

## ***RESPONSIBILITY of the RIVER***



- Leave No Trace. The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway depends on its users for respect and cleanliness
- Glass containers are prohibited within the Riverway. Transfer all food products from glass containers to sealed plastic containers, such as Tupperware or Ziploc bags before leaving home.
- Please follow the “carry-in/carry-out” policy. Users must take the trash created during their stay out with them. Riverway law requires a waterproof container for trash in every vessel.
- Toilet facilities are located at most landings. If you are camping within the Riverway, properly dispose of human and pet waste by burying waste six inches deep in sandy soil with vegetative cover. Bag up used toilet paper/feminine hygiene products and either pack out or burn in campfire.
- Use water to douse your campfire. Do not bury campfires as the sand will not extinguish the fire and it can continue to burn for hours or even days. Use up all charred firewood.
- Exotic species are one of the biggest threats to our natural environment. Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment and remove any attached aquatic vegetation or animals before transporting. Don’t move live fish away from waterbody where harvested and never release live bait into the environment.
- State law prohibits anyone from bringing firewood from greater than 25 miles of the camp area where it will be burned unless purchased from a WI DATCP certified vendor. Firewood can harbor pests such as emerald ash borer, gypsy moth and oak wilt that threaten the local forest.
- Please be Careful - The Lower Wisconsin River seems lazy and slow but looks are deceiving. Drowning can be prevented; wear a personal floatation device (PFD) when in or on the river. If you are not prepared to swim it, do not paddle or wade it. Only wade on the upstream side of sand bars. Avoid downed trees along shoreline as these ‘strainers’ can easily upset your watercraft.
- Water levels can change with water management of upstream rain events at the Alliant Energy Hydroelectric dam at Prairie du Sac.
- Camping is only allowed on islands that are accessed by watercraft. Make sure your watercraft is tethered or is far enough inland before you go to sleep or it may not be there in the morning. Never utilize private property without permission.
- Fireworks and chainsaws are prohibited.
- Poor behavior by some paddlers can adversely impact other paddlers through increased regulation and fees, limitations on access, conflicts with other user groups, and damage to the environment.
- Be courteous and polite when communicating with others. Avoid interfering with the recreational activities of others.
- Never engage in lewd or inappropriate behavior.
- Do not stand up in a canoe or kayak and avoid weight shifts that may cause capsize
- Do not disturb wildlife.