

The Kickapoo is considered by many geologists to be Wisconsin's oldest river system and some have suggested it is one of the oldest river systems in the world. It is the only river that starts and ends in the Driftless region and is a great example of a dendritic system with many streams emptying into the main stem.

- Be courteous to fellow paddlers; keep noise to a minimum and ethics to a premium.
- Bridges and access points from Ontario to La Farge are numbered. Know your start and end points.



More Information

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River Ready

Area Canoe Rentals

Ontario

- Drifty's Canoe Rental (608) 337-4288
- Kickapoo Wild Adventures (608) 337-4522
- Mr. Duck Canoe Rental..... (608) 337-4711
- OK Corral Canoe Rental (608) 337-4517
- Titanic Canoe Rental (608) 337-4551

Readstown

- Crooked Creek (608) 606-9090

Rockton/La Farge

- Kickapoo Yacht Club (608) 625-4395

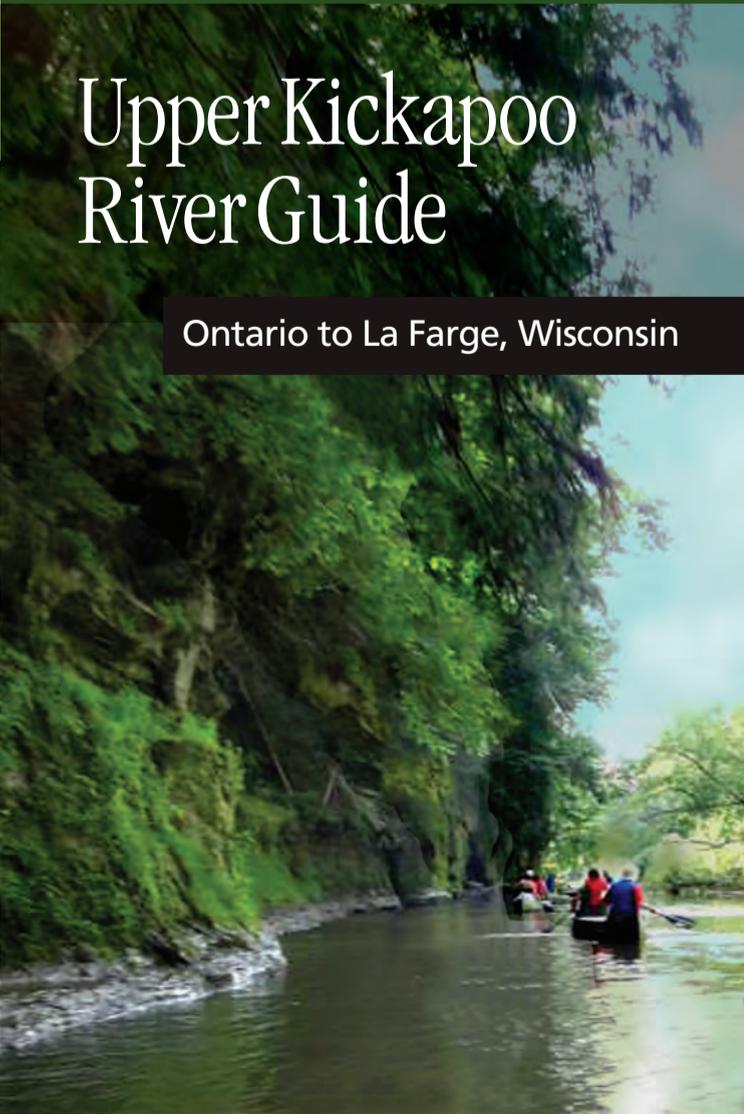
Wilton

- Flasher's Canoe Camping Trips (608) 435-6802

- State Law requires Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) be available for each person. Paddlers under 13 years old must wear a PFD.
- Use caution while swimming due to surprisingly strong currents in some areas, hidden snags, and cold temperatures in deep pools.
- At first signs of severe weather, seek shelter and high ground. Dangerous river conditions can develop rapidly during and after heavy rains. DO NOT attempt to paddle the river during high water. For current flow rates, visit the USGS Kickapoo River Gauge Station at La Farge or Ontario, <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis>.
- Do Not Litter: Pack it in, pack it out. No glass bottles or containers on the river as they can become a safety hazard for others. Citations for littering and/or glass are over \$150 in the Reserve.
- Bring plenty of drinking water or be prepared to filter or boil river water due to naturally occurring bacteria.

Upper Kickapoo River Guide

Ontario to La Farge, Wisconsin



Upper Kickapoo River

The Kickapoo is a gentle, meandering river flowing through diverse vegetation and along numerous sandstone bluffs. There are 18 bridges between Ontario (#1) and La Farge (#20). Note: Bridges #12 and #17 have been removed.

Wildcat Mountain State Park offers a canoe landing at the lower picnic area. Use of this canoe access requires a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Park vehicle sticker available at the landing or park office.

The Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) offers primitive campsites along the river, two of which are vehicle accessible. All campsites are first-come-first-served, require a permit, and have site capacity of 10 persons. Contact the KVR for groups over 10. Parking at Landings 5, 7, 10, 12

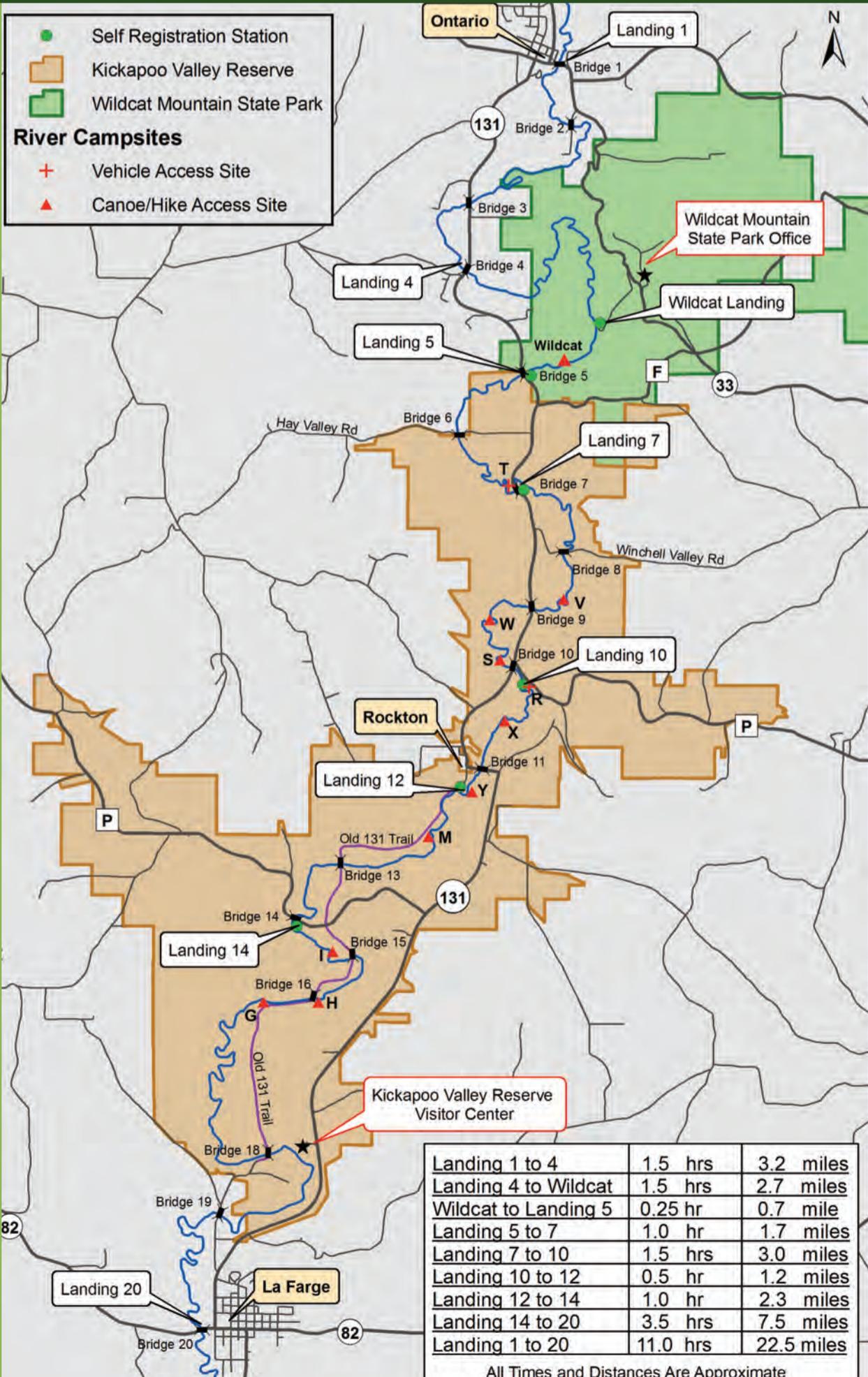
and 14 require a parking permit, or display of a camping, annual or daily land/trail permit. Permits are available at the KVR Visitor Center or at the self-registration stations.

Canoe Landings at Bridges 1 and 20 are maintained by the Villages of Ontario and La Farge, respectively. No fee is required at these landings. "Porta-potties" are available at all landings.

Enjoy your trip!



Kickapoo River – Ontario to La Farge



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