

## WATER QUALITY

The water quality of the Missisquoi River has been monitored every month for more than 20 years at two sampling stations located on the border, upstream (Potton) and downstream (Sutton).

In general, the water is of good quality and clean for swimming. It is still recommended to be vigilant when the water is cloudy (e.g. brownish in appearance after heavy rains).

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on the Missisquoi River (water quality, flows, etc.), access points and kayak rental services and campgrounds in the area, visit

[www.obvbm.org/riviere-missisquoi](http://www.obvbm.org/riviere-missisquoi)



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VERSION FRANÇAISE ►



Wood turtle



Snapping turtle



Green heron

## WILDLIFE SPECIES

Welcome to the habitat of exceptional wildlife! Live here:

The **wood turtle** and the **snapping turtle** are species at risk In Quebec, their habitat is under development pressure. The Missisquoi River is an important habitat for these turtles that must be taken care of. Be careful not to disturb them during the spawning period in June and when they sunbathe out of the water.

The **green heron** is a bird that is rarely observed in Quebec. The Missisquoi River is a wet and fishy habitat just the way he likes it, keep an eye out and you might spot this summer resident.

**Spring Salamander** and **Northern Dusky Salamander** live inconspicuously under rocks in small streams. Want to swim up a stream? Hold back, you could trample and destroy the habitat of these endangered species.

The **bald eagle** is an endangered species that inhabits the Missisquoi Valley. The fishy river is its pantry, the tops of tall trees and mountains are ideal for nesting.



Bald eagle



Spring Salamander



Hooded Merganser

# THE MISSISQUOI RIVER:

AN EXCEPTIONAL HABITAT TO PROTECT

Missisquoi river  
eco-waterway guide

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON RIVER NAVIGATION

### TOTAL LENGTH

Approximately 25km from the upstream border to the downstream border with the United States.

### TOTAL TIME

About 7-8 hours (depending on the direction and strength of the wind) for total length following the current. Several shorter routes possible.

### DEPTH FOR BOATS

Generally good in regular flows, ideal for kayaks, adequate for canoes.

### OBSTACLES

**Presence of shoals** especially at the mouths of streams.

**Presence of white water (mini-rapids)** over short distances, not very dangerous with regular flows, are mainly found at the mouths of large tributary streams, approach them “straight ahead”, be careful of shoals, avoid rocks as much as possible.

**Presence of fallen tree jams**, especially in the Highwater area. Avoid docking sideways against

a tree jam, the current could cause you to capsize.

**The wind** can be an obstacle to navigation to the West and greatly affect your travel time.

**Be careful** when approaching the border bridge, the presence of rapids and the strength of the current could prevent you from returning. If you plan to cross the border into Vermont, identify yourself at customs beforehand.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

## GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW



The Missisquoi River is a habitat for the fauna, flora and inhabitants of the valley. Here are some basic guidelines to follow when visiting this territory.

**The banks of the river are mostly private:** if you stop, do not leave the sand or gravel banks and be careful not to trample nesting sites and turtle eggs.

**Peace of mind is important for wildlife and residents:** avoid excessive noise (speakers, etc.) during your boating activity.

**Do not approach animals** and avoid disturbing them: observe them from a distance.

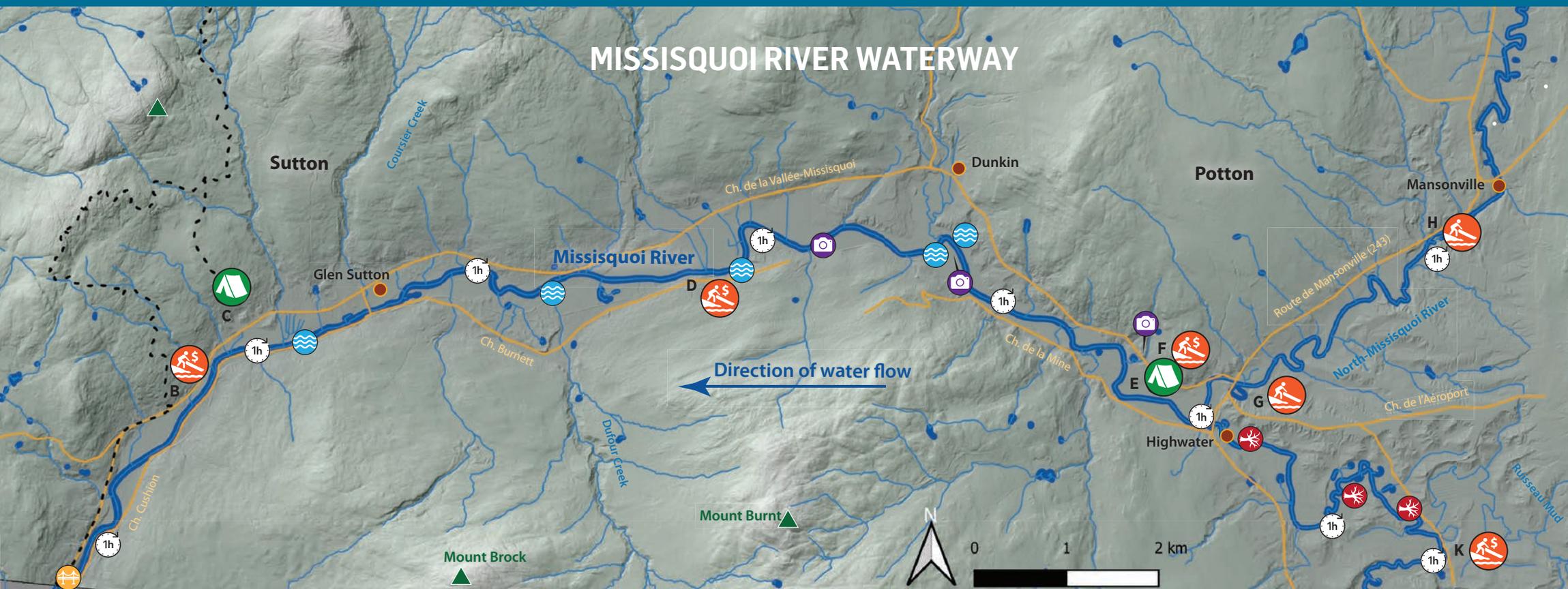
To prevent the spread of invasive species:

**Clean, drain, dry your boats before entering the river.** Make sure that no plant fragments or molluscs are attached to your boat.

**Do not pull aquatic plants and riparian plants from the river** (such as Japanese knotweed, an invasive species), especially do not scatter them further.

**Do not leave any waste on the banks or in the river:** everyone's efforts are essential, because no one will pick up the waste after you have passed.

**Avoid parking in a way that restricts traffic** the road (park on one side of the road only).



### River access

