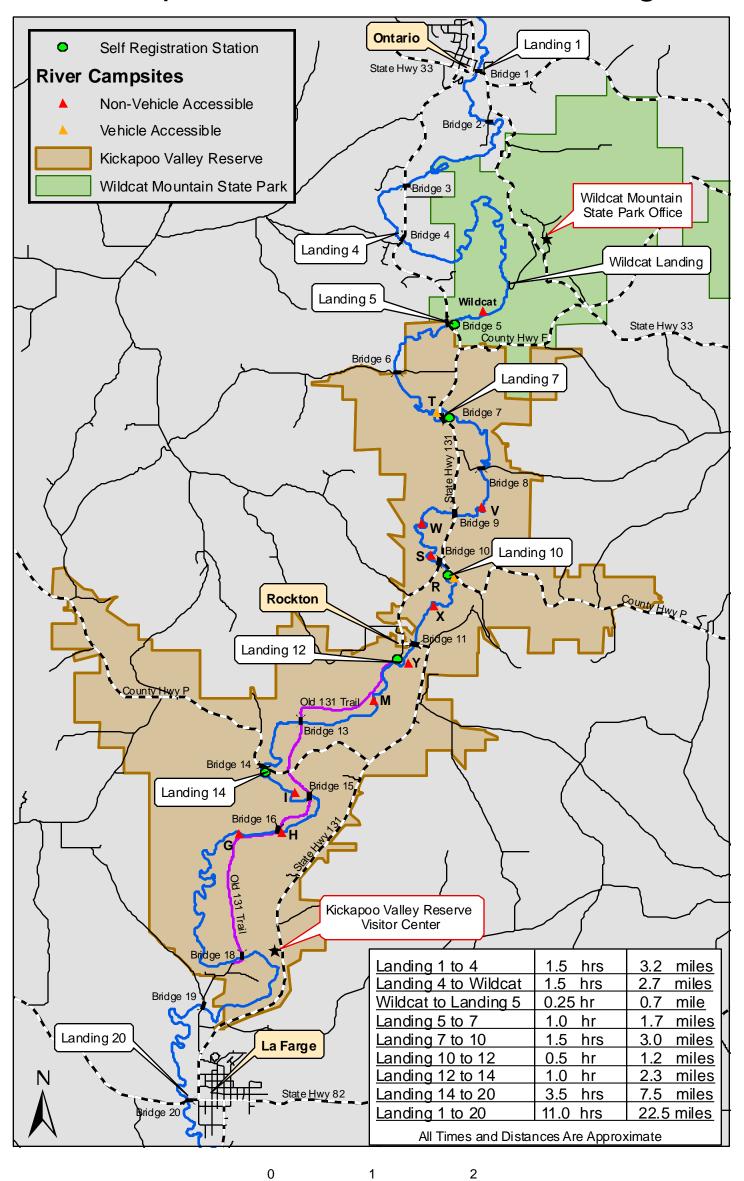
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