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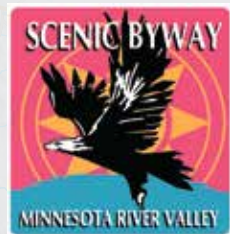
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- KEY**
- Minnesota River Valley Scenic Byway Paved Surface
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  - Discovery Site
  - Historic Dakota Village, mid-1800's (no longer exists/not public)
  - U.S. Highway
  - State Highway
  - County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

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

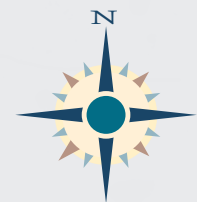
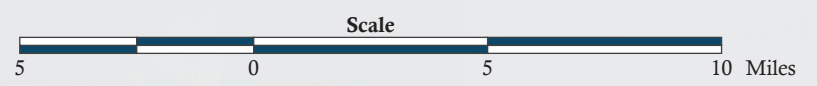
This map is the eastern portion of the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway. Here you'll view remnants of two consequential Minnesota stories: the geological formation of the river valley and the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862.

Go to our website to get more information on these stories and view the full 300-mile Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway.



# Minnesota River Valley NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

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CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY AMENDMENT

EXPLORE MINNESOTA

WEST MAP

CENTRAL MAP

EAST MAP

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY

International Falls, Bemidji, Duluth, Fargo, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Granite Falls, New Ulm, Rochester, Belle Plaine

### 1 Minneopa State Park

54497 Gadwall Rd, Mankato | 507-386-3910 (Minneopa) [dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/minneopa](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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/traversedesioux](http://mnhs.org/traversedesioux)

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Sota (Minnesota) as homeland, a place of creation to which Dakota have always been connected.

**Historic Dakota Village Sites** Historic Dakota Villages The Mni Sota 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 and beyond for millenia. 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.