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Water Trails

There are nice paddling opportunities on all of the area lakes in Kandiyohi County. Try one of these local favorites during your next visit to the Willmar Lakes Area.

WILLMAR LAKE TRAIL

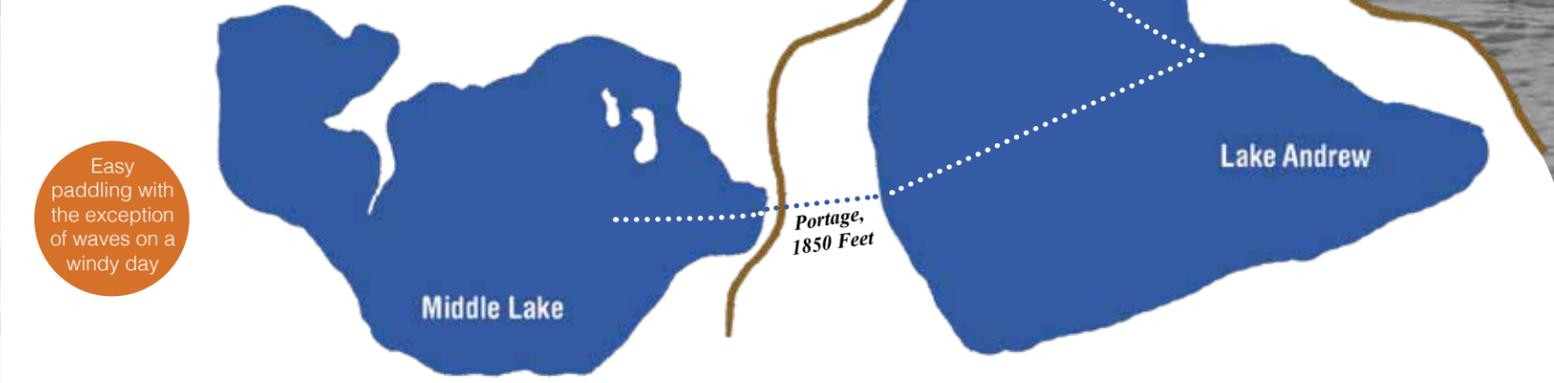
Willmar Lake surrounding Robbins Island is a fun family paddle. The environs of the island are a great place to explore nature and enjoy a day on the water.



Water Trails of KANDIYOHI COUNTY

SIBLEY STATE PARK TRAIL

At Sibley State Park you can choose the difficulty of your water route. With the opportunity to paddle across woodland lakes or pick a lake just to explore. Canoe and kayak rentals are available primarily in the summer. Call (320) 354-2055 for details. (More detailed maps are available at the park office.)



CROW RIVER - DOWNSTREAM TRAIL

Embarking with a canoe or kayak below the dam, the Crow River is navigable to Nest Lake. The River will vary considerably with flow volumes. Caution needs to be exercised when the river is high as there can be many sweepers (downed trees and live trees growing out from the banks) which can be very dangerous. The lower river is basically flat water which can move swiftly in high water and would rarely produce greater than Class I rapids. However, paddlers should have intermediate paddling skills to effectively avoid sweepers. The river flows through a culvert under Hwy 40 which can be hazardous in high water as a boat may become trapped due to lack of clearance. Also, the bridge under County Rd. 9 can be a little tricky in high water.

CROW RIVER - UPSTREAM TRAIL

Starting at the Mill Pond in New London you can canoe or kayak through the Mill Pond and by Neer Park. Continue up river five miles to end at Monongalia Lake. Scenery, birds, ducks, deer and other wildlife abound as you paddle the easy waters (depending on wind and waves) from New London north.

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