

*Significant Gravel Bars
Middle Mississippi River
(2012 Low Water Photos)*

September 24, 2014

Photos taken by helicopter

St. Louis Stage was -2.5

Establishment Bar – RM 132-130



An aerial photograph showing a large, light-brown gravel bar in a wide river. The bar is elongated and tapers towards the right. The water is dark grey with some white foam from currents. The far bank is covered in dense green trees, and the near bank has some green vegetation. In the background, a small town and hills are visible under a clear sky.

Leading edge of gravel wave

An aerial photograph showing a large, light-colored sand dune on the left side of the frame. The dune has a smooth, undulating surface with some subtle ripples. To the right of the dune is a wide, dark river with visible ripples and some white foam from a small waterfall or rapids further downstream. The river is bordered by a dense line of green trees and vegetation on the far bank. In the foreground, below the dune, there is a flat, sandy area with patches of low-lying green vegetation and some small, dark structures or debris. The text "Leading edge of gravel wave" is written vertically in black font across the middle of the dune.

Leading edge of gravel wave







RM128.0 (mostly sand)



Kaskaskia Bend 118-116 (Beaver Island)





Gravel Wave



RM100 (mostly sand)



Fountain Bluff RM85-83





Gravel Wave



Gravel Wave

Cottonwood RM80-77







Bumgard RM31-29







Gravel Wave



Scudders Bend RM18-16













Sister Chute Bar RM14-12 (mostly sand)

