

Upper Kickapoo River Map and Information
Kickapoo River - Ontario to La Farge
Vernon County, Wisconsin

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Information Kiosk

Kickapoo Valley Reserve

Wildcat Mountain State Park

Recommended River Campsites

Trail/River Access

Vehicle Access

Other KVR Campsites

River Accessible Campsites

*U - Hay Valley - 150 yds from river

*V - Bridge 8 - 75 yds from river

W - Frye - 25 yds. from river

S - Timm - 40 yds from river

X- Markee - 40 yds from river

M - Risen - 50 yds from river

L - Silbaugh - 75 yds. from river

*I - Kaukl - 250 yds from river

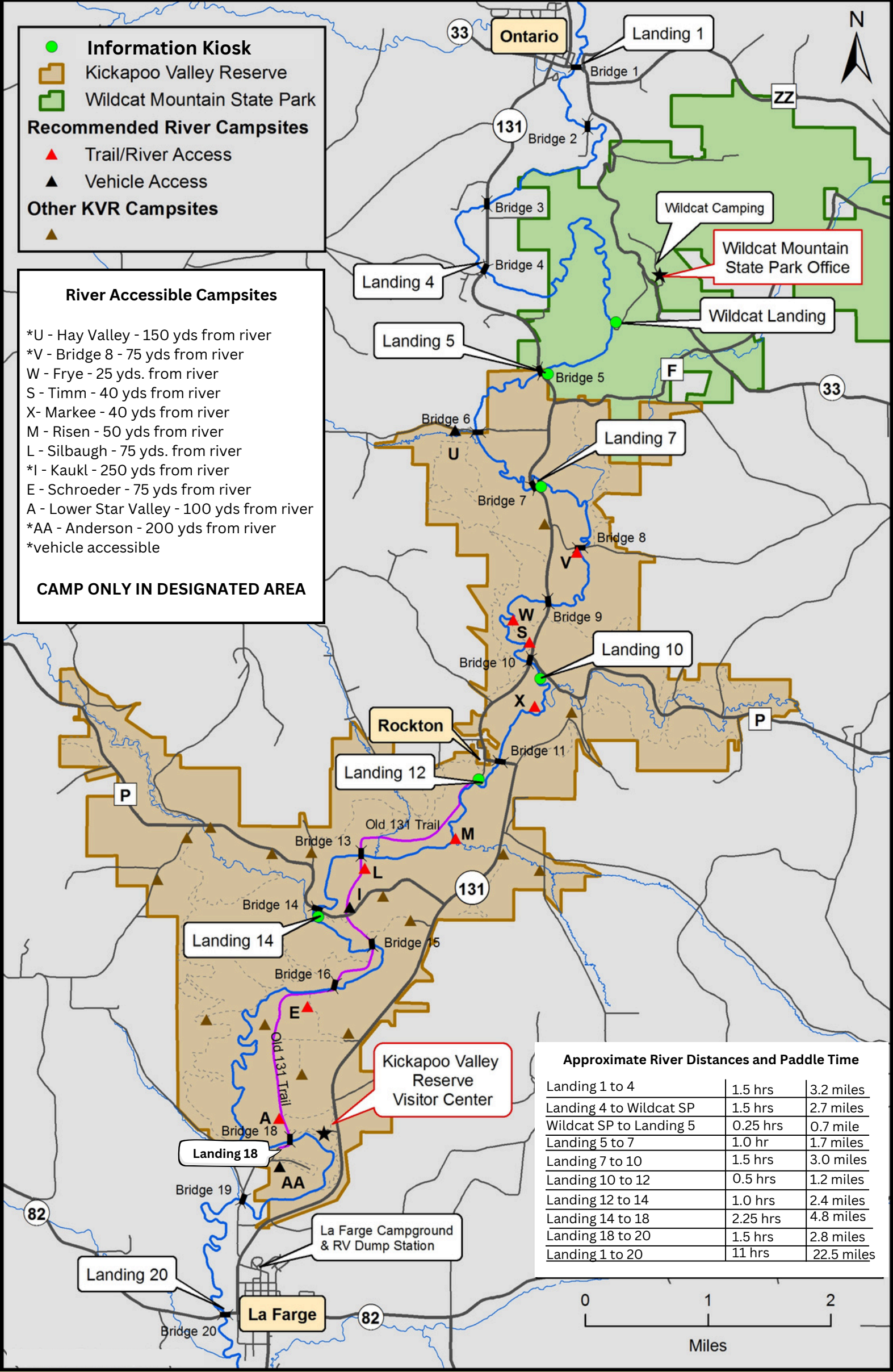
E - Schroeder - 75 yds from river

A - Lower Star Valley - 100 yds from river

*AA - Anderson - 200 yds from river

*vehicle accessible

CAMP ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREA



NO GLASS



ON RIVER

KB1.07(2), Wis. Admin. Code.
\$150 fine



Kickapoo Valley
Reserve
Parking Pass
required at
Landings
5, 7, 10, 12, 14 & 18
Purchase online or
at the Visitor
Center
kvr.state.wi.us

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Includes Kickapoo River severe condition alerts



Standard text messaging rates apply. Opt out at any time

Trail & River Information kickapoovalley.wi.gov



Be River Ready

- Seek shelter and high ground if severe weather occurs. Be aware the Kickapoo is susceptible to flash flooding. Check the real-time USGS gauging station for Ontario and La Farge at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis>.
- The Kickapoo River flows North to South; bridges and access points are labeled with numbers from Ontario (Landing 1) to La Farge (Landing 20). Important to know your start and end points.
- State law requires Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for each person; 13 years old's and younger must wear a PFD.
- Use caution while swimming due to river current, snags and cold-water temperatures. Wear strap sandals or tennis shoes to protect feet from sharp objects.
- State Park sticker is required if parking in Wildcat Mountain State Park (WSP); Visitor or Parking permit required at all of the KVR landings – all proceeds are used to take care of the river access sites.
- Designated campsites along the river are limited and only available to registered guests; book sites online up to 45 days in advance, reserve a site at WSP, or utilize private or Village campgrounds.
- Bring plenty of drinking water or be prepared to filter or boil water due to naturally occurring bacteria.
- No litter or glass on the river; punishable by \$150 fine. Pack out all trash. Be courteous to fellow paddlers; keep noise to a minimum and ethics to a premium.

Take all trash
WITH YOU!

Pack it in
Pack it out

More Information

The Kickapoo River is the only river that starts and ends in the Driftless Region and is a great example of the dendritic system with many streams emptying into the main stem. The shallow, gently flowing river is tame enough for the beginner but scenic enough for the advanced paddler as well. The upper stretch of the river from Ontario to La Farge is arguably the most beautiful, if not the most accessible for the public to enjoy.

Local Information:

- Canoe/Kayak rental and shuttle services available: Search “Kickapoo River Canoeing” for more information.
- Village of Ontario <https://ontariowi.com/ontario/>
- Village of La Farge <https://www.lafarge-wisconsin.com/>

Stay safe and enjoy your trip!

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E13660 State Road 33
Ontario, Wisconsin 54651
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dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/wildcat

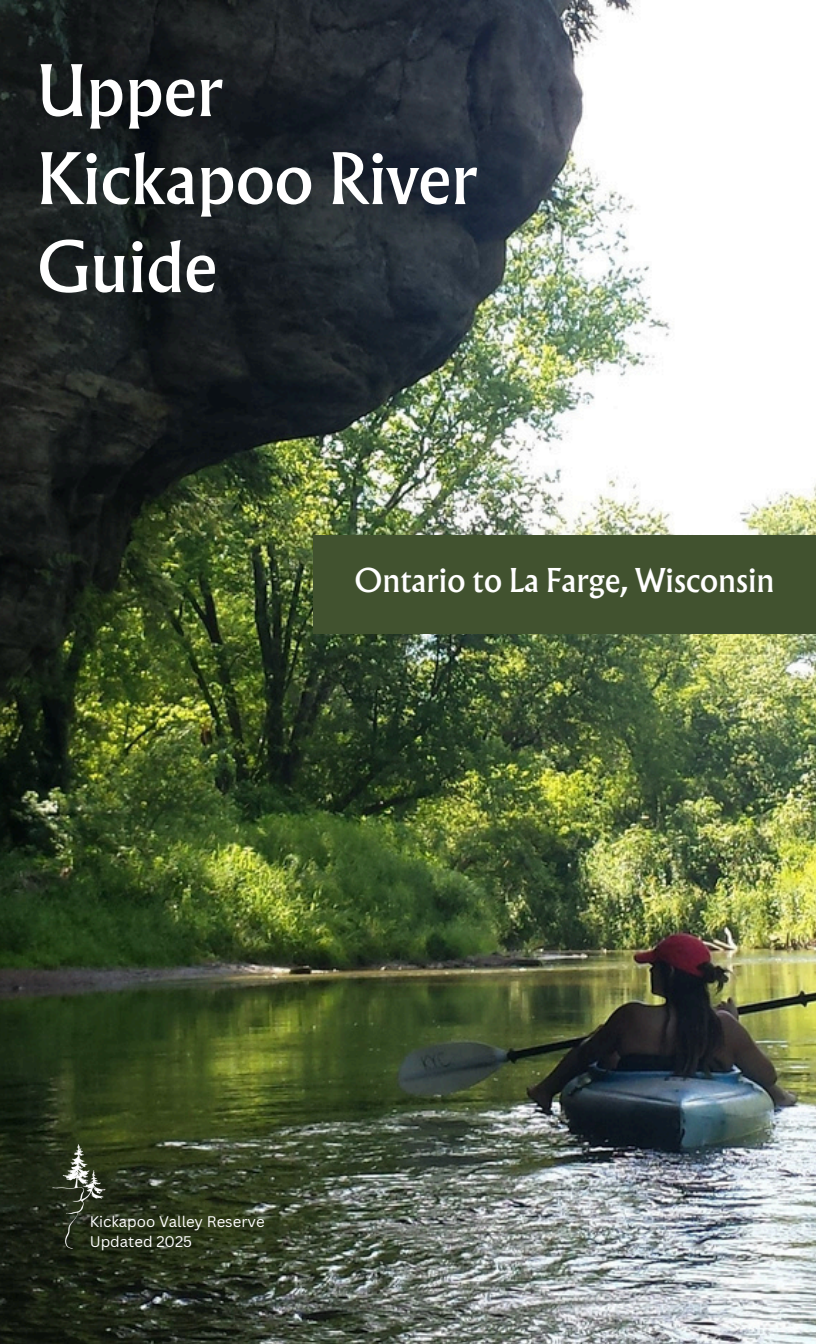
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