

## INTRODUCTION

The Minnesota River flows for 335 miles from Big Stone Lake on the South Dakota border to its confluence with the Mississippi River at Fort Snelling. As the river meanders across the broad valley, it picks up a diverse selection of tributaries both large and small. There is the Chippewa River as it slowly cuts across the prairie landscape, or the boulder-filled Beaver Creek and the fast-flowing streams of the Blue Earth River Watershed.

## PROGRAM BASICS

The Minnesota River Watershed Alliance (Watershed Alliance) has launched the first-ever Minnesota River Paddler Program. Three unique patches/decals are being offered to anyone who meets the following criteria:

### MN RIVER TRIBUTARY PADDLER



#### PADDLE ANY 3 OF THESE MAJOR TRIBUTARIES:

Chippewa River, Lac qui Parle River, Pomme de Terre River, Yellow Medicine River, Hawk Creek, Redwood River, Cottonwood River, Watonwan River, Le Sueur River, Blue Earth River, and one stretch of the Minnesota River for a total of four paddles.



#### PADDLE THE FOLLOWING RIVERS IN THE MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED:

Little Minnesota River, Whetstone River, Yellow Bank River, Chippewa River, Lac qui Parle River, Pomme de Terre River, Beaver Creek, Yellow Medicine River, Hawk Creek, Redwood River, Cottonwood River, Little Cottonwood River, Watonwan River, Le Sueur River, Blue Earth River, Big Cobb River, Maple River, Rush River, High Island Creek, Sand Creek, and three stretches of the Minnesota River (Upper, Middle and Lower) for a total of 23 paddles.

Documentation is required for this patch/decal – photos, affidavit from another source, etc.

### MN RIVER EXTREME PADDLER



#### FOR ANYONE WHO PADDLES THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER

Paddle from the Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge to Fort Snelling at the confluence with the Mississippi River either in one paddle or by segments.

Documentation is required for this patch/decal – photos, affidavit from another source, etc.

### MN RIVER 335 PADDLER



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## MINNESOTA RIVER PADDLER PROGRAM



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