



Frequently Asked Questions

For further inquiries, visit www.dnr.state.mn.us to find contact information for the specific park where you will be staying.

How much does it cost?

One night workshop costs \$35, two-night workshop costs \$50. – The fee includes use of camping equipment and all camping and activity instruction. If you arrive by vehicle, a daily vehicle pass will be provided as part of your workshop fee. You may buy an annual Minnesota State Parks permit for an additional \$20.

How many people can I bring?

Your reservation is for up to six people in your party. We will provide you with a six person tent.

What age do my kids need to be?

Kids will have a great time; however, young children require much more care and attention in an outdoor setting. For this reason, we do not recommend infants or toddlers for this workshop.

What is different about the two-night workshops?

Our new two-night workshops will take your camping experience to the next step. We provide all of the same information as in the one-night workshops and more. Two-night workshops offer more time for activities like hiking, swimming, and relaxing with the family. We also spend time learning some more advanced skills such as putting up a tarp and cooking over the open fire.

Can we bring our dog?

Please do not bring pets. The attention your pets will need during the workshop will interfere with your experience.

What should I bring?

We provide the tent, air mattresses, firewood, cook stove, cook gear and most other basic camping equipment. You need to bring your own sleeping bags or bedding, groceries and personal items. Check out our handy list of recommended items and food packing lists, found on our website.

How do I register?

Check out the list of workshops below, and when you're ready to make your reservation just click "Book Now" next to the one you want. If you'd rather sign up by phone, you can call between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., seven days a week: 1-866-85PARKS (1-866-857-2757) or 1-317-249-9327 (international). For TDD/Telecommunications Device for Deaf, call 1-866-672-8213. We'll mail you a packing list and other pre-trip materials shortly after you register for a workshop.

How long does the workshop last?

The 1-night workshops will last 24 hours – it will start at 10:00 a.m. the first day and go until about 10:00 a.m. the following morning. Although the workshop ends in the morning, you are allowed to

enjoy the park and campgrounds until 1:00 p.m. The 2-night workshops last a little longer. Participants arrive at the park at 2:00 p.m. on Friday and stay until 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

‡ **Will we see any wildlife?**

You betcha! Birds, deer, squirrels, rabbits and many others make their home in the parks. There will be fun wildlife watching for the whole family.

‡ **Can we leave the park to eat dinner?**

Sure. We'll teach you all about how to prepare and cook delicious outdoor meals and we encourage you to use your new skills, but people are always free to leave if they feel the need.

‡ **What will we be eating?**

You will bring your own groceries - please refer to the food shopping list found on our website for specifics. We recommend the items and meals on the list, but you may bring more or less according to your budget and dietary needs.

‡ **Can I sign up for more than one workshop?**

Sure, if you'd like to. Our goal is for you to have the skills and confidence to try it on your own after you've attended a single workshop, but if you still want more consider trying one of our new two-night workshops.

‡ **Will there be a lot of bugs?**

Some...bugs are an unavoidable part of the camping experience! What kind and how many will depend on park location, weather and time of year. We've put bug spray on your list of items to bring, and we strongly advise against using aromatic sprays or soaps when you are outdoors because strong smells can attract mosquitoes and bees.

‡ **Will I have to sleep on the ground?**

No, we will loan you good air mattresses and sleeping pads. You just need to bring your own bedding or sleeping bag.

‡ **What if rains?**

Your workshop will be held as scheduled unless there are severe weather conditions such as tornado or hail warnings. Check the weather report before coming to get an idea of what the weather may be like. Bring a rain jacket and some extra warm clothes to be safe.

‡ **Can my child bring a friend?**

Yes! The tents have room for up to six. Remember that you will be responsible for all the children you bring.








‡ **What is there for kids to do?**

All our activities will be child-friendly. Most kids have a great adventure when they go camping! [Here are some activities](#) your family can do together in the woods.

‡ **Can my family bring bikes or other recreation equipment?**

Absolutely, but it's a good idea to check out your park's web page before hauling your equipment. (If you bring a canoe to a state park that doesn't have a lake nearby, you may be sorely disappointed!) Once you've decided which park you'll be going to, you can [find their web page here](#).

Trip Planning Documents

- [A Note from your Park Ranger](#) 
- [1 - Night Workshop Itinerary](#) 
- [2 - Night Workshop Itinerary](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) 
- [Required and Recommended Items to Bring](#) 
- [1 - Night Food Shopping List](#) 
- [2 - Night Food Shopping List](#) 
- [Printable List of All 2011 Workshops](#) 

Still Have Questions?

We've tried to put all the information you might need here on this page. If you still have questions about the *I Can Camp!* workshops, please call us at (651) 259-5577 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email ican.camp@state.mn.us

