

## Water Trail Guidelines

### Hand Launch & Retrieval

- Semi-primitive launch sites are available for put-in and pull-out of watercraft.
- It is not recommended to use these sites for trailered watercraft.
- Remove any and all aquatic plant material from the watercraft to prevent the spread of invasive species (Information at <https://gf.nd.gov/ans>).

### Overnight Camping

- Recommended campsites along the water trail are identified for semi-primitive dispersed camping.
- Signage is located 100 feet upstream from campsites.
- All sites are first-come/first-served with no fee.
- Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days.
- Camp on bare soil when possible.
- Use existing fire rings when present.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- Ensure the fire is dead-out when leaving.
- Do not bathe, clean, or wash items within 200 feet of any river or stream.
- Use biodegradable soap.

### Entering & Leaving Public Lands

- These signs are located along the river route to identify public land boundaries.
- Reference the map to identify which side(s) of the river are public lands and available for use.
- Do not dock watercraft beyond the public lands markers.
- Follow all state and federal laws regarding public land use.



## Water Safety & Public Land Use

### Water Trail Safety

- Always wear a properly-fit life jacket.
- Check the river water levels and currents before each trip (<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nd/nwis>).
- AVOID WATER CONDITIONS BEYOND YOUR SKILL LEVEL.
- Do not travel in inclement weather. Know the weather forecast, including areas upstream, and stay aware of the weather on your trip.
- Make sure someone knows your planned entry and exit points and estimated times.
- Expect overhanging trees, logjams, and other obstacles such as bridge abutments or big rocks. If paddling around them is not possible, get out and portage around them. Grabbing onto tree branches may capsize your watercraft.
- Pack essentials and keep them in waterproof bags.
- Secure your watercraft on shore before leaving your watercraft.

### Practice Leave No Trace

- **Dispose of Waste Properly**  
Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- **Camp on Durable Surfaces**  
Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary. Please do not cut or damage vegetation. It provides habitat and prevents erosion of campsites and shoreline.
- **Be Considerate of Other Visitors**  
Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises. Dispose of fish remains away from campsites.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

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