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Take a Virtual Trip Down the Yellow River - No Canoe Required!

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Arnie, let's be honest — not everyone has a kayak or canoe sitting in the garage, ready for a 70-mile adventure down the Yellow River. For most of us, our “river view” is a quick glance over the guardrail as we cross a bridge on the way to town.

But what if you could explore the entire Yellow River — **from the headwaters at Crystal Brook all the way to the St. Croix River** — right from your smartphone?

Well... now you can.

Introducing the YRPC Virtual Yellow River Tour

This spring, YRPC quietly rolled out the **beta version** of our first-ever **virtual river tour**, included inside our brand-new tri-fold brochure. When you open the brochure, you'll see the full Yellow River Watershed mapped out, and in the upper right corner, our newest volunteer, the **YRPC Watershed Guy**, paddle in hand, ready to guide your journey.

Scan the QR code, and the Watershed Guy springs to life on your phone (see example of phone display below), launching a photo-rich tour that follows the river from its pristine beginnings to its confluence with the St. Croix.



East of County H Bridge



River location is below each picture. Tap picture above to take control.



A River Journey in Your Pocket

Each photo in the tour includes a caption showing exactly where it was taken. The images are arranged in downstream order, giving you the feeling of floating along the river's twists and turns.

- The photos advance automatically
- Tap any image to take control
- Move forward or backward at your own pace

It's the next best thing to being on the water — and you don't even need to get your feet wet.

How to Try It

YRPC has been handing out brochures at community events, but you don't have to wait for the next one:

- **Print the attached PDF** (double-sided), fold it into a tri-fold, and scan the QR code on the inside of the brochure.
- **Or**, if you're viewing the brochure on your computer, simply scan the QR code right from your screen

Either way, your virtual river adventure begins instantly.

Calling All Paddlers — We Want Your Photos!

If you kayak or canoe the Yellow River, you've seen views most people never get to experience. We'd love to feature your best shots in the virtual tour so others can enjoy them too.

Send your photos, along with your name, and location on the river or a tributary, by replying to this weekly YRPC news article or emailing **news@yrpc.ltd**.

Let's build the most complete visual journey of the Yellow River ever created, together.

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