



United States Department of Agriculture  
Forest Service

## Au Sable River

A National Scenic River



McKinley Landing



River Dune



Paddling the River

Huron-Manistee National Forests

### Fees, Camping and Fishing

Recreation fees may be required at day-use sites or for overnight camping. Please check the bulletin board located at the site you intend to use. Fees may be deposited on-site or recreation passes may be purchased at Forest Service offices.

Recreation fees collected by the Forest Service are used to maintain recreational sites on the National Forests.



4001 Canoe Landing

**Camping** in the Au Sable River corridor is only permitted at designated campgrounds or campsites. Campsite occupancy may not exceed 10 people.

The National Scenic section of the Au Sable River (Mio to 4001 Bridge) contains canoe-in/walk-in rustic campsites (no fee) and two campgrounds (fee required). No reservations are required; sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Fishing.** The Au Sable River is a prime cold-water fishery. Consult the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fishing Guide for complete information.

### Float Times

Currents range from 2 mph in straight stretches to 4-8 mph. Seasons affect float time; times listed are summer estimates.

Site	Miles	Total Miles	Hours	Total Hours
Mio/M-33 to Loud's Rest	2	1		
Loud's Rest to Loud's Rest	5.5	7.5	1.5	2.5
Comins Flats to Comins Flats	4	11.5	1.25	3.75
Davis Rest to Davis Rest	3.5	15	1	4.75
McKinley to McKinley	8	23	2.5	7.25

### Stay Safe on the River

Each watercraft occupant must have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Children 12 and under must wear a PFD at all times.

Be aware of your surroundings and of river conditions:

- Watch for floating and submerged obstacles.
- Avoid standing in/diving from watercraft.
- High water levels can be unsafe for river travel.
- Be ready for sudden weather changes.

Fasten all valuables and equipment to your watercraft to prevent loss and littering.

Bring drinking water with you or obtain water from pumps. Drinking untreated water from the river is unsafe.

### Respect the River

You can help protect the scenic qualities of the river by practicing river etiquette.

**Plan ahead and prepare.** Review a map and plan your route. Use designated rest stops and campsites to help prevent soil erosion on banks. Respect private property.



**Dispose of waste properly.** State law prohibits glass bottles or Styrofoam on the river. For all other trash: Pack out what you pack in. Be responsible for "leaving no trace" of your visit on the Au Sable.



**Respect wildlife.** Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not harass or harm wildlife.

**Be considerate of other visitors.** Let nature's sounds prevail – keep other noise to a minimum. Be courteous to others. As a courtesy to fishermen, please refrain from floating the river between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m.

### Contact Information

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### A National Scenic River

A 23-mile segment of the Au Sable River was designated as a National Scenic River on October 4, 1984. By receiving this designation, this free-flowing section from below Mio Pond to the upper end of Alcona Pond received national recognition of its outstanding and remarkable scenic, recreational, biological and historical values and a national commitment to its protection "for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

### Operation Au Sable River

Violation  
Enforcement

Zero Tolerance



- No disorderly conduct.
- No nudity.
- No illegal drugs.
- No littering.
- No underage drinking.
- No harassing wildlife.
- No trespassing on private property.
- No fireworks.

Violations of the Marine Safety Act will be prosecuted.

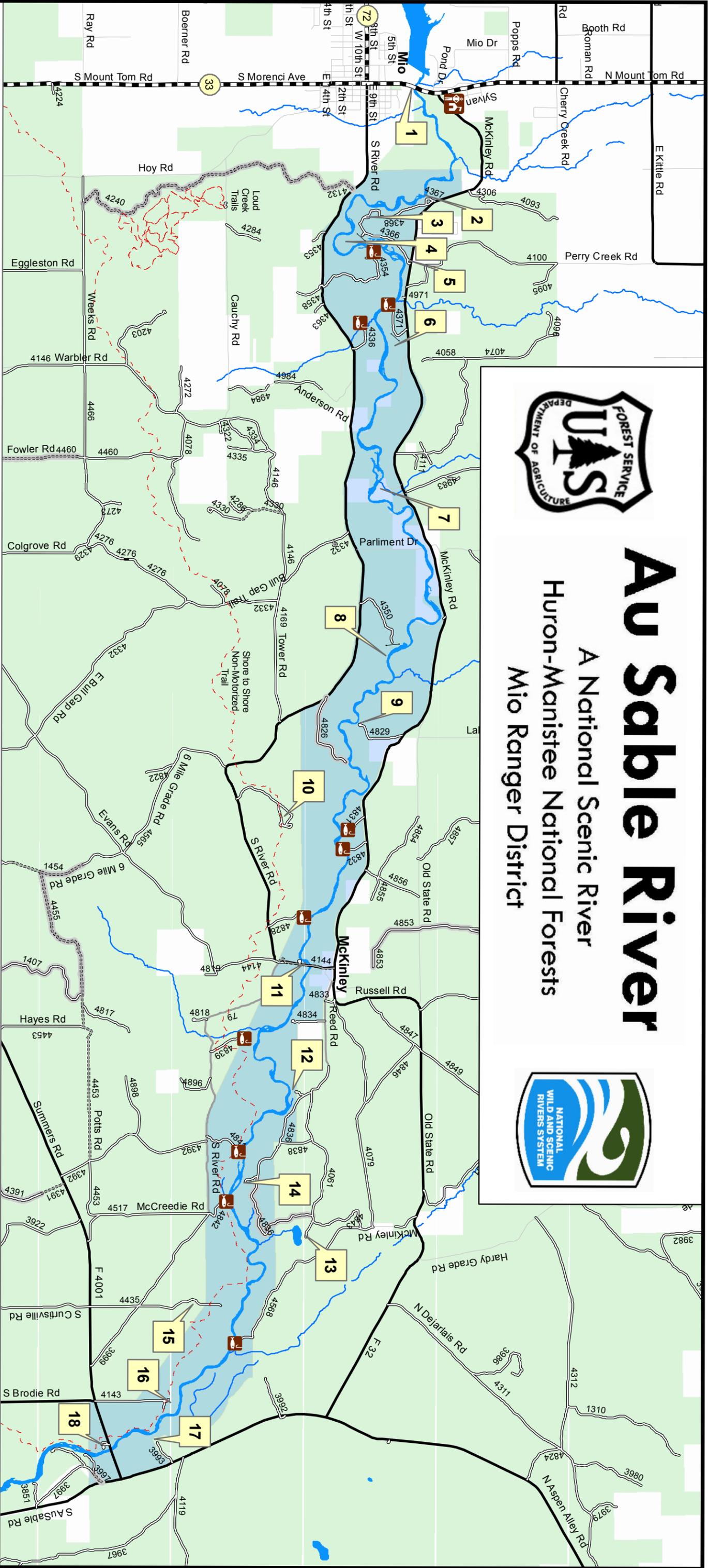


Highbanks Overlook



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**Mio Ranger Station**

- Mio Ranger Station
- Restrooms
- Canoe Access
- Boat Ramp
- Campsites
- Picnic Area
- Fishing Access
- Scenic Overlook
- Fee Site

**USFS Roads**

- Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong
- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Seasonal
- Special Designation, Yearlong
- Special Designation, Seasonal

**Roads**

- Highway
- Main Rd
- Local Rd
- Gate
- Non-Motorized Trails
- Rivers & Streams
- Lakes
- Au Sable River Corridor
- Huron National Forest

0 0.250.5 1 Mile

1:63,360

1 in = 1 mile

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 Michigan Central 2112  
 NAD 1983 (Contus) CCRS966  
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