



# River Rat Relay

## Complete and return to earn a commemorative patch!

2024 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. To celebrate, we are hosting the River Rat Relay for those who want to earn a commemorative patch and are up for the challenge!

Below are 5 locations. To earn your patch, you must visit each of these locations (in no particular order). When you find the location's poster, record that location's animal on this sheet, or take a selfie with it. Once completed, return this sheet to a Ranger (or show them your photos) at the La Crosse District Visitor Center at:

N5727 County Rd Z  
Onalaska, WI 54650

Summer Hours: Tuesday—Saturday 9am—3pm (closed federal holidays)  
(608) 779-2399 for questions during business hours

Challenge Cards accepted until August 31st 2024. Good luck!

<u>Location</u>	<u>Info</u>	<u>Animal</u>
Visitor Center Trails Site #1	43.923458, -91.289729  Located near the 2 panel kiosk at the Lake Onalaska Overlook parking lot on Cty Rd ZB (on Brice Prairie).  TIP: Stop by Tues-Sat 9-3 and pay us a visit at the Visitor Center ☐	
Midway Railroad Prairie Site #2	43.921424, -91.251811  State natural area along the Great River State Trail. Park at intersection of Cty Rds Z and ZM – walk north to prairie and look for the sign (accessible from trail).  TIP: Bring binoculars and watch for birds!	

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<p><b>Shady Maple Interpretive Trail</b> Site #3</p>	<p>43.726703, -91.214495</p> <p>Located at Goose Island County Park. This trailhead is located on the first left on Cty G1 as you enter the park. Look for the sign near the kiosk.</p> <p>TIP: Check out the artesian well at the end of the walking loop! (take the eastern side and listen at the end for running water)</p>	
<p><b>Brownsville Wildlife Overlook</b> Site #4</p>	<p>43.651533, -91.274706</p> <p>Located near the Kiosk at the overlook off Highway 26, 3.5 miles south of Brownsville, MN</p> <p>TIP: Join our Naturalists here on the weekends in November during Tundra Swan migration!</p>	
<p><b>Reno Bottoms Canoe Access</b> Site #5</p>	<p>43.603302, -91.272063</p> <p>Look for a small brown canoe paddling sign before the turn. Located on a small post near the parking area of a MNDNR site just north of Reno, MN.</p> <p>TIP: Go for a hike and keep your eyes and ears open for bald eagles.</p>	

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