




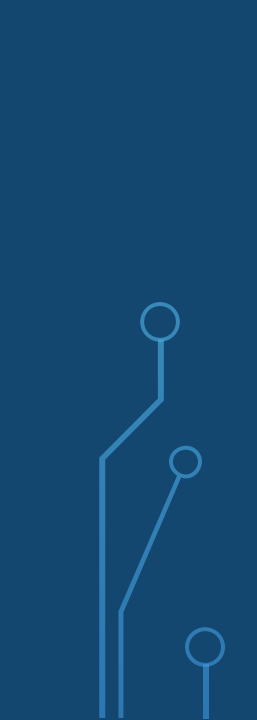
THE AITKIN COUNTY RIVERBOAT TRAILS

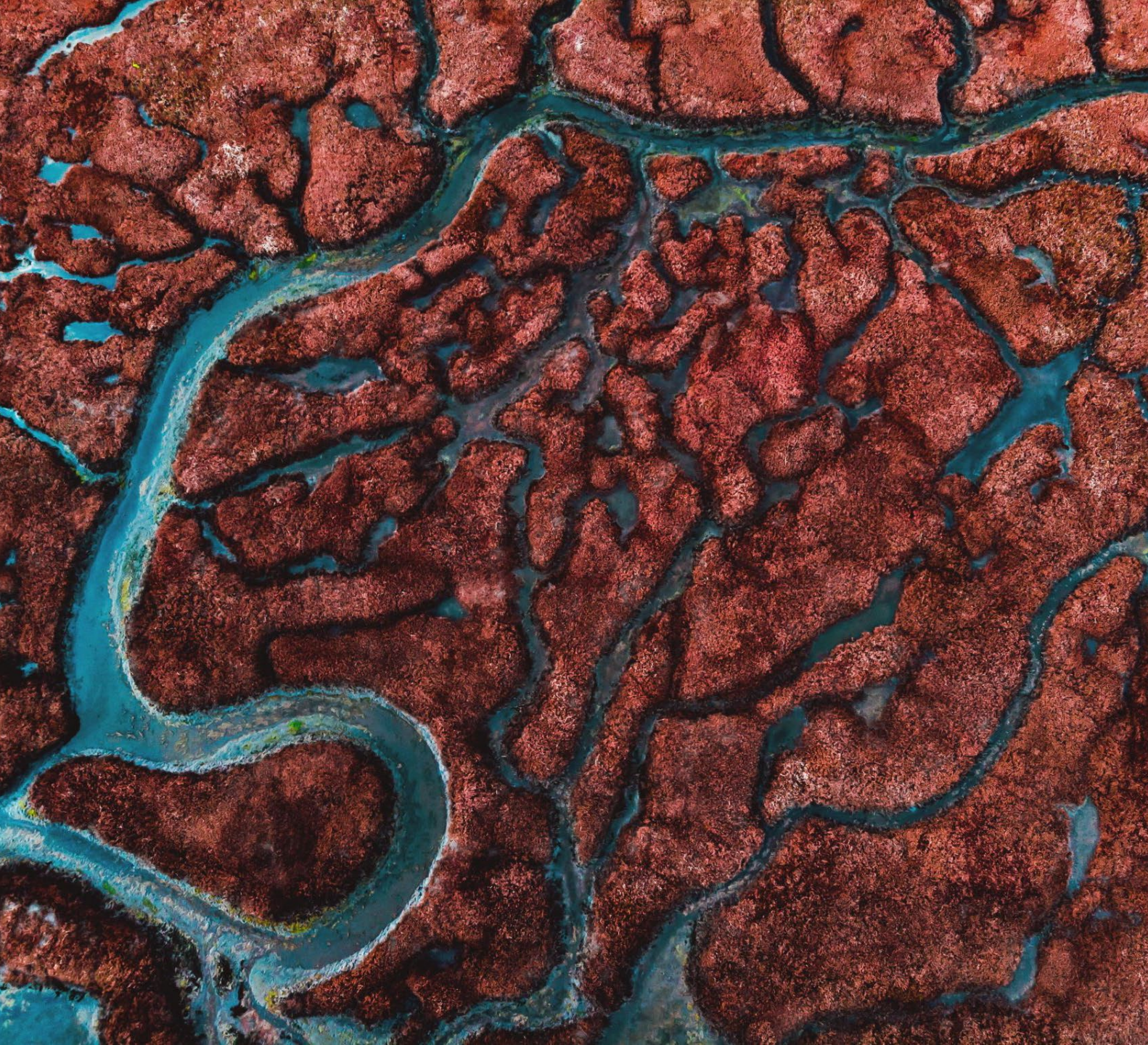
AITKIN COUNTY HAS THE MOST
MISSISSIPPI RIVER FRONTAGE MILES IN
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

AND HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO
BE A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR AITKIN COUNTY
STORY.



Mission Statement:

- *The Aitkin Water Trails Committee is volunteer-led, with the goal to advocate for the sustainable use of the Ripple River, Mississippi River, and connected waterways in Aitkin County. We aim to promote Aitkin County as a destination for outdoor recreation and natural wonder.*
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THE RIVER TRAILS COMMITTEE, WHO ARE WE?

- Aitkin County Chamber
- Aitkin County Economic Development
- Mississippi Headwaters Board
- Mississippi River Parkway representative
- Key community members

2023 ACTIVITIES

Named the Trail System

- **11 Individual Kayak/Canoe trails**
- **More to come**

Hosted 2 Events

- **Paddle Your Glass Off**
- **Paddle Your Stress Away**

An aerial photograph of a river winding through a dense, lush green forest. The river is a vibrant blue-green color, contrasting with the surrounding greenery. The forest appears to be a mix of deciduous and coniferous trees, creating a textured canopy. The river flows from the top center towards the bottom center, with several meanders and bends. The overall scene is serene and natural.

NAMING THE AITKIN COUNTY RIVERBOAT TRAILS

- Through an extensive public engagement process, the committee reviewed input and ideas for naming the trail system and trails. Thank you to all residents who participated in the naming process.
- This trail system includes 11 individual kayak and canoe trails that span from Jacobson to the Pine Knoll Loop. The total river miles of the trail system is over 90 miles!!

PADDLE YOUR GLASS OFF

- Approximately 100 participants
- Participants from: Rochester, North Dakota, Iowa
- Shuttle service
- Wine, Beer, and Liquor Tasting
- Live music added 2023

PADDLE YOUR STRESS AWAY

- County, Hospital, Chamber
- Held in September
- Same route as PYGO
- 25 Individuals
- Hope to grow next year

WHERE ARE WE GOING

- Adding two accesses on the *Mississippi*
- Increasing awareness of our trails