



CANOEING-WINNEBAGO RIVER  
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# Recreational Experiences Close to Home!

## Safety:

- Always wear your personal flotation device (PFD).
- Be aware of potential hazards such as lowhead dams, snags, rapids, and fences.
- NEVER attempt to run lowhead dams; ALWAYS portage around them.
- DO NOT ATTEMPT FLOAT TRIPS AT HIGH WATER LEVELS. ALL rivers are unpredictable and dangerous at this time. If in doubt, postpone the trip for another day.

## Float time:

Most paddlers make 2 to 3 miles per hour with steady paddling on a "normal" river outing. Factors such as water level, wind; stops for lunch, fishing, wildlife watching etc.; and paddling effort will greatly affect float times. Please be sure to plan accordingly.

## Access areas

- Kuhn WA: S of B-20 & S-14 intersection on W side.
- Winnebago Oxbow WA: 1 mile N of B-20 & Cardinal Av intersection.
- Kingfisher Hollow: 2 miles N of B-20 on Jonquil Av & 1/4 mile E on Wheelerwood Dr.
- Spring Creek Preserve: on B-20 1/4 mile E of Hwy65. Short portage to river.
- Lime Creek Conservation Area: N of Mason City E of Hwy65. Short portage to river.
- Averydale Access: S of B-30 on Birch Dr.
- Claybanks Forest: 1/2 mile N of Wren Av and 225th St on W side.

## Distances

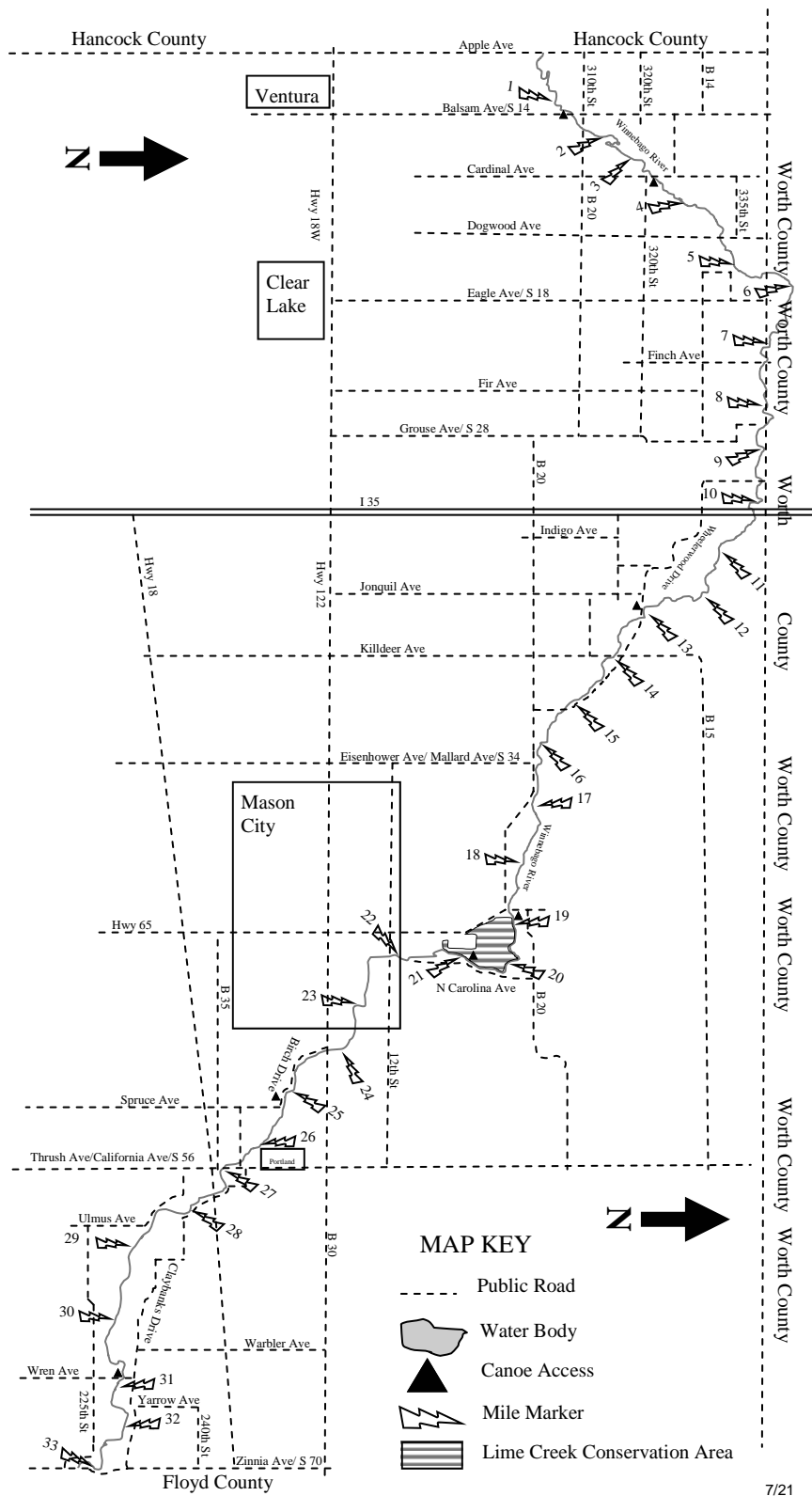
- Kuhn Wildlife Area to Winnebago Oxbow = 2 miles
- Winnebago Oxbow to Kingfisher Hollow = 9.5 miles
- Kingfisher Hollow to Spring Creek Preserve = 6 miles
- Spring Creek Preserve to Lime Creek Conservation Area (parking lot access) = 2 miles
- Lime Creek Conservation Area to Averydale Access = 4 miles
- Averydale Access to Claybanks Forest = 6 miles

## Camping areas

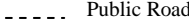




Lime Creek Conservation Area: This is a primitive, hike in area only. Reservations are required and must be completed at the Lime Creek Nature Center office 7:30 am-4:00 pm M-F. Cost is \$1.00/night/tent.



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**MAP KEY**

-  Public Road
-  Water Body
-  Canoe Access
-  Mile Marker
-  Lime Creek Conservation Area