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In total, there are twenty-nine locks and dams on the Upper Mississippi River, creating a series of stepped pools. As boats go from one pool to the next, they are either raised or lowered in a lock. The Rivers Project supports a navigation mission and is responsible for managing four locks and dams: Lock and Dam 25, Melvin and Dam 24, Lock and Dam 25, Melvin

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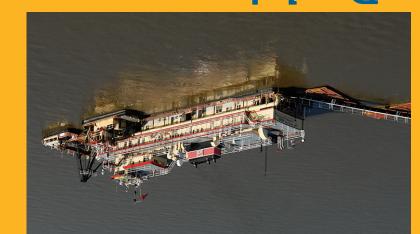
The St. Louis District US Army Corps of Engineers maintains a 9-foot navigation channel on the Upper Mississippi River. Strategically situated at the crossroads of three major river systems, the St. Louis Ustrict is also located at the critical transition point on the Mississippi River where the "locking river" north of St. Louis transitions to the "open of St. Louis transitions to the "open river" from St. Louis on south.

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The combined waters of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers typically assure adequate depths for navigation, except during periods of prolonged drought. Still, much effort is needed to facilitate navigation in the open river, usually in the form of maintenance dredging and regulating works. Maintenance dredging operations involve the repetitive removal of naturally deposited sediment

The US Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for maintaining and improving nearly 12,000 miles of shallow-draft (9 feet to 14 feet depth) inland and intercoastal waterways.

Dredging and Channel Maintenance



Mississippi River Water Trail Grab your canee or kayak and take a trip down this 121-mile water trail.

Kampsville Lock and Dam Explore the historical lock and dam abutment site and visit the nearby Center for American Archeology Museum.

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Top 10 Things to Do at Riverlands

National Great Rivers Museum

Audubon Center at Riverlands

Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Chouteau Island

Calumet Creek Natural Area

Low Water Dam
Lincoln-Shields Recreation Area

Lock and Dam 24 and Clarksville Riverfront

Kampsville Lock and Dam Mississippi River Water Trail



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Play It Safe on the River

Always wear your life jacket. Respect the power of the river. Even when rivers look calm and slow moving, they can have strong currents and hidden dangers beneath the surface. Before you go, check the weather forecast, river conditions, and rules of the river. Talk to a park ranger for more information on how to be safe on the water.



Year-round, there's something for you at Riverlands

About the Rivers Project

The Rivers Project is a multi-use project within the St. Louis District of the US Army Corps of Engineers, encompassing multiple programs and authorizations to include navigation, recreation, flood risk management, and environmental stewardship. The project consists of more than 380 miles of Mississippi and Illinois river navigation channels, four locks and dam facilities, a service base, almost 50,000 acres of public lands, more than 100,000 acres of public waters, and a central project office. The project office is the Rivers Project Office and the staff of the Rivers Project are responsible for prioritizing and accomplishing the operations, maintenance, and repairs of all of these project features.

National Great Rivers Museum

Over fifteen interactive exhibits tell the story of the Mississippi River. A full-size theater shows "The Power of the River," and Locks and Dam tours are given daily at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Audubon Center at Riverlands

Enjoy stunning views of birds, other wildlife, and the Mississippi River with state-of-the-art spotting scopes. Knowledgeable Audubon staff and volunteers are on hand seven days a week to help you see and learn about the 325 resident and migratory bird species that pass through this region.

Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Pack a picnic lunch and head to Ellis Bay for kayaking, canoeing, fishing, or just enjoying a stroll while admiring the views from the Ellis Bay scenic overlook.

Chouteau Island

Enjoy this large natural area known for outstanding photography opportunities, walking, biking, and seasonal hunting.



Calumet Creek Natural Area

Discover hiking trails, mountain bike trails, scenic overlooks, primitive camping, fishing access, and much more.

Low Water Dam

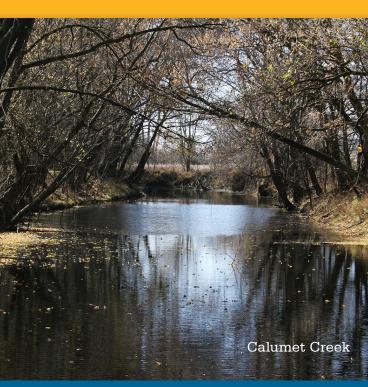
View the historical U.S. 66 Bridge. Try out bank fishing and wildlife viewing.

Lincoln-Shields Recreation Area Immerse yourself in history. Enjoy a picnic, hike, or bank fishing.

Lock and Dam 24 and Clarksville Riverfront

View the locks from the overlook. Enjoy fishing, walking, and sightseeing.

Top 10 list continues on reverse.



Hiking

- Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary.
 Visitors will experience accessible paved and unpaved trails. EASY
- Chouteau Island Levee Trail. This 7-mile lightly traveled out-andback trail features a number of activity options and is accessible year-round. MODERATE
- Calumet Creek. Hiking and off-road bicycling enthusiasts will enjoy this trail through the forest, and everyone will appreciate the quiet serenity of Clarksville, Missouri. DIFFICULT

Fishing

The low water dam is accessible for all types of bank fishing. Maple Island is a fishing hotspot on the downstream side of the dam. Calumet Creek is a great spot for catching catfish. Other great fishing spots are Ellis Bay located within the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, the Illinois Esplanade area adjacent to the National Great Rivers Museum, and Piasa Creek.

Regulations require the person to have either a valid Illinois or Missouri fishing license to fish in the Mississippi River.

Explore Riverlands

Riverlands offers an abundance of recreational opportunities for visitors. The Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary offers hiking and biking trails and great locations for wildlife viewing and photography. Spanning 121 miles and designated as a National Water Trail in 2012, the Mississippi River Water Trail offers paddling adventures along the river from Saverton, Missouri, to the Gateway Arch in downtown St. Louis. The Mississippi River Water Trail Association partners with Project staff to offer special events and programs throughout the year for visitors. Calumet Creek Natural Area near Clarksville, Missouri, offers hiking and off-road cycling for visitors where they can be immersed in nature.

Bowling Green State Legend State Managed US Army Corps of Engineers Managed US Fish and Wildlife Service Managed Access Areas Bird Watching Bird watching hotspots abound throughout the Riverlands area. The US Army Corps of Engineers has worked to restore habitat throughout its 3,700-acre prairie restoration area. Public lands connect with refuges along the river managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Bring your binoculars and camera. The best place to get started bird watching is the Audubon Center at Riverlands.

Paddling

- Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Get away from it all by paddling in Ellis Bay next to the Audubon Center at Riverlands. EASY
- Piasa Creek. This lazy, slowflowing creek gives paddlers a workout and experience navigating the current. MODERATE
- Pere Marquette State Park. Put in at this well-maintained boat launch; take out 7 miles downstream at Grafton, Illinois. DIFFICULT

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National Great Rivers Museum at Melvin Price Locks and Dam

The National Great Rivers Museum invites you to explore the natural and cultural heritage of the Mississippi River, hear stories of the river, and discover the many hidden treasures of the river. Offering public tours of Melvin Price Locks and Dam, the museum tells the story of our navigation mission and how that mission is intertwined with the natural resources mission. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m to 5 p.m. Public tours of the locks and dam are offered at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. To learn more about the museum, visit the Meeting of the Rivers Foundation website, www.meetingoftherivers.org.



The Mississippi River watershed

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drains virtually the entire American Midwest and southern Canada.

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