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- Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway Paved Surface
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- - - Alternate Route Paved Surface
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- Discovery Site
- ▲ Historic Dakota Village, mid-1800's (no longer exists/not public)
- 71 U.S. Highway
- 67 State Highway
- 7 County Road



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Discover the Minnesota River Valley and unlock a piece of American history

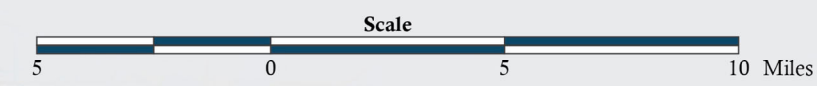
This map is the eastern portion of the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway. Here you'll view remnants of two consequential Minnesota stories: the geological formation of the river valley and the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862.

Go to our website to get more information on these stories and view the full 287-mile Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway.



Minnesota River Valley NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

www.mnrivervalley.com



1 Minneopa State Park
54497 Gadwall Rd, Mankato | 507-386-3910 (Minneopa)
dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/minneopa
Minneopa features a double waterfall dropping almost 50 feet and a bison herd.



2 Minnemishinona Falls
40923 Judson Bottom Rd, Mankato
This county park is a scenic overlook with 42' waterfalls located on the bottom of the Judson Bottom Road.



3 Dakota Wokiksuye Makoce (Land of Memories) Park
300 Amos Owen Ln, Mankato | 507-387-8600
This park features bike trails, a campground, disc golf course, fishing, hiking trails, river access, and more.



4 Sibley Park
900 Mound Ave, Mankato | 507-387-8600
mankatomn.gov/parks
Along the Minnesota River, features gardens, farm animals, picnic areas, and more.



5 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota
224 Lamm St, Mankato | 507-386-0279 | cmsouthernmn.org
Southern Minnesota's most immersive and hands-on museum for children.



6 Betsy-Tacy Houses Literary Landmarks
332 & 333 Center St, Mankato
507-345-9777 | betsy-tacysociety.org
A restored museum to look just as it did when Maud (Betsy), lived there from 1892-1906.



7 R.D. Hubbard House Museum
606 S. Broad St, Mankato | 507-345-5566
blueearthcountyhistory.com
One of the finest examples of Second Empire architecture and design in Minnesota.



8 Blue Earth County History Center and Museum
424 Warren St, Mankato | 507-345-5566
blueearthcountyhistory.com
Explore exhibits featuring people, places, and events that shaped Blue Earth County.



9 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour
3 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 100, Mankato
507-388-1062 | www.cityartmankato.com
Explore these outdoor sculptures displayed year-round in the City Centers of Mankato.



10 Carnegie Art Center, Mankato
120 S. Broad St, Mankato | 507-625-2730
thecarnegiemankato.com
This Renaissance Revival-style architecture Carnegie Library now houses a gallery of local artists' work.



11 Reconciliation Park
100 North Riverfront Dr, Mankato
507-387-8600 | mankatomn.gov/parks
A collaboration of the Mdewakanton Dakota and Mankato communities in a spirit of reconciliation.



12 Winter Warrior and Memorial Marker
cityartmankato.com/cityart/winter-warrior/
A bronze historic marker and limestone sculpture of a Dakota Warrior stands here in honor of the warriors.



13 Riverfront Park
309 West Rock St, Mankato
507-387-8600 | mankatomn.gov/parks
Take in the scenic overlook of the bend in the Minnesota River, near the birthplace of Mankato.



14 Kasota Prairie Scientific & Natural Area
Township Rd 140, Kasota | 651-296-5484 | wildlifeviewingareas.com/viewing-area/kasota-prairie-area-sna
Located on a rock terrace 70 feet above the Minnesota River Valley.



15 St. Peter State Hospital Museum
100 Freeman Dr, St. Peter | 507-985-2249
This museum displays the history of Minnesota's first and oldest state hospital.



16 Arboretum at Gustavus Adolphus College
800 W College Ave, St. Peter
507-933-6181 | gustavus.edu/arboretum/
Explore beautiful gardens, outdoor gathering areas, wild spaces, and miles of trails.



17 E. St. Julien Cox House
500 N Washington Ave, St. Peter | 507-934-2160
One of the few fully restored Italianate homes in Minnesota.



18 Treaty Site History Center
1851 N Minnesota Ave, St. Peter
507-934-2160 | nchsmn.org
Explore the history of Nicollet County and Minnesota's territorial expansion.



19 Traverse des Sioux Historic Site
1851 N Minnesota Ave, St. Peter
507-934-2160 | mnhs.org/traversedessioux
Follow the paths used by generations of Dakota and early French fur traders.



20 Ottawa Town Hall and Stone Church
39138 County Rd 23, Le Sueur
Step back in time to experience a quaint village overlooking the Minnesota River.



21 W.W. Mayo House
118 N. Main St, Le Sueur | 507-665-3250
mnhs.org/mayohouse
Tour this small 19th-century, Gothic-style house hand-built by Dr. William W. Mayo.



22 Sibley County Historical Museum
700 Main St, Henderson | 507-248-3434
sibleycountyhistoricalmuseum.com
Displays representing the scope of human activities, thoughts, and endeavors within Sibley County.



23 Joseph R. Brown Minnesota River Center
600 Main St, Henderson | 507-248-3234
joebrownrivercenter.org
An interpretive center telling the story of this man who helped shape Minnesota history.



24 Ney Nature Center
28238 Nature Center Ln, Henderson
507-357-8580 | neycenter.org
Home to 446 acres of native and restored prairie, big woods remnants, and abundant wildlife.



Dakota Language

One of the first and oldest languages in this region (or State) is known as Dakota lapi. Place names are included on this map to honor the Dakota community and the names used and borrowed to understand the Minnesota we know today.

The Dakota have ancient and sacred relations with the Minnesota River Valley and adjacent landscape. Stories identify Mni Sóta (Minnesota) as homeland, a place of creation to which Dakota have always been connected.

Historic Dakota Village Sites Historic Dakota Villages The Mni Sóta River Valley is Dakota homeland. This map illustrates some mid-1800s village locations, but Dakota people and their ancestors have lived throughout the river valley for millennia. These historic sites acknowledge this strong cultural context and remind all Minnesota River Valley visitors and residents of its history. **NOTE:** These approximate locations are for context only and are not open to the public.