

Update Sheet -July 7, 2002 for **Rock Climbing: Minnesota and Wisconsin**, by Mike Farris

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This update is a modified version of the March 25, 2002 update. It includes the Latest Taylors Falls information.

**Red Wing.** The Minnesota Climbers Association has been rebolting. Here is the information I received from Brent Zwiers, president of the MCA:  
"12 routes have been fully re-equipped, including Urban Chunks, New Kids on the Rock, Jump Start, Chinese Freedom, Geriatric Sex Maniacs from Mars, Out of Control, Annadonia, Vertical Vice, Goofed on Skunkweed, Two Tone Zephyr, Frequent Flatulence, and Needles and Pins. In addition, volunteers have placed anchors on The Start of Something Good, Kelly's Arête, Freebase/Rock-a-Holics, Danger: High Boltage, and Three Fat Chicks on a World Tour/Call of the Mild."

"The MCA's goal is to upgrade at least two dozen more routes with stainless steel hardware this summer. The MCA is replacing the old bolts with 1/2-by-5-3/4-inch Rawl 5-piece bolts and stainless steel hangers. The old, rusted chain anchors have been replaced with standard hangers, 3/8" stainless steel quick links, and standard oval carabiners."

"If you are interested in getting involved, if you have suggestions for the organization, or would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please email [bzwiers@mr.net](mailto:bzwiers@mr.net) or write to the Minnesota Climbers' Association, 105 State St., St. Paul, MN 55107."

I say, "Send 'em some money!!!"

### **Taylors Falls**

I received an email from Bill Anderson at Interstate State Park, stating that the Minnesota Strip area will be reopened for climbing. Some climbs will remain closed, as monitoring equipment is still in place. These climbs are located between the Jammermeister Gully (the ugly gully in the center of the cliff) and Piece of Cake, inclusive. Please don't disturb the monitoring equipment on the cliffs!

### **Willow River**

Check the hours and days on which climbing is allowed. (remember they generally change around Memorial Day). Stop by the entrance station this spring to register, get the hours, etc. I've had no new routes reported to me since the guide came out.

### **Palisade Head**

Check for falcon closures and watch for the latest crop of loose rock.

**Blue Mounds**

Parking continues to be an issue. Carpool to the south parking lot or hike in from the north if you can.

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