

Huron River Water Trail Trip Description

Island Lake State Recreation Area: Kent Lake Dam (Mile 90.9) to Placeway Picnic Area (Mile 85.5) – 1.5 hours; 5.4 miles

Launch just downstream from Kent Lake Dam. Take out at Placeway Picnic Area in Island State Recreation Area.

TRIP DESCRIPTION:

This trip runs exclusively through the 1,540-acre Island Lake State Recreation Area. Putting in below the dam, you'll notice large chunks of limestone, added as an erosion control measure to prevent soil loss around the dam. In this stretch, the river is 40-60 feet wide and slowly meanders through lowland forests. A densely packed, oak-hickory forest provides a quiet, serene setting to observe scarlet tanagers and yellow-billed cuckoos.

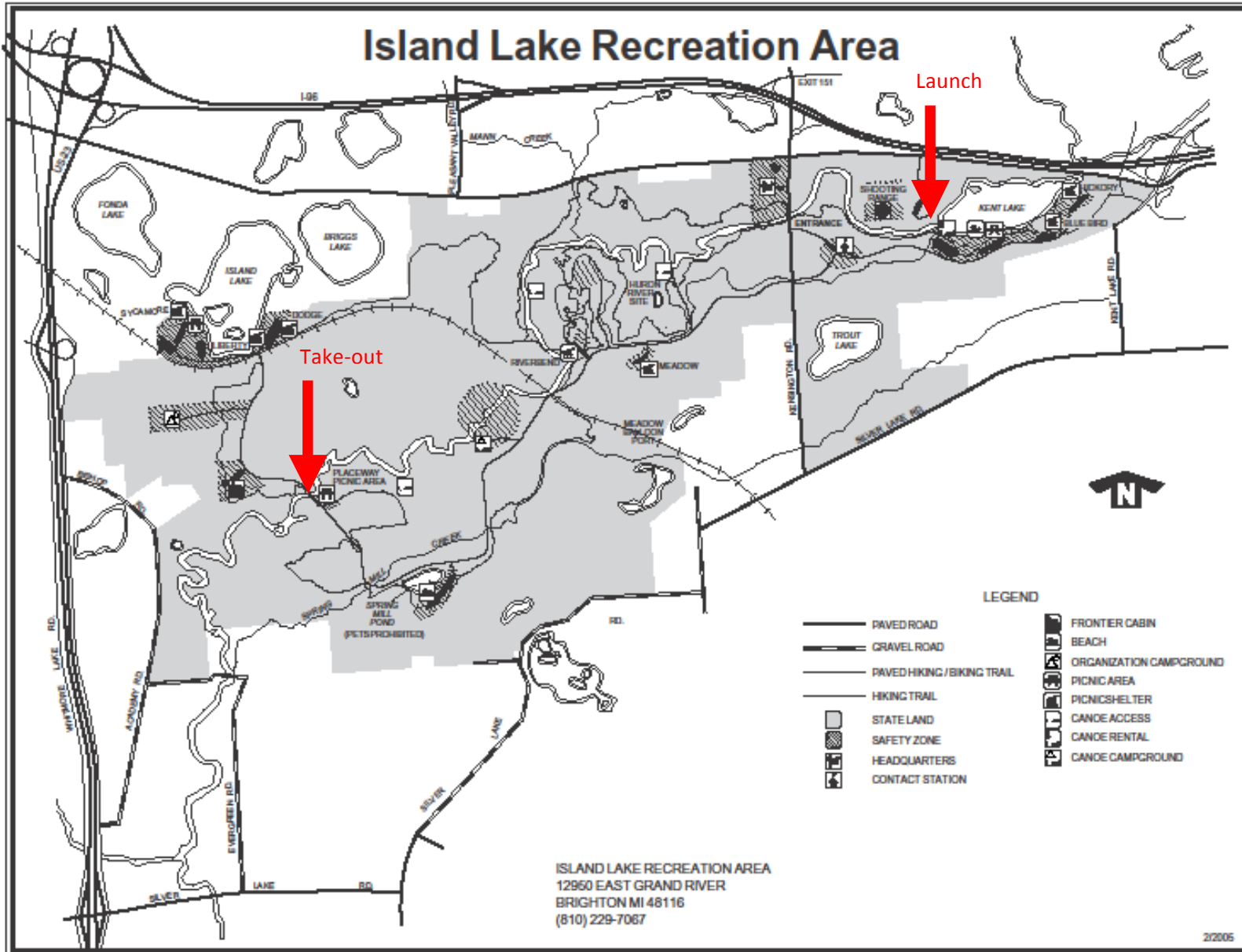
Island Lake State Recreation Area has a shooting range that may yield some noise during your trip. However, the clear water, good access, route through public land, and potential for wildlife sightings make this a great trip.

Debris clearing in this part of the river is shared by the Island Lake State Recreation Area and a private livery. Contact [Heavner Canoe and Kayak Rental](#) if you are interested in renting boats for this trip.



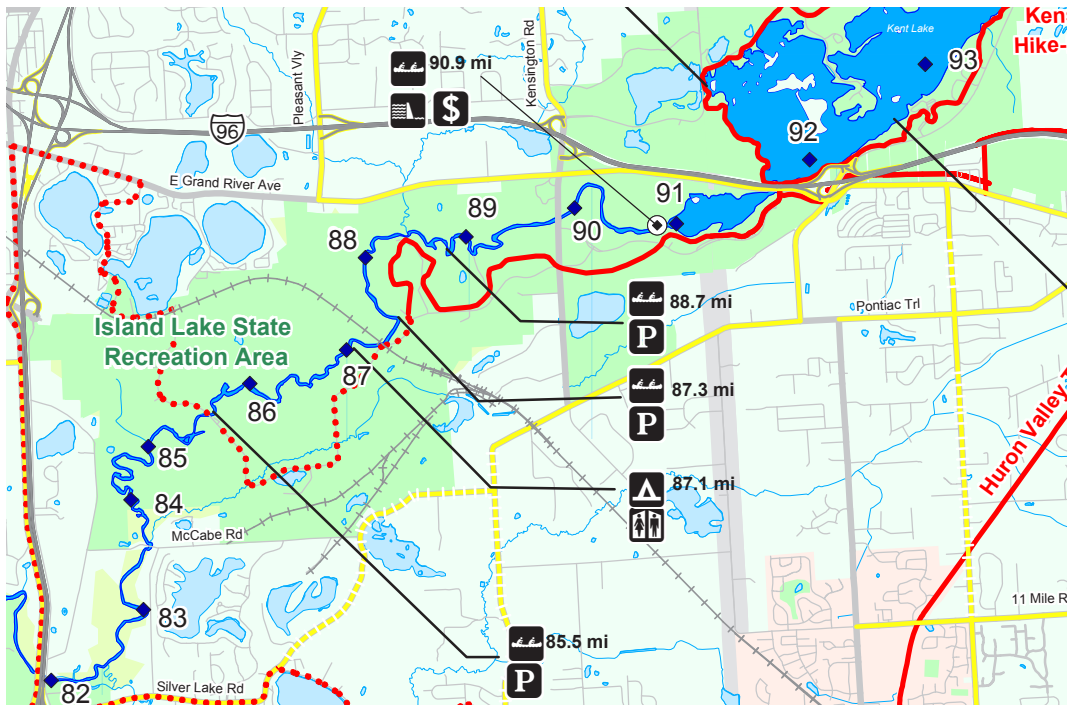
This is the landing for Heavner-supported trips concluding at Placeway Picnic Area. Photo credit: Heavner Canoe.

Launch & Take-out site map: [Island Lake State Recreation Area Unit Map](#) (link to HCMA map)



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Padding route map:



PARK FEES:

A Metropark Motor Vehicle Entry Permit gives you access to all 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

Vehicle Entry Permit

- Annual \$25
- Seniors (62+) \$15
- Daily \$5

Michigan's \$10 Recreation Passport, purchased for your Michigan license plate, allows entry into all Michigan state parks. The Huron-Clinton Metroparks is a separate regional park system, and requires its own entry permit.