

# MINNESOTA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Programs & Special Events



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# Experience the **FREEDOM** of MINNESOTA STATE **PARKS AND TRAILS**

## *Geocaching*

Borrow a GPS unit for a modern-day treasure hunt. Learn to geocache at one of over 50 geocaching programs this summer.



## *Discovery*

Kids Discovery Kits feature activities, stories and tips to help ensure your visit will be fun and memorable. More than 20 parks offer kits with themes that include Wildlife by Water, Around the Campfire and Camping Skills.



## FREE equipment checkout will make your family adventure a breeze!

See pages iii and iv for information on where equipment is available. Also, check out the "Summer Guide" at [mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov)

### Fishing

Fishing kits include pole and tackle, and you can fish without a license at most lakes within Minnesota state parks. Attend a free I Can Fish! workshop or join us for Take-A-Kid Fishing weekend June 10-12.



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### Birding

Bald eagles, peregrine falcons and common loons can all be found in Minnesota state parks. Check out a birding kit that comes with binoculars, a guide book and bird lists for each park.



# Borrow FREE FAMILY ACTIVITY EQUIPMENT AT STATE PARKS

Did you know there's a variety of free stuff that can be checked out at most Minnesota state parks? It's true!\*

State park or recreation area	GPS Units	Birding Kits	Fishing Kits	Kids Discovery Kits		
				Wildlife by Water	Around the Campfire	Camping Skills
Afton	x	x	x			
Banning		x	x	x	x	x
Bear Head Lake		x	x	x	x	x
Beaver Creek Valley		x		x	x	x
Big Bog SRA		x	x			
Big Stone Lake	x	x	x			
Blue Mounds		x	x	x	x	x
Buffalo River	x	x		x	x	x
Camden	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cascade River		x				
Charles A. Lindbergh		x	x			
Crow Wing		x				
Cuyuna Country SRA		x				
Father Hennepin	x	x				
Flandrau	x	x	x			
Forestville/Mystery Cave	x	x	x			
Fort Ridgely		x				
Fort Snelling	x	x	x			
Frontenac		x		x	x	x
Glacial Lakes		x				
Glendalough	x	x	x			
Gooseberry Falls	x	x				
Grand Portage		x				
Great River Bluffs		x				
Hayes Lake		x	x	x	x	x
Hill Annex Mine		x				
Interstate	x	x	x	x	x	x
Itasca		x	x			
Jay Cooke	x	x	x	x	x	x
Judge C.R. Magney		x				
Lac qui Parle		x				
Lake Bemidji	x	x				

State park or recreation area	GPS Units	Birding Kits	Fishing Kits	Kids Discovery Kits		
				Wildlife by Water	Around the Campfire	Camping Skills
Lake Carlos	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lake Louise			x			
Lake Maria		x		x	x	x
Lake Shetek	x	x		x	x	x
McCarthy Beach		x	x			
Maplewood		x		x	x	x
Mille Lacs Kathio	x	x				
Minneopa		x	x	x	x	x
Minnesota Valley SRA		x				
Moose Lake		x				
Myre-Big Island	x	x				
Nerstrand	x	x		x	x	x
Old Mill		x				
Red River SRA		x				
Rice Lake		x				
St. Croix		x	x			
Sakatah		x	x			
Savanna Portage	x	x	x	x	x	x
Scenic		x	x			
Sibley	x	x	x			
Soudan Underground Mine	x	x				
Split Rock Creek			x	x	x	x
Split Rock Lighthouse	x	x				
Temperance River		x				
Tettegouche		x	x			
Upper Sioux Agency	x	x	x			
Whitewater	x	x				
Wild River	x	x		x	x	x
William O'Brien	x	x	x	x	x	x
Zippel Bay		x	x			

\* Many parks will be receiving more free equipment for your enjoyment. Please call before you visit if you have questions. Loaner equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



# NATIONAL GET OUTDOORS DAY

Saturday, June 11

**FREE admission into all Minnesota state parks!**

**Check out all the programs listed in this catalog and identified with this symbol.**

**FREE Park Entry**

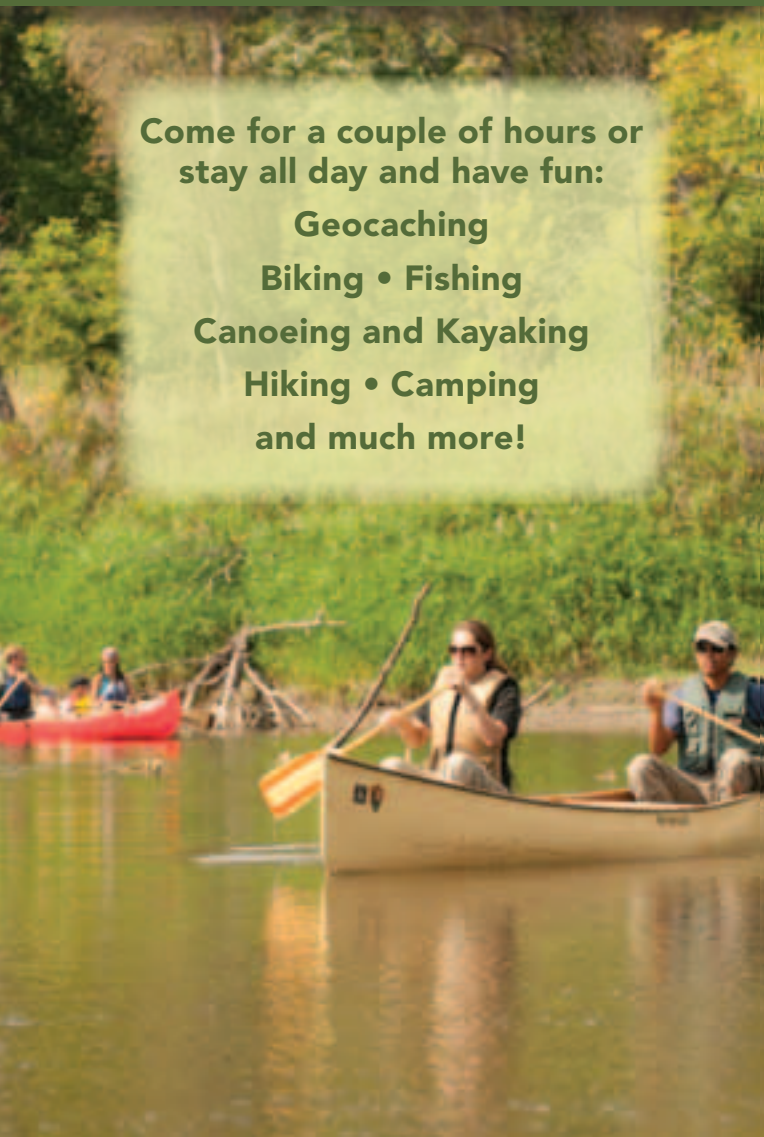
**Come for a couple of hours or stay all day and have fun:**

**Geocaching**

**Biking • Fishing**

**Canoeing and Kayaking**

**Hiking • Camping and much more!**



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 1-888-MINNDNR (1-888-646-6367) Toll Free  
 651-296-6157 in the Twin Cities area  
 TTY: 1-800-657-3929 Toll Free

Camping/Lodging/Tour Reservations  
[stayatmnparks.com](http://stayatmnparks.com)  
 1-866-85PARKS (1-866-857-2757) Toll Free  
 TTY: 1-866-672-8213 Toll Free  
 International Calls: 1-317-249-9327

Cover photo: Root River State Trail.



Minnesota was named “Best Trails State” in the country in 2010. The award was presented by American Trails, the only national nonprofit organization working on behalf of all trail types, including bicycling, hiking, cross-country skiing, equestrian, snowmobile, off-highway vehicle and water trails.



**Visit Minnesota state parks and recreation areas:** A vehicle permit is required to enter Minnesota state parks and recreation areas. A one-day permit will provide a whole day of fun for just \$5. Year-round permits, \$25, provide unlimited access for a full year from the month of purchase. Parks and recreation areas are open 365 days a year, including holidays. Permits can be purchased at any Minnesota state park office or at Twin Cities REI Stores. **Minnesota state trails are free:** There is no charge to hike, bike, or in-line skate on Minnesota state trails.

## What's New?

### I Can! Programs

Families and individuals of any age are invited to experience the outdoors at an I Can Camp!, I Can Fish!, I Can Climb! or I Can Paddle! program. These hands-on programs are perfect for beginners because most of the equipment and instruction is provided. See back page or go online for more information.



### Archery in the Parks

Learn to shoot a bow and arrow with our trained staff! They will provide you with an introduction to archery and no experience or equipment is needed. The program runs weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. It is an extension of the Archery in the Schools program.



### Facebook and Twitter

Be the first to hear about nature sightings and other parks and trails news! Twitter: [mnstateparks](https://twitter.com/mnstateparks), Facebook: Minnesota State Parks and Trails.

### State Trails

New sections of state trails are added every year, providing you more miles of biking, hiking, and other trail recreation. Two highlights of 2010 included the grand opening of the 13-mile Great River Ridge State Trail, which runs from Plainview to Co. Rd. 9 near Eyota, and the completion of a new 16.5-mile segment of the Paul Bunyan State Trail between Guthrie and Walker. The Paul Bunyan State Trail, now one of the longest paved rail-trails in the country, was inducted to the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame. There are more programs than ever on Minnesota state trails this spring and summer. See page 58.

### Touch-screen Kiosks

Touch-screen kiosks with information about Minnesota state parks and trails are now at the Minnesota Zoo, Rosedale Center, the IDS Crystal Court, MSP International Airport, and Midtown Global Market. Stop by to browse upcoming events or to request information for your next getaway!

### New State Park Additions

Explore Northern Minnesota! Stop by and see the still-in-development Lake Vermilion State Park or the new visitor centers at Grand Portage, Jay Cooke and Big Bog state parks.

### Virtual Tours: [mndnr.gov/virtualtours](http://mndnr.gov/virtualtours)

When planning your next trip, preview a park or trail before you visit. See beautiful waterfalls, shaded paths, and sun-drenched streams in panoramic photos and YouTube-style videos.

### Camper Cabins

Camper cabins sleep up to six people, cost \$45 or \$50 a night, and are available at 25 state parks. To make reservations call 1-866-85PARKS or go to [stayatmnparks.com](http://stayatmnparks.com). In 2010, new cabins opened at Afton, Flandrau and Maplewood state parks. In 2011, a dozen more will open, starting with three at Lake Shetek State Park.

### Gift Cards

Give the gift that goes all out! There's a feeling of getting away that only comes from the outdoors. Until someone figures out how to box and wrap that, there's Minnesota State Parks gift card. Purchase yours today at parks, online at [stayatmnparks.com](http://stayatmnparks.com), or by calling 1-866-85PARKS.





## Getting Started

### What to bring:

Come as you are! It is recommended that you wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes, and dress for the weather (a raincoat is always a good idea). Keep the following in a pack or bag when you visit:



A filled water bottle  
 Insect repellent  
 Sunscreen  
 Sunglasses  
 A snack (like trail mix or an energy bar)  
 Optional: camera, binoculars, a first-aid kit, and a GPS unit or compass.  
 Note: Be aware that cell phones often do not work in wooded areas.

### Leave firewood at home:

When camping or picnicking at any Minnesota state park, state forest, or other state land, use only firewood purchased at the park or from an approved vendor. Firewood restrictions prohibit bringing firewood from home (except unpainted and unstained dimensional lumber, such as two-by-four scraps), because it might contain pests like the Emerald Ash Borer, which can destroy trees and devastate forests. For a list of approved vendors and more details, visit [mndnr.gov/firewood](http://mndnr.gov/firewood).



### Join the Hiking Club:

Explore designated hiking trails and collect patches and other rewards! To participate, pick up a Hiking Club kit (\$14.95) next time you're at a Minnesota state park, then follow the trails marked with "Hiking Club" signs. When you find the password posted on each trail, enter it in your book, and watch your miles add up toward the prize levels.

### Visit 71 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas:

As a Passport Club member, your goal is to visit 71 Minnesota's magnificent state parks and recreation areas, from Afton to Zippel Bay. You'll be rewarded for your travels with patches, free nights of camping, and—when you've visited them all—a customized plaque with your name on it. The Passport Club kit (\$14.95) can be purchased at most state parks.



### Weather-related cancellations:

Naturalists are a hardy bunch who endure all kinds of weather, but the safety and comfort of our visitors comes first. Occasionally, due to flooding, extreme heat and severe weather in general, a program may be canceled or changed. When in doubt, call the park or check for updates online at [mndnr.gov/parksandtrails](http://mndnr.gov/parksandtrails).



### Rent canoes, kayaks, and other equipment:

Many Minnesota state parks have rental equipment available, including canoes, kayaks, motorboats, and personal flotation devices. For more information on what's available and where, visit [mndnr.gov/parksandtrails](http://mndnr.gov/parksandtrails) or call the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 (Twin Cities) or 1-800-657-3929 (toll free).



### Inspire a young naturalist:

Pick up free Junior Park Naturalist activity booklets—three in all—at any Minnesota state park office and start exploring! When kids complete a booklet, they earn a patch and a certificate to recognize them as a Junior Park Naturalist. After completing all three they become official "nature experts" with a patch to prove it.



### Schedule programs for school and youth groups:

Many state parks offer tours and educational programs for students, scouts, and other groups. Call a Minnesota state park to inquire about special group presentations. The following parks have naturalists available:

- Forestville/Mystery Cave
- Fort Snelling
- Gooseberry Falls
- Grand Portage
- Hill Annex Mine
- Interstate
- Itasca
- Jay Cooke
- Lake Bemidji
- Lake Carlos
- Mille Lacs Kathio
- St. Croix
- Sibley
- Soudan Underground Mine
- Tettegouche
- Whitewater
- Wild River
- William O'Brien

### MinnAqua Programs:

MinnAqua is a statewide education program designed to teach angling recreation and stewardship as well as the ecology and conservation of aquatic habitats. MinnAqua Education Specialists and interns partner with schools, youth groups, and community organizations to hold fishing and aquatic education programs throughout the state. Visit [mndnr.gov/minnaqua](http://mndnr.gov/minnaqua) for more information about programs.



# CELEBRATE NEW MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS!

Friday, June 10 through  
Sunday, June 12

## Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area



The recent completion of 22 miles of single-track mountain biking trails, including beginner, intermediate and advanced routes, will be celebrated June 10-12 at Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area (free park admission on June 11). Celebrity Hans "No Way" Rey, a member of the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame, will make a special guest appearance. Join us for special events throughout the weekend or explore the trails on your own. Please check the website for details or call the park, 218-546-5926.

[mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov)



### Banning State Park 320-245-2668

**FREE  
Park  
Entry**

Saturday, June 11 3–4:30 p.m.

#### **Geocaching 101**

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Discover the fun of geocaching and receive hands-on training. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet the naturalist in the picnic grounds.

Saturday, June 25 noon–2 p.m.

#### **Digital Nature Photography** **R**

Do you have trouble turning a beautiful place into a beautiful picture? Come to our wild and scenic park for an introduction to nature photography. Cameras provided. Registration required; call 320-245-2668.

#### **Archery in the Park**

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed. Equipment is provided; stop by the picnic area anytime.

Friday, July 1 3–5 p.m.

Saturday, July 23 2–4 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19 3–5 p.m.

Saturday, July 9 2–3:30 p.m.

#### **Build a Birdhouse** **R F**

Encourage the bluebird, traditionally a symbol of happiness, to live in your backyard! Building a birdhouse is an easy project, even for the least-experienced woodworker. Reservations required; call 320-245-2668. Cost is \$4 per birdhouse kit; limit two per family. Meet in the campground.

Saturday, Aug. 20 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

#### **Going Batty!** **R F**

Meet the naturalist in the campground to learn why we should encourage, not fear, bats. If you would like to make your own bat house to bring home, call 320-245-2668 reserve your kit. Cost is \$7 each; one per family, please.

Saturday, Sept. 3 1–2:30 p.m.

#### **Banning Quarry Hike**

One-hundred years ago the village of Banning was exploding with activity! Meet the naturalist in the picnic area to take a 1.8-mile hike and find out how trains, stone and dynamite made this boom town tick.





## Bear Head Lake State Park

218-365-7229

Saturdays, May 14–July 30 7–9 a.m.

### **Birding at Bear Head**

Meet at the park office for a guided walk to listen and look for the variety of bird species within the park. Bring your own binoculars if you have them. A limited number will be available for free checkout. Dress for the weather; insect repellent recommended.

Saturday, June 4 1–3 p.m.

### **Archery in the Park**

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided; stop by the picnic shelter anytime.

Thursday, June 30 6–8 p.m.

### **Beyond Burgers and Hot Dogs: Dutch Oven Camp Cooking**

Dutch ovens have long been a part of our national heritage—even before Lewis and Clark. Join us for a demonstration on how to use Dutch ovens to create delectable meals in today's campgrounds. Meet at the picnic shelter.

Wednesday, July 6 7–8 p.m.

### **Eagles of Minnesota**

Find out about bald eagle biology, populations and current research with a DNR wildlife biologist. Dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair. Meet at the beach picnic shelter.

Saturday, July 16 7–9 p.m.

### **Music with Horse Raddish Creek**

Enjoy the toe-tapping tunes of Horse Raddish Creek as they play acoustic Americana favorites. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and dress for the weather. Meet at the beach picnic shelter.

Wednesday, July 27 7–8 p.m.

### **Moose of Minnesota**

Join a DNR wildlife biologist to explore the biology of the largest Minnesota wild animal—the moose. Discussions will include research techniques and future trends for this iconic animal of the north. Dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair. Meet at the beach picnic shelter.

Saturday, Aug. 20 7–9 p.m.

### **Music with Horse Raddish Creek**

See previous listing for details.

Wednesday, Aug. 31 6–8 p.m.

### **Beyond Burgers and Hot Dogs: Dutch Oven Camp Cooking**

See previous listing for details.



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## Big Bog State Recreation Area

218-647-8592

Saturday, June 4 10 a.m.–noon

### **Bog Flowers on the Boardwalk**

The Big Bog is in bloom! View rare plant life from the boardwalk and trails. Learn about the unique growing conditions found in the bog. Hear the birds that make their home in Big Bog. Bring your water bottle, camera and comfortable shoes. Meet at the North Unit parking lot.

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

### **Big Bog Visitor Center Grand Opening**

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of our new visitor center. Explore the new interpretive exhibits, climb the restored fire tower, or take part in the special programs that will be held throughout the day.

Monday, July 4 2–3:30 p.m.

### **Fourth of July Flotilla**

Join the boat parade down the Tamarac River! Decorate your boat or simply wave a flag. The parade will start two miles upriver from the campground at the Steel Bridge and end at the Highway 72 bridge. The parade will be followed by a potluck at Hillman's store in Waskish.

Sunday, July 10 noon–2 p.m.

### **Historic Fish Hatchery Tours**

Join us to learn about the Red Lake walleye fishery and the role of this historic hatchery! This program is part of the community-wide Big Bog Festival, July 8–10, sponsored by the communities of Waskish and Kelliher.

BIG BOG STATE RECREATION AREA *continued*

Sunday, July 10 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### **MinnAqua Pop Can Fishing Clinic**

Grab a pop can and we'll turn it into a fishing rig and go fishing in the Tamarac River! We'll also play a fish habitat game, tie a fishing knot and practice identifying fish. This clinic is designed for kids in grades one to four. Parents are welcome. Meet at Homestead Park in Waskish.

Saturday, July 23 8–9 p.m.

### **Musical Saw by the Campfire**

Join us at the swimming beach around the campfire for a relaxing evening concert of storytelling by a talented local musician/historian. Travel back to the pioneering days in the Big Bog and enjoy the mellow sounds of the musical saw. Bring your lawn chair and jacket.

Saturday, July 30 1–3 p.m.

### **Fire Tower Tour**

Meet an interpreter at the fire tower to see the most panoramic view of Upper Red Lake. After a brief history of the fire tower, ascend 100 feet to experience the incredible view. Meet at the visitor center.

Saturday, Aug. 6 2–3 p.m.

### **Build a Birdhouse **R** **F****

Build a birdhouse with a local wood-working expert, then take it home with you, and the feathered friends in your yard will make it their new home! Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. Registration required; call 218-647-8592. Cost is \$5.



Saturday, Aug. 13 2–4 p.m.

### **I Can Fish! Panfishing in the Pond**

Join us at Ludlow Pond as we learn all about fishing: species identification, casting, equipment and more. Veteran anglers will demonstrate and assist individuals, families and youth groups. Youngsters must be accompanied by adults. Equipment, bait and instruction provided. Meet at the North Unit parking lot.



## **Big Stone Lake State Park**

320-839-3663

Saturday, June 11: Free park admission! 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Sunday, June 12 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

### **Bonanza Quilt Show**

A large collection of quilts from local artists will be on display at the Bonanza Education Center, located in the Bonanza Unit of Big Stone Lake State Park. Past shows have featured over 50 quilts.



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## **Buffalo River State Park**

218-498-2124

Saturday, June 4 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

### **Buffalo River Trail Run **R****

Buffalo River State Park and the Minnesota State University-Moorehead Regional Science Center are hosting the inaugural Buffalo River Trail Run. Beautiful 5K and 10K courses await runners interested in enjoying the mix of prairie, savanna and riparian woodland. Visit [buffalorivertrailrun.com](http://buffalorivertrailrun.com) for registration details.



Saturday, June 11 2–3 p.m.

### **Geocaching 101**

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. A limited number of GPS units will be available for free checkout. Meet at the picnic grounds.

### **Full Moon Walk**

Join us for a trail walk under the light of the moon. The two-mile walk will traverse the prairie and skirt the edge of the Buffalo River woodland. We will follow the transition from day to night and take some time to moon gaze through the Regional Science Center telescopes. Meet at the Regional Science Center.

Friday, June 17 9–10:30 p.m.

Friday, July 15 9–10:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 12 8:30–10 p.m.

Saturday, July 9 2–3 p.m.

### **Geocaching 101**

See previous listing for details.



## Camden State Park

507-865-4530



Saturday, April 9 1–3 p.m.  
**Fly-tying for Beginners**

As the trout season nears, be prepared with homemade flies such as the "Sawyer Pheasant Tail Nymph." This workshop is designed to teach basic fly-tying skills with hands-on instruction. All the tools and equipment will be provided. Author and avid fly-fisherman Jay Brown will introduce you to some fly-tying skills and techniques. This workshop is co-sponsored with MinnAqua and Friends of Camden State Park. Ask at the park office for program location.

Friday, May 13 9–11 p.m.  
**Minnesota Star Watch with Mike Lynch**

Use large telescopes to view the beauty in the night sky as Mike Lynch of WCCO Radio shares some of the lore of Big Bear, Cassiopeia and others. Bring your own binoculars, telescope and lounge chair if you wish. Meet at the horse campground. This program is sponsored by Friends of Camden State Park and SW/WC Service Cooperative.

Saturday, May 14 9 a.m.–noon and 1–4 p.m.  
**"On the Water" Fly-fishing Clinic** **R** **F**

Clinics will include an introduction to fly-fishing basics, including on-the-water fly-fishing instruction. Equipment provided for those who do not have their own. Anglers age 16 and older will need to have a current Minnesota fishing license and trout stamp. Please wear glasses (prescription or sunglasses), a hat with a bill or brim, and waders (or shorts and old shoes). Anglers need to be age 14 or older to participate. Registration is required and space is limited; call 507-865-4530. Cost is \$8.

## Geocaching 101

Discover the fascinating challenge of geocaching and use it to explore Minnesota state parks' history, wildlife, and hidden treasures. A limited number of GPS units will be available free of charge for this modern-day treasure hunt. Meet at the beach picnic table area.

Saturday, May 14 1–2:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, June 18 1–2:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, July 16 1–2:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Aug. 13 1–2:30 p.m.

Friday, June 3–Sunday, June 5  
**Great Camden Camp-out**

The sixth annual camp-out will encourage the simple pleasure of camping with family and friends and introduce kids and adults to the outdoors. Family-oriented activities will take place throughout the weekend. Call 507-865-4530 for more information.

Saturday, July 2 9–10:30 p.m.  
**Universe in the Park**

Join astronomers from the University of Minnesota as they share their telescopes, knowledge and stories of the heavens. Program begins with a short presentation followed by telescope viewing of planets and other features of the summer sky. Bring your own binoculars or telescopes if you wish. Meet at the horse campground.



## Carley State Park

c/o Whitewater State Park: 507-932-3007

Saturday, May 7 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  
**Carley Bluebell Festival**

Come celebrate the beauty of our spring bluebells. A variety of activities will be offered throughout the day including trout-fishing programs for kids, pioneer games, wildflower walks and more. Local organizations will also provide booths with food, crafts and activities.





## Crow Wing State Park

218-825-3075

Saturday, June 18 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Canoe Days and Fur Trade Encampment

The Crow Wing County Muzzleloaders will set up a fur trade encampment at the park group camp. Canoeists will leave Kiwanis Park around 11 a.m. and arrive at Crow Wing State Park two to three hours later. A shuttle will take canoeists back to Kiwanis Park so they can pick up their vehicles. Call the park for more information.



## Father Hennepin State Park

320-532-3269

Saturday, June 4 11 a.m.–noon

### Geocaching 101

Discover the fascinating challenge of geocaching and use it to explore Minnesota state parks' history, wildlife and hidden treasures. A limited number of GPS units will be available free of charge for this modern-day treasure hunt. Meet in Lakeview Picnic Area.



Saturday, June 18 10 a.m.–noon

### I Can Fish!

Learn all about fishing – identify species, learn to cast and more. Then take your skills and fish with us from the shore of Mille Lacs Lake. All equipment is provided. No fishing license needed for this activity if you are a Minnesota resident. Meet at the Public Boat Access parking lot.

Saturday, June 25 8–9 p.m.

### Remarkable Reptiles

Jim Gerholdt will use live turtles, lizards and snakes to illustrate this family-oriented program about reptiles of Minnesota and beyond. Meet at the council ring in Lakeview Campground. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Lakeview Picnic Shelter.



Monday, July 4 10 a.m.–noon

### I Can Fish!

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, July 9 9:30–11:30 a.m.

### Archery in the Park

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided; stop by the Lakeview Picnic Area anytime.

Saturday, July 16 11 a.m.–noon

### Geocaching 101

See previous listing for details.

Sunday, Aug. 7 11 a.m.–noon

### Geocaching 101

See previous listing for details.



Saturday, Aug. 20 10 a.m.–noon

### I Can Fish!

See previous listing for details.

Friday, Aug. 26 8:30–10 p.m.

### Universe in the Park

The University of Minnesota Astronomy Department will take you on a spectacular tour of the night sky. After a short indoor presentation, you are invited to view planets, stars and other celestial sights through telescopes. If it's cloudy, the indoor presentation will still occur. Meet at the Lakeview Picnic Shelter.



## Mystery Cave Tours

### One-Hour Tour **F**

April 16 to Memorial Day:  
Weekends, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Memorial Day through Labor Day:  
Tours offered daily, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Labor Day through October:  
Weekends, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

See cave formations, underground pools, and dramatically-lit corridors. This tour involves walking on paved trails and bridges. The tour is wheelchair accessible.

Adults: \$10  
Children ages 5-12: \$6  
Children under 5: Free

### Two-Hour Tour **F**

Weekends and holidays only, Memorial Day through Labor Day, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

This tour features in-depth interpretation of cave geology. Visitors walk on narrow, winding gravel paths with numerous steps. It is a unique experience to see some of the largest and longest passages in Mystery Cave by lantern light. More physically challenging than the one-hour tour, this tour is not suitable for children under age 5. No sandals are allowed.

Additional group, school, college, and caving tours are available. Call Mystery Cave for more information and reservations.

School Tour: \$4/person  
Advanced Tour: \$18/person  
Wild Caving Tour: \$55/person



## Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park

Main Park: 507-352-5111

Mystery Cave: 507-937-3251

Sunday, May 8 1:30–2:30 p.m.

### Mother's Day Wildflower Walk

You will see beautiful wildflower displays that carpet the forest floor on this easy-paced stroll through the forest. Meet at the picnic shelter.

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11 10–11:30 a.m.

### Fossil Collecting Activity

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Everyone finds fossils on this trip, and you may keep them. Meet at the amphitheater for a brief talk, then follow in your vehicle to a location outside the park. All ages welcome.

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11 4–5 p.m.

### Digital Therapy Using Natural Materials

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Join us and listen to the redstarts sing and the breeze rustle the cottonwoods as you bend natural fibers into a treasured keepsake. Meet at the picnic shelter; materials are provided.

Saturday, June 18 4–5 p.m.

### Carve Your Own Walking Stick

Walking the trails is a special treat with a personalized walking stick. Learn the exotic origin of your project as you carve your own. All materials provided. Meet at the picnic shelter.

Saturday, June 18 8:30–9:30 p.m.

### Tales with Tails: Stories of Furry, Feathered and Scaled Wildlife

Ever wonder why deer have antlers, why male birds have bright colors or why rabbits have short tails? Laugh and learn as you discover what science and folk tales tell us about the amazing creatures of Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturday, July 23 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 13 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### I Can Fish! **R**

Learn how to fish from veteran anglers who will demonstrate and assist individuals, families and youth groups. Please bring worms; all other fishing gear is provided. Young children must be accompanied by adults. Meet at the Goethite Wildlife area west of Mystery Cave (N 43° 37' 12.84", W 92° 21' 52.60"). Call 507-937-3251 to register.

Saturday, July 9 8–9:30 p.m.

### Sayonara Bat Count 2011

Treat your family and friends to a remarkable local bat exodus event while it still exists. Watch several hundred bats leave their roosts for an evening of feeding on insects. Participants will count bats at several sites. This spectacle is not expected to continue in future years due to a progressive collapse of bat populations in the eastern half of the U.S. This is, indeed, one of the sayonara bat counts. Meet at the picnic shelter. Accommodations can be easily made for those with mobility concerns by calling 507-937-3251.

FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY CAVE STATE PARK *continued*

Saturday, July 16 8–9:30 p.m.

**Sayonara Bat Count 2011**

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, July 23 8:30–9:30 p.m.

**Hardwood Home Companion**

This season's variety show includes songs, rap, skits, monologue, dialogue, epilogue, special fishing tips and more. These features and plenty of humor are supported by the unique sound effects laboratory. Meet at the amphitheater.

Saturday, Aug. 20 9–10 p.m.

**Night Time is Moth Time**

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park has moths as wide as your hand and others only a fraction of that size. Come to the amphitheater to see which ones we can lure in during the program.

Saturday, Aug. 27 8:30–9:30 p.m.

**Hardwood Home Companion**

See previous listing for details.

**Fort Ridgely State Park**

507-426-7840

Friday, July 29

Saturday, July 30

**"Sleeping Beauty"**

The Prairie Fire Children's Theater will present "Sleeping Beauty" at the amphitheater. The two productions are sponsored by GFW Community Education and the Friends of Fort Ridgely. Please call the park for more information.

**Fort Snelling State Park**

612-725-2389 or Visitor Center 612-725-2724

Saturday, May 7 8:30–10 a.m.

**Bird Watching by Bicycle** **R**

Strap on your binoculars and roll up your pant leg—we are on the move to find birds as they migrate through the park! We will stop frequently to see those little splashes of color in the trees. Bikes and helmets are available for use during the program. Registration required; call 612-725-2724.



Fridays, May 27 to Sept. 2 6–7:30 p.m.

**I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays**

Explore the basics of fishing and fish identification with a park naturalist. Rods, reels and bait will be provided. Minnesota residents may fish from shore at the park without a license. Meet at the fishing pier on Snelling Lake.

Saturday, June 4 10 a.m.–noon

**Build a Rain Barrel** **R F**

Rain barrels collect roof run-off to water your garden. The park naturalist and the Project WET coordinator will teach the importance of rain barrels and guide you through the construction of your rain barrel. Registration required; call 612-725-2724. Cost is \$65 per barrel.

Thursday, June 9 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**Geocaching 101**

Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet at the Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center.

Saturday, June 18 1–2 p.m.

**Geocaching 202**

So, you found a couple of geocaches and now you are ready for more! Learn the next steps to be more involved in geocaching and hiding your own caches. Borrow one of our GPS units, or bring your own and the user's manual if you have one. Meet at the Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center.

FORT SNELLING STATE PARK *continued*

Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.–noon  
 Thursday, July 7 6:30–8 p.m.

**Explore Lake Life by Canoe** **R**

Minnesota lakes are full of life. Join the naturalist on these canoe trip and explore Snelling Lake to see what thrives there. Adults must accompany children. Registration required; call 612-725-2724. Life jackets are provided.



Saturday, July 9 noon–2 p.m.

**I Can Fish! River Fishing for Fun** **R**

Learn what fish need to survive and how to identify them. After practicing casting, we will fish from the shore of the Mississippi River. Fishing poles will be available for use during the program. Registration required; call 612-725-2724.

Saturday, Aug. 6 1–2 p.m.

**Go-n-seine**

To study fish populations, the DNR uses nets called *seines*. This seining program will discuss the habitat requirements of different fish species and how water quality affects fish. Please call for details and location; 612-725-2724.

Thursday, Aug. 11 6–7:30 p.m.

**Canoeing for Beginners** **R**

Join the naturalist on this cool morning walk around beautiful Pike Island. We will walk to the confluence of the mighty Mississippi and the Minnesota rivers. This is a great opportunity to watch wildlife on the rivers while getting some exercise. Meet at the Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center. Registration required; call 612-725-2724.

Saturday, Aug. 27 10–11 a.m.

**Geocaching 202**

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, Sept. 3 10 a.m.–noon

**Three Miles of Pike**

Join the naturalist on this cool morning walk around beautiful Pike Island. We will walk to the confluence of the mighty Mississippi and the Minnesota rivers. This is a great opportunity to watch wildlife on the rivers while getting some exercise. Meet at the Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center.

Monday, Sept. 5 10–11:30 a.m.

**Photo Geocaching Challenge** **R**

Walk through the park using a GPS and a digital camera. This will be a timed event, but feel free to participate just for fun! A naturalist will provide instructions. Use our equipment or bring your own. Registration required; call 612-725-2724.



Walt Huss

## Glacial Lakes State Park

320-239-2860

**Star Gazing**

Members of the Glacial Lakes Astronomers and Stargazers Society will provide telescopes, answer questions and point out interesting features in our night sky. In case of bad weather, call park to confirm these events. Meet at the horse camp.

Saturday, April 2	7:30–10 p.m.
Saturday, May 7	8–10 p.m.
Saturday, June 4	9–10 p.m.
Saturday, July 2	9:30–10 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 6	9–10 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 3	8:30–10 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21–Thursday, June 23 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Nature Expert Summer Camp** **R** **F**

This multi-day program will provide transportation to explore the prairies of Glacial Lakes State Park, the pines of Itasca State Park, and the hardwoods of Lake Carlos State Park. Intended for kids ages eight to 14, this day camp allows participants to earn patches and prizes. To register and for fee information, call 320-852-7200. Program offered in partnership with Alexandria Community Education.

Saturday, July 9 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

**SNA Bus Tour** **R**

Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs) are special places preserved for the outstanding diversity of life and rare features found on them. While looking for plants and animals, we will find the lost landscapes of Minnesota. We'll drive to several SNA and prairie sites, then explore them on foot with a naturalist. Call 320-239-2860 to register or for more information.





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## Glendalough State Park

218-864-0110

Saturday, April 30 9 a.m.–noon  
**Annual Walk for Glendalough**

Enjoy refreshments, attend a naturalist program, hand-seed prairie plants, hike a trail of your choice, view nesting eagles through the spotting scope, and return for lunch and door prizes. You can also tour the historic lodge. There is no fee, but donations will be accepted. Golf cart tours available for those with mobility concerns. Meet at the Trail Center.

Saturdays, June 4–July 2 10–11:30 a.m.  
**Eagle Nest Viewing**

Watch a short film on bald eagles in Minnesota, then hike one mile to view the park's active eagle nest through a spotting scope. Eaglets are often visible and you may get to see them being fed. In the event of nest failure or heavy rain, the program will be cancelled. Groups larger than 10 should schedule a private tour. Meet at the Trail Center.

Saturday, June 25 9 a.m.–3 p.m.  
**Fly-fishing Clinic** **R**

Learn the basics of fly fishing, practice knot-tying and casting, then practice your skills on Annie Battle Lake, a unique heritage fishery that abounds with large panfish. All equipment is provided. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and a bag lunch. No fishing license is required if you are a Minnesota resident. Participants should be at least eight years old. Call 218-864-0110 to register.

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, and 27 1–3 p.m.  
**Beginning Canoeing** **R**

Spice up your summer afternoons by learning a new skill. Canoeing strokes, safety and other basic skills are taught before we paddle downstream through the park's pristine chain of lakes. All equipment is provided. Call 218-864-0110 to register.

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, and 27 7–8 p.m.  
**Wild Wednesday**

Families are invited to join the naturalist for weekly craft programs. Children can become a junior park naturalist and earn a special reward. Meet at Sunset Lake trailhead across from the campground.

Friday, Aug. 5 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

## Annie Battle Lake Aqua Day

**R**

Annie Battle Lake is a heritage fishery. This designation means your lake experience is similar to what it would have been over 100 years ago. Join DNR Fisheries specialist Steve Kubeny to learn about Annie Battle. Tour the electric-shock fishing boat used to sample fish. A park naturalist will lead canoe trips exploring the history and beauty of this Central Minnesota jewel. To register for canoe trips and for more information call 218-864-0110.

Saturday, Aug. 20 10 a.m.–noon

## Monarch-tagging Demonstration

Almost every year, hundreds of monarch butterflies migrate through the park on their way to Mexico. Learn how to catch and handle a monarch, determine whether it is male or female, and properly tag it. All monarchs will be released after they are tagged. Bring your own butterfly net or share one of the park's nets. Meet at the Prairie Hill Trail parking lot.



Paul Sundberg

## Gooseberry Falls State Park

218-834-3855

Friday, May 27 7:30–8:30 p.m.

## Life of a Voyageur

Paddle back to the days of the North American fur trade and explore the lives of the hardy French Canadian voyageurs with a park naturalist. Watch an "average Joe" transform into a robust fur trader right before your eyes and learn the words to a popular song. Meet in Lady Slipper Lodge.

Saturday, June 4  
 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m.

## Walk to the Waterfalls: Gooseberry in a Nutshell

Learn about this state park while you take the short walk to the waterfalls with a naturalist. Meet at the Art Column, outside the visitor center.

Friday, June 10 1–2 p.m.

## Geocaching 101

Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet in the visitor center theater.



GOOSEBERRY FALLS STATE PARK *continued*

Thursday, June 16 1:30–2:30 p.m.

**Rock Talk Walk**

Join the park naturalist on a geology hike around the Gooseberry River's waterfalls to get the historical dirt on the area's rocky landscape. Meet at the art column outside the visitor center.

Tuesday, July 12 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Superior Shore Scavenger Hunt**

See how well you do with riddles and a GPS as you go on an extensive habitat scavenger hunt along the shoreline of Lake Superior. GPS units will be provided for the program. Meet at the Lakeview Shelter to start your adventure.

Sunday, July 17 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

**Lake Superior Day**

The park is celebrating this annual shoreline event with activities focused on the beauty and survival of this great lake and its watershed. Hands-on programs for kids include nature carts, a guided geology hike and much more! Call for more details; 218-834-3855 ext. 227.

Tuesday, July 26 10:30–11:30 a.m.

**Lakeside CCC History Tour**

Join this guided hike to hear about the lives and work of the Civilian Conservation Corps, who built this park during the Great Depression. Meet at the Lady Slipper Lodge.

Saturday, Aug. 6 8:30–10 p.m.

**Universe in the Park**

The University of Minnesota Astronomy Department will take you on a spectacular tour of the night skies. After a short presentation, participants can view the celestial sights through provided telescopes. If it is cloudy, an indoor presentation will still occur. Meet in the Lady Slipper Lodge.

Tuesday, Aug. 9 11 a.m.–noon

**Superior Shore Scavenger Hunt**

See previous listing for details.

Thursday, Aug. 18 10:30–11:30 a.m.

**Old CCC Camp Guided Hike**

Take a step back to the 1930s on this living-history hike through the old Civilian Conservation Corps camp. Find out what life was like at the park while it was being made! Meet at the art column outside the visitor center.

Friday, Aug. 19 1–3 p.m.

**Biking into the North Shore's Past**

See listing on page 58 for details.

**Hayes Lake State Park**

218-425-7504

Saturday, Aug. 6 3–9 p.m.

**Hayes Dayes!**

Activities include the opportunity to try out the park's canoes, kayaks and rowboats for free. The Friends of Hayes Lake State Park will serve an evening barbecue for a fee, with the proceeds going to future projects. Finish off the evening with an old-fashioned ice-cream social and live music, sponsored by the Wannaska Lions Club. Meet at the picnic shelter.



Minnesota's forests have withstood catastrophic fires, drought and flood, threats by insects and disease, and overharvesting. For the last 100 of those years, the Forestry Division of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has protected and cared for those forest resources.

To celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Division of Forestry in 2011, join us for a special celebration on April 30.

**Arbor Dorer Family Fun Day**

Saturday, April 30 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Location: Kruger Campground and Management Unit, Richard J. Dorer State Forest

Join us to celebrate the Division of Forestry's 100-year anniversary, Arbor Day and the 50th Anniversary of the Richard J. Dorer State Forest. Special events will include puppet shows, Arbor Day planting, forest history presentation, and Snakes Alive Program. In addition, numerous youth, adult, and family events are planned. Special appearance by Smokey Bear. For directions and more information, visit the online calendar at [mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov) or call 651-345-3401.





## Hill Annex Mine State Park

218-247-7215

### Hill Annex Mine Tours

218-247-7215

#### Fossil Tour **F**

Wednesday through Saturday,  
May 25–Sept. 3 10–11:30 a.m.

Learn about the fossils in the park and look for prehistoric fossils during this tour. Keep your discoveries!

Adults: \$10  
Children ages 5-12: \$6  
Children under 5: Free

#### Mine Tour **F**

Wednesday through Saturday,  
May 25–Sept. 3 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Join us for a 90-minute tour and follow the route miners took to the open-pit mine. Learn about the mine's history and see some large-scale machines no longer in operation.

Adults: \$10  
Children ages 5-12: \$6  
Children under 5: Free



## Interstate State Park

651-465-5711

Sunday, May 8 10–11 a.m.

### Mother's Day Walk

Treat the mom in your life to a beautiful walk along the River Trail. A naturalist will be along to point out the signs of spring. Find wildflowers and colorful returning birds. This leisurely walk will include some rocky terrain. Please wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the park office.



Fridays, May 27 to Aug. 26 4–5 p.m.

### I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays

Are you new to fishing and want to give it a try? Then explore the basics of fishing and fish identification during this weekly program with a park naturalist. Rods, reels and bait will be provided. Minnesota residents may fish from shore at the park without a license. Meet at the River Amphitheater.

### Pothole Exploration Tours

The park's world-renowned potholes were formed 10,000 years ago from lakes of lava and gushing glacial waters! On this guided walk through the Glacial Gardens, a naturalist will share tales of the St. Croix River and point out fascinating geologic formations. One-hour tours are offered daily at noon, as well as at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, May 27–Sept. 5. Meet at the visitor center.

### Geocaching 101

Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet at the River Amphitheater.

Saturday, June 11: Free park admission! 10–11 a.m.  
Saturday, June 25 10–11 a.m.  
Sunday, July 10 10–11 a.m.  
Saturday, July 23 10–11 a.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 13 10–11 a.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 3 10–11 a.m.

INTERSTATE STATE PARK *continued*

Sunday, June 12 9 a.m.–noon, 1–3 p.m.  
**Fly-fishing Workshop**

Join National Park Ranger John Weinberg, the Fly Fishing Federation and the St. Paul Fly Tiers for fly-fishing instruction. The morning session consists of fundamentals, equipment and fly tying. The afternoon consists of casting demonstrations, with hands-on instruction in small groups. Bring your own equipment or it will be provided for your use. Meet at the River Amphitheater.

Mondays, June 13–Aug. 15 10–11 a.m.  
**Little Explorers**

Through stories, activities and a craft, our smallest visitors learn about a new letter of nature's alphabet each week (e.g.: B is for Bird). This program is for kids ages three to six, accompanied by an adult. Meet at the visitor center.

Saturday, June 25 7–8 p.m.  
**Live Frogs with Randy Korb**

Leap into the world of frogs with naturalist Randy Korb, who will share his knowledge of Minnesota species, their calls and their lifestyles. Meet at the River Amphitheater.

Saturday, July 9 1–5 p.m.  
**Wet and Wild St. Croix River Day**

Explore the wet and wild St. Croix River through hands-on activities and demonstrations. Catch a live fish, meet a SCUBA diver, create a fishy craft and much more. Stop by anytime at the park's boat landing.

Saturday, Aug. 6 11 a.m.–3 p.m.  
**Rock On! Geology Day**

Try out rock climbing with instructors from Vertical Endeavors. Discover the park's world-famous potholes on a guided tour, make your own rockin' creation, take part in a mock pothole dig and much more. Meet at the north end of the park.



## Itasca State Park

218-699-7251

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11  
**24th Annual Ozawindib Walk** **R**

Register and take a three-mile hike during the 24th Annual Ozawindib Walk. Sponsored by Friends of Itasca State Park, the walk commemorates Ozawindib, the Ojibwe guide who led Henry R. Schoolcraft to the Headwaters of the Mississippi River in 1832. Following the hike, participate in a variety of family activities. Call 218-699-7251 for more information.

Sunday, June 12 12:30–3 p.m.

### **Fourth Annual Picnic in the Park**

Come out for an afternoon of food and old-fashioned outdoor fun. Throughout the day, enjoy a variety of outdoor recreation, games and more. The Park Rapids Community Band will perform from 2 to 3 p.m. Bring a picnic or purchase grilled hot dogs, chips and pop, and join us in celebrating 120 years of a picnicking and camping tradition in Itasca State Park.

Wednesdays, June 15–Aug. 31 10:30–11:15 a.m.

### **Circle Time Under the Pines**

Children two to five years old, come explore and have fun at Itasca. Learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts and outdoor discovery. NOTE: Adults must accompany children. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying your meal at the park. Meet by the Museum Amphitheater (look for a large blanket underneath a big pine tree), below Wegmann's Store. Program will be held in the lakeside museum if raining.

Thursday, July 7 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

### **Wet and Wild Mississippi River Day!**

Discover the wonders of the Mississippi River at a variety of information stations around the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center and the pathway to the Mississippi Headwaters. Learn about the people, wildlife and plants that make the river home. Experiment with river dynamics as you build a "mini" boat from natural plant materials. Many activities for all ages!

Saturday, July 16 1–3 p.m.

### **17th Annual Butterfly Hike**

Join John Weber, local butterfly monitor, for a short slide presentation followed by a butterfly ID walk. This family-friendly hike is in conjunction with the annual North American Butterfly Association (NABA) Butterfly Count Program held across the nation. Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center.

Thursday, July 21 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

### **Seventh Annual Smokey Bear Day!**

Join Smokey Bear and DNR smokechasers for an afternoon of family-friendly events and fire facts. Learn about Minnesota's forests, make a variety of forest crafts, wear "fire" art face paintings, have your picture taken with Smokey, and more! Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center.

Saturday, July 23 8–9 p.m.

### **Wolves!** **R**

Join Tom Stursa with the Park Rapids Area DNR Wildlife Office as he shares interesting facts about the history of gray wolves. Meet at the Amphitheater/Campfire Ring below Wegmann's Cabin in the picnic grounds. Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center if raining. NOTES: An optional howling tour, weather permitting, will follow. Space is limited and sign-up is required. Howl portion is dependent on weather. Bring your own vehicle and insect repellent. Stop by the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center or call 218-699-7251 to register.



ITASCA STATE PARK *continued*

Saturday, July 30 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Folkssports Walk and Bike** **F**

Folkssports are leisure-time activities for people of all ages. Register at Forest Inn, \$2 per person. Walk includes 7K and 3K loops, or whatever distance participant is able to finish. The bike rail follows the Wilderness Road loop. Sponsored by NorthStar Trail Travelers, 612-529-0552 or [www.nstt.org](http://www.nstt.org).

Tuesday, Aug. 2 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Third Annual Discover Itasca's Forest Day**

Join us to learn about the care, management and wonders of Itasca State Park's forests. Learn to identify the common trees of the park, discover a variety of tree-damaging insect pests, tour a pine plantation, and learn how foresters manage trees for future generations. These family-friendly activities will be held around the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center.

Saturday, Aug. 27

**Fifth Annual North Country Hiking Fest**

Come out for a day focusing on the national North Country Trail. There will be guided hikes, food, children's activities and more throughout the park. Presented by the Itasca Moraine and Laurentian Lakes Chapters of the North Country Trail Association. Call 218-699-7251 for more information.

**Jay Cooke State Park**

218-384-4610



Saturday, June 11 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

**Outdoor Adventures Day**

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Stop in anytime for an outdoor adventure filled with family activities. Learn how to build a campfire, put up a tent, cast for fish, cook outdoors and use a GPS. Meet at the River Inn Interpretive Center.



Fridays, June 17–Sept. 2 1–3 p.m.

**I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays**

Join us to learn about fishing: species identification, casting, equipment and more. Then spend a little time fishing along the shore of the river. Equipment, bait, and instruction provided. Minnesota residents do not need a fishing license. Meet at the River Inn Interpretive Center.

Sunday, June 19

1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: I Can Fish!**

Get off the couch and find new ways to discover the outdoors! Each week you'll have fun learning the basics of an activity while exploring the outdoors. The "Sundays Outdoors" series of programs occurs weekly from June 19 to Sept. 4. Check the event calendar online for dates and topics. This week: Learn all about fishing: identifying, casting, equipment and more. Equipment, bait, and instruction provided. Minnesota residents do not need a fishing license. Meet at the River Inn Interpretive Center.

Thursdays, June 23 to Aug. 11

1–2:30 p.m.

Saturdays, Aug. 20 and Aug. 27

1–2:30 p.m.

**Nature Play**

Explore the outdoors during this kids' program series. Each week we'll have fun checking out a different topic (e.g.: Incredible Insects) through games and hands-on activities. See the website for details or call 218-384-4610 for more information.

Sunday, June 26

1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: Camping 101**

This week: Learn how to build a campfire, how to stay comfortable in any weather, sample some items you've cooked over an open fire, and what should be on your packing list. Meet at the River Inn Interpretive Center.

Saturday, July 2

1–2 p.m.

**Through the Lens: Digital Photography**

Discover the park through a camera lens. Learn tips and tricks for taking memorable photographs as we take a short nature walk. Bring your own camera or borrow one of ours. Meet at the River Inn Interpretive Center.

Saturday, July 9

3:30–5 p.m.

**Archery in the Park** **R**

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided; register by calling the park.

Sunday, July 10

1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: Archery**

This week: Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for ages eight and older. Equipment is provided. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Join us anytime during this program and try your hand at target shooting. Meet at the River Inn Interpretive Center.

Sunday, July 17

1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: Biking Adventures**

See listing on page 60 for details.



JAY COOKE STATE PARK *continued*

Saturday, July 23 1–3 p.m.

**Wildlife Adventures Day**

Stop in at the River Inn Interpretive Center anytime for a family-friendly, wild adventure. Become a track detective, investigate skulls and bones, see a snake up close, meet the magnificent monarch or learn how birds fly.

Sunday, July 24 1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: Camping 101**

See previous listing for details.

Sunday, July 31 1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: Geocaching 101** **R**

This week: After learning about geocaching and how to use a GPS unit, explore the park for hidden caches. A limited number of GPS units are available. Registration required; call 218-384-4610.

3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 – 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7

**Becoming an Outdoors Woman—Biking and Outdoor Skills Weekend** **R** **F**

This is a new class offered by Minnesota state parks and BOW. Outdoor-skill classes include a four-hour bike ride on the Willard Munger State Trail, geocaching, a geology hike, Dutch oven class with dinner, and beginning archery. Two nights camper cabin lodging, Saturday dinner, instruction and equipment are included. You'll need your own bike and helmet. Cost is \$60, limit of 24. Register by calling Linda Bylander at 218-833-8628.

Sunday, Aug. 7 noon–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: Archery**

See previous listing for details.

Sunday, Aug. 21 1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: Geocaching 101**

See previous listing for details.

Sunday, Aug. 28 1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: I Can Fish!**

See previous listing for details.

Sunday, Sept. 4 1–3 p.m.

**Sundays Outdoors: Biking Adventures**

See page 60 for details.



Explore Minnesota Tourism

**Lac qui Parle State Park**

320-734-4450 ext. 225

Friday, April 1 8–10 p.m.

**Minnesota Star Watch with Mike Lynch**

Join us for a night of star watching with meteorologist Mike Lynch from WCCO Radio. The prairie sky will give you the perfect view, and Mike will tell stories about constellations. The presentation will start in the Education Center and will be followed by star watching with Mike's telescopes. Bring warm clothes and lawn chairs.

Saturday, May 14 1–3 p.m.

Saturday, May 28 1–3 p.m.

**Go Fly a Kite!**

Have some fun and use the prairies for what they are known for: wind! Park staff will track the longest kite-in-flight and the highest-flying kite, and prizes will be awarded. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the upper campground.

Saturday, May 28 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 30 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**The World According to Billy Thompson**

Local historian Billy Thompson will give a presentation on the history of Milan and the Lac qui Parle area. Billy, owner and operator of The Arv Hus Museum in Milan, will share stories and interesting life lessons. Meet at the Lower Campground Warming Shelter on May 28. On July 30, meet at the Education Center.

**FREE  
Park  
Entry**

Saturday, June 11 9 a.m.–noon

**I Can Fish!**

Bring your family to the boat and dock access on the west side of Lac qui Parle Lake at the lower campground. Park staff and volunteers will help kids fish and identify the fish caught. No license is required when fishing from shore in the state park if you are a Minnesota resident. Equipment is limited, bring your own equipment if you have it. Meet at the boat access.

Saturday, July 9 1–4 p.m.

**The Beach Rocks!**

Bring swimsuits, sunscreen and curiosity to the park's swimming beach, where kids will have fun learning about rocks and minerals of Minnesota through various hands-on activities.

Saturday, Aug. 21 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Dragonfly and Damselfly Workshop**

Spend a day outdoors learning about and identifying dragonflies and damselflies! Co-sponsored by the Minnesota Odonata Survey Project in conjunction with Rich Baker. Meet at the education center. Call 218-353-7443 or visit [mndragonfly.org](http://mndragonfly.org) for more information.



Jim Williams

## Lake Bemidji State Park

218-308-2300

Saturday, May 14 8–10:30 a.m.

### Annual Spring Bird Survey

All levels of birders are invited to search for returning birds from Lake Bemidji to the Bog Walk and through aspen and jack-pine woods. Meet at the visitor center.

### Weekly Pontoon Trips **R**

Naturalist-led pontoon tours explore different themes and areas of the park each week, weather permitting. On the “Paul Bunyan’s Footprint” tour, we will discover the history of the first city on the Mississippi. On the “Explore the Mississippi River” tour, we will travel to the northernmost point on the Mississippi River. On the “Explore Lake Bemidji” tour, we will discover the seasonal changes and lake water quality as we explore Lake Bemidji. Check with the park for dates and times. Registration required; call 218-308-2300.

Sunday, May 29 8–10 a.m.

### All Camp Pancake Breakfast **F**

Join us for an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages seven to 12 and free for children age six and under. All proceeds are used to fund a variety of special park projects. This breakfast is sponsored by the Friends of Lake Bemidji State Park. Meet at the park dining hall.

Sundays, May 29–July 3 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Bog Watcher Sundays

The naturalist will be roving the boardwalk to help you locate the flowers of the bog. During this period of late May to early July visitors will find a variety of orchids in bloom and insect-eating plants.

Sundays, June 5–Aug. 28 1:30–2:30 p.m.

### Performing Arts on Stage

Enjoy outdoor performances ranging from bluegrass and pop music to old-time melodrama. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the park. Hosted by Headwaters School of Music and the Arts and Bemidji Community Theater. Check with the park for specific performance schedule.

Sunday, July 31 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

### Folkssports Walk and Bike **F**

Meet friends and walk scenic trails at your own pace for fun, fitness and friendship. Register at the picnic area, \$2 per person. The bike event will be on the Paul Bunyan State Trail. Sponsored by NorthStar Trail Travelers, 612-529-0552 or [www.nstt.org](http://www.nstt.org).



Every other Friday, June 17–Sept. 2 8:30–11:30 a.m.

### I Can Fish! Kids' Fishing Fridays **R**

Kids ages seven to 15 are invited on this guided fishing trip to develop fishing skills and explore our lake environment. For safety reasons, the program is limited to nine young anglers. Call 218-308-2300 to register. Join us once or many times every other Friday, June 17 through Sept. 2.

Sunday, July 31 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

### International Bog Festival

The festival will be a celebration of the beauty of bogs and conservation awareness. A naturalist will be on the boardwalk to reveal the bogs' hidden mystery and value in the natural world.

Sunday, Sept. 4 8–10 a.m.

### All Camp Pancake Breakfast **F**

See previous listing for details.



## Lake Bronson State Park

218-754-2200

Saturday, May 7 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

### GreenTouch Volunteer Day

Our annual cleanup day is a great opportunity to help improve the park and give to your community. You are invited to clear trails and campsites, rake and assist with other cleanup projects. This event is sponsored by PKM Electric Cooperative. Stop by anytime and join the fun! Meet at the park office.

Saturday, July 16 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Minnesota Odonata Dragonfly Workshop

Join us for a presentation at the Visitor Center and then take a field trip to search for different dragonfly species in the park.

Saturday, Aug. 6 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 7 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

### International Woodcarvers Festival

See how expert craftsmen and women from all over the world create works of art out of nothing more than a block of wood. In addition to the craft show and vendor stands, the festival includes a carnival with fun and games for kids, live music, an ice-cream social, and a steak fry.





## Lake Carlos State Park

320-852-7200

Friday, June 10 1–5 p.m.

### Aquatic Explorations

Tour Lake Carlos by pontoon with biologists as we explore the life of the lake and factors that affect it. Help monitor the effects of invasive zebra mussels on Lake Carlos by installing equipment to track their growth. Interact with biologists and enjoy free fishing from the shore of the park. All equipment provided. Meet at the amphitheater.

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

### National Get Outdoors Day BioBlitz

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Family activities and food will be provided, then explore the park by accompanying experts from many organizations as we try to identify every living creature on the Maple Basswood Trail during a BioBlitz.

### Geocaching 101

Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet at the visitor center.

Saturday, June 18 1–2 p.m.

Saturday, July 16 1–2 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20 1–2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 3 1–2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21–Thursday, June 23 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Nature Expert Summer Camp **R** **F**

This multi-day program will provide transportation to explore the prairies of Glacial Lakes State Park, the pines of Itasca State Park, and the hardwoods of Lake Carlos State Park. Intended for kids ages eight to 14, this day camp allows participants to earn patches and prizes. To register and for more information, call 320-852-7200. Program offered in partnership with Alexandria Community Education.

Saturday, July 2 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Family Fishing Frenzy

Bring the whole family for a day of fishing fun. Learn all about fish; from how to catch and clean them to where they live and what they like to eat. Fish for free from the shores of the park. Other activities include fish printing, lure making and pop can casting. Meet at the amphitheater. All equipment provided.



Friday, July 8 1–5 p.m.

### Aquatic Explorations

See previous listing for details.

Fridays, July 8–July 29 7–8 p.m.

### DNR Jobs

Meet the people who preserve and protect our outdoor heritage, from fish biologists and archeologists to conservation officers and park rangers. Equipment, tricks of the trade, stories and activities will be shared by a different professional each Friday. Call 320-852-7200 for more information.

Saturday, Aug. 13 10 a.m.–noon

### Edible Bike Ride **R**

See listing on page 58 for details.



Rolf Hagberg

## Lake Louise State Park

507-324-5249

Saturday, July 30 10 a.m.–noon, 1–3 p.m.,  
or 3:30–5:30 p.m.

### Paddle Time **R**

This naturalist-led paddle is an opportunity for novice canoeists to get on the water and learn about the park and about canoeing. All safety gear and canoes are provided. Registration is required; call 507-937-3251.





## Lake Maria State Park

763-878-2325

Sunday, April 10 1–2 p.m.

### *The Amazing Hummingbird*

Join naturalist and photographer Stan Tekiela as he shares his incredible photos of Minnesota's tiniest bird. You will learn about the hummingbird's natural history during this indoor presentation. Meet at the trail/interpretive center.

Saturday, April 16 11 a.m.–noon

### *All Things Connected*

The Minnesota Zoo-mobile will be on hand for this live animal presentation, focusing on how Minnesota animals are connected. Meet at the trail/interpretive center.

Saturday, April 30 10–11 a.m.

### *Fish of Lake Maria*

DNR Fisheries personnel will be on hand for a show-and-tell of fish that can be found in Maria Lake. You'll see live fish, learn their habits and may even pick up a few fishing tips. Meet at the trail/interpretive center.

Saturday, May 7 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### *GreenTouch Volunteer Day* **R**

Here's your chance to volunteer at Lake Maria for spring cleanup projects. Come prepared to work outdoors. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Volunteers will not need a vehicle permit for the day. Registration required; call 763-878-2325.

Saturday, May 14 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

### *Backpack Camping Workshop*

Come to a series of hands-on camping demonstrations to help you plan and enjoy a backpacking trip. Topics include: camping equipment, setting up your campsite, cooking, "Leave No Trace" ethics, rope skills and outdoor safety. Refreshments and snacks provided. Call 763-878-2325 for the schedule of events.

Saturday, June 11 11 a.m.–noon

### *Raptor Center Program*

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! The Raptor Center will be at the park with live birds for this popular program. You'll enjoy a close-up view of the raptors while you learn about their natural history.

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry



## Lake Shetek State Park

507-763-3256

Friday, July 1 9–10 p.m.

### *Universe in the Park*

The University of Minnesota Astronomy Department will take you on a spectacular tour of the night sky. After a short presentation, you are invited to view planets, stars and other celestial sights through telescopes. If it's cloudy, the presentation will still occur. Meet at the picnic grounds amphitheater.

Saturday, July 9 1–3 p.m.

### *I Can Fish!* **R**

This is a family-oriented fishing program that will teach basic fishing skills and safety. No experience is necessary and we will supply the rods and reels for you! All minors must be accompanied by an adult. This program is co-sponsored by MinnAqua. Minnesota residents do not need a fishing license to participate. Registration is required; call 507-763-3256.

Friday, Aug. 19 9–10 p.m.

### *Steven's Panorama*

View the Steven's Panorama, a collection of paintings that were created by Rochester artist John Stevens that told the story of the tragedy at Lake Shetek to the people of the Upper Midwest. Meet at the picnic grounds amphitheater.

Saturday, Aug. 20 9–10 p.m.

### *A Visitor from the Past*

Learn about the early settlers of Lake Shetek who had a dream for a settlement and a new life. Meet Mrs. Lavina Eastlick, one of the settlers from the past, as she shares her story of how life changed during the U.S.-Dakota Conflict of 1862. Meet at the picnic grounds amphitheater.





Tom Thulen

## Lake Vermilion State Park

c/o Soudan Underground Mine State Park:  
218-753-2245

Saturday, June 25–Sunday, June 26      noon–noon  
**Lake Vermilion BioBlitz 2011**

Join scientists, natural resource specialists and naturalists to help inventory various plant and animal species at Minnesota's newest state park. The goal is to count as many species of plants and animals as possible in a particular area within a 24-hour timeframe. The event will be outside rain or shine; please dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. Call 218-753-2245 or go to [mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov) for more information and a complete schedule of events.



Rolf Hagberg

## Maplewood State Park

218-863-8383

Saturday, June 4      1:30–2:30 p.m.  
**"Diary of a Worm" Children's Program**

Join Mary for story time and to create a project that goes with the story! "Diary of a Worm" by Doreen Cronin and Harry Bliss is a wonderful story from a worm's point of view. Children will be making worm bookmarks and must be accompanied by an adult. Ask at the office for location.

Saturday, June 4      4–5 p.m.

## Campfire Cooking 101 **R F**

Campers will be given the opportunity to prepare and taste several campfire-made dishes. This class is open to the whole family; children must attend with an adult. All supplies are included. Reservations required; call 218-863-8383. Cost is \$3/person.

Saturday, July 2      1:30–2:30 p.m.

## "All About Deer" Children's Program

Join Mary for story time and have fun creating a project that goes with the story! "All About Deer" by Jim Arnosky teaches children about deer and their eating habits and habitats. Children will be making deer headbands and playing a game. Ask at the office for location.

Saturday, Aug. 6      1:30–2:30 p.m.

## "Box Turtle at Long Pond" Children's Program

Join Mary for story time and have fun creating a project that goes with the story! "Box Turtle at Long Pond" by William T. George is the story of a turtle's day. Children will be making turtle sun catchers. Ask at the office for location.

Saturday, Aug. 6      4–5 p.m.

## Sand Candles

Make a beautiful candle using items from nature. This class is open to the whole family; children must attend with an adult. Ask at the office for location.



## Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

320-532-3269

## Archery in the Park

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided; stop by the interpretive center anytime.

Friday, May 27      5–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 18      1–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 16      9–11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 6      2–4:30 p.m.

MILLE LACS KATHIO STATE PARK *continued*

Saturday, May 28 10 a.m.–noon

**Outdoor Photography Workshop**

Bring your camera for an outdoor photography expedition with professional photographer Steve Kohls. Learn about tips, techniques, and equipment. Meet at the interpretive center.



Fridays, June 10–Sept. 2 3–5 p.m.

**I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays**

Join us every Friday, June 10 through Sept. 2, as we learn all about fishing by identifying species, casting and more. Then take your skills and fish with us along the shore of the Rum River. Equipment, bait and instruction are provided. Minnesota residents do not need a fishing license. Meet at the interpretive center.

Sunday, June 12 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Outdoor Recreation Day**

See and try out recreation gear, including fishing tackle, canoes, kayaks, archery equipment and camping gear. Skills sessions include campfire building, camp cooking, wilderness camping, Leave No Trace, kids' casting range, geocaching and Archery in the Park. The bird-watching class begins at 9 a.m. Displays and skills sessions begin at 10 a.m. Geocaching 101 begins at 1 p.m.

**Geocaching 101**

Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet at the interpretive center.

Saturday, June 25 11 a.m.–noon

Sunday, July 10 11 a.m.–noon

Saturday, Aug. 13 11 a.m.–noon

Saturday, July 23 8–9 p.m.

**Remarkable Reptiles**

Live turtles, lizards and snakes will illustrate this family-oriented program about reptiles. Meet at the council ring next to the interpretive center. In case of rain, the program will be held inside the interpretive center.

Saturday, July 30 10 a.m.–noon

**Outdoor Photography Workshop**

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, Aug. 27 8:30–10 p.m.

**Universe in the Park**

The University of Minnesota Astronomy Department will take you on a spectacular tour of the night sky. After a short indoor presentation, participants are invited to view planets, stars and other celestial sights through telescopes. If it's cloudy, the indoor presentation will still occur. Meet at the interpretive center.

**Moose Lake State Park**

218-485-5420

Saturdays, June 25 and Aug. 13 4–6 p.m.

**Archery in the Park**

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight and older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided; meet in the picnic area.

**FREE  
Park  
Entry**

Saturday, July 16

**"Agate Days" Open House**

Free admission into the park today! Celebrate the wonder of Lake Superior Agates in conjunction with Moose Lake's "Agate Days" Festival. Visitors may explore the park's Agate/Geological Center and the fascinating gem and mineral displays. This popular, local festival features a two-day gem and mineral show, music, art, food and the world famous "Agate Stampede." Call the park for more information.

**Nerstrand Big Woods State Park**

507-333-4840



Sunday, May 29 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

**Minnesota Folkssport Walk**

Join the Northstar Trail Travelers at the park and enjoy the company of fellow walkers on the trails as you converse or listen to the sounds of nature. Experience the tranquility of the park trails while getting some exercise. Call the park for more details.





## Old Mill State Park

218-437-8174

Thursday, July 28

11 a.m.–4 p.m.

### **Grinding Day**

Stop by anytime to witness the newly-restored, century-old gristmill and steam engine as it grinds flour the old-fashioned way. Listen to Lars Larson describe life at the mill and imagine life in the late 19th century. The pioneer cabin will be open for viewing, and fresh, stoneground flour will be available for purchase.



## Rice Lake State Park

507-455-5871



Saturday, May 28

### **Volksmarch**

Join the Northstar Trail Travelers at the park and enjoy the company of fellow walkers on the trails as you converse or listen to the sounds of nature. Experience the tranquility of the park trails while getting some exercise. Call the park for more information.



## St. Croix State Park

320-384-6591

Saturday, May 14

2–3:30 p.m.

### **Geocaching 101**

Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet in the St. Croix Lodge.

Saturday, June 4

noon–4 p.m.

### **In Shape, Outdoors!**

See listing on page 60 for details.

Thursday, June 16

noon–8 p.m.

### **Bird Bonanza Weekend**

Attention bird enthusiasts: Join us for St. Croix State Parks's third annual bird count and programs including Live Raptor, Birding for Beginners, Build a Bluebird House, Nighttime Owl Prowl, Photo Contest, and much more! Birding kits can be checked out for free at the park. See full schedule online.

Friday, June 24

6–8 p.m.

### **Going Batty** **R** **F**

Meet the naturalist in the picnic area to learn why we should encourage, not fear, bats. Make your own bat house to bring home by reserving a \$7 kit by calling 320-384-6591; one per family.

Friday, July 1–Sunday, July 3

### **Outdoor Independence Weekend**

The weekend will feature programs for all skill levels. Topics will include archery, geocaching, paddling, fishing, campsite skills and a very special campground cook-off! Call 320-384-6591 or see online calendar for full schedule of events and cook-off registration.

Saturday, July 2

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Friday, July 22

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

### **Archery in the Park**

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided; meet at the All Seasons Trail Center parking lot.

ST. CROIX STATE PARK *continued*

Saturday, July 9 2–3:30 p.m.

**Build a Bluebird House** **R** **F**

Love birds? Encourage the bluebird, traditionally a symbol of happiness, to live in your backyard by building a bird house. This is an inexpensive and easy project, even for the least-experienced woodworker. Reserve your \$4 birdhouse kit by calling 320-384-6050. Limit two per family.

Saturday, July 16 2–4:30 p.m.

**Canoe Caravan** **F**

Travel like the first explorers on a two-hour (five-mile) trip down the peaceful St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Canoes and kayaks are available to rent. Reserve your boat and get more information by calling 320-384-0508. Meet outside the camp store.

Saturday, July 23 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Digital Nature Photography** **R**

Come to the St. Croix Lodge for an introduction to nature photography. Cameras provided. Please call 320-384-6050 to register.

Saturday, July 30 2–3:30 p.m.

**Build a Bluebird House** **R** **F**

See previous listing for details.

Friday, Aug. 5 3–4:30 p.m.

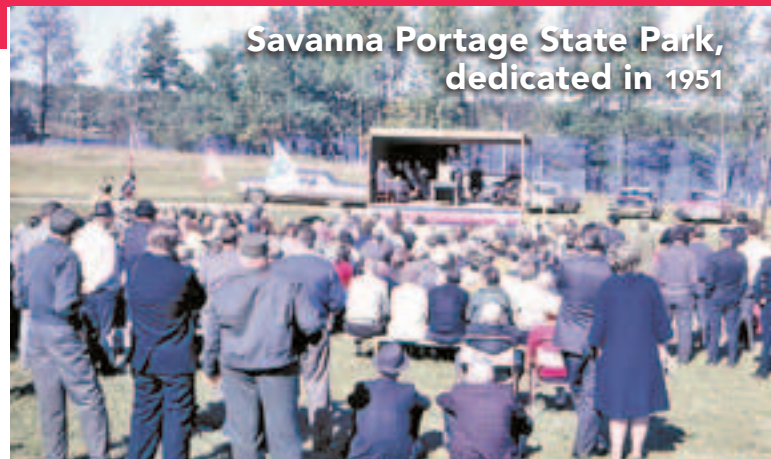
**CCC GeoHunt**

Remnants of the abandoned Civilian Conservation Corps camp tell the story of the CCC workers. Use a GPS to find the hidden clues and uncover the story! Allow time to bike or walk the 1.5-mile trail to meet at the camp. GPS units available for free checkout.

Saturday, Aug. 20 3–5:30 p.m.

**Archery in the Park**

See previous listing for details.

Savanna Portage State Park,  
dedicated in 1951

## Savanna Portage State Park

218-426-3271

**Archery in the Park**

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided. Please ask the park office for directions.

Saturday, June 18

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 13

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

**50th Birthday Celebration**

Join us for the park's 50th anniversary! Your family will enjoy a fun-filled day of hiking, canoe lessons, cultural and nature presentations, and other activities on this historic day. Discover why this park came to be and the role it played in history. Cake served while it lasts!

## Scenic State Park

218-743-3362

Saturday, May 28

7–8 p.m.

**History of the CCC**

Learn about the Civilian Conservation Corps and how they helped build Scenic State Park. Find out how the New Deal Act allowed the country to survive through the Great Depression while building memorable places. Meet at the historic CCC Lodge.

Saturday, May 28

2:30–3:30 p.m.

**Plants 101**

Join us for a walk to learn the multiple uses of plants and how to identify a good plant from a poisonous plant. Meet at the historic CCC Lodge for this hour of interesting facts. In case of rain, the program will be in the lodge.





## Sibley State Park

320-354-2055

Saturday, April 16 2–3 p.m.

### *Bluebird Conservation Story*

Come see the beautiful eastern bluebird. Listen to its story and find out what you can do to help it survive and thrive. There will be a drawing for a free bluebird poster! Meet at the interpretive center.

Saturday, May 21 9–10 a.m.

### *Bird Songs of the Forest*

The forest is alive with the songs and calls of birds. With the help of a “birdsong identifiyer” we will identify different bird songs and discuss the reasons for singing. Meet at the interpretive center.

Saturday, June 18 10–11 a.m.

### *Geocaching 101* **R**

Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Children must be age eight and older and accompanied by an adult. Registration required; sign up at interpretive center or call 320-354-2055.

Saturday, July 16 10–11 a.m.

### *Prairie Wildflower ID and Use*

Take a stroll to examine and identify native prairie wildflowers and explore their historical uses. We will also examine the park staff’s efforts to restore this rare natural resource. Free prairie wildflower poster! Meet at the interpretive center.

Saturday, Aug. 13 10–11:30 a.m.

### *Digital Photography 101*

Learn how to enjoy the outdoors using a digital camera. Take a walk with a park naturalist to learn how to take pictures and share your nature discoveries! Digital camera provided. Limit 12; must be age 14 or older or accompanied by an adult. Sign up at the interpretive center or call 320-354-2055 for more information. Meet at the interpretive center.

## Take-A-Kid Fishing Weekend



Minnesotans who want to catch some quality family time are encouraged to take advantage of Take-A-Kid Fishing weekend, which is June 10–12, 2011. Minnesota residents age 16 and older can fish for free during these days when they accompany an angler age 15 or under. Visit [mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov) for more information including videos, fishing locations, fishing regulations and fish ID.



Admission is FREE to all Minnesota state parks on June 11.







## Soudan Underground Mine Tours

### \*Mine Tours **F**

May 28–Sept. 30 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Weekends in October (except Oct. 29 and 30)

Explore the world of underground mining on this 90-minute tour. Grab a hard hat and descend half-a-mile into the earth. Enjoy a short train ride to the last and deepest area mined. Wear sturdy shoes and bring warm clothes for the mine's 51 °F temperature. A perfect way to beat the heat!

### \*Physics Lab Tours **F**

May 28–Sept. 30 Call for tour times  
Weekends in October (except Oct. 29 and 30)

The Soudan Underground Laboratory is the leading deep underground science and engineering laboratory in the United States. Scientists from around the world have been working there for more than 25 years, trying to answer numerous questions: Is matter completely stable? What is the nature of fundamental forces? Can we identify the Dark Matter that seems to permeate our universe? Learn the meanings of acronyms like MINOS detector (Main Injector Neutrino Oscillation Search), CDMS (Cryogenic Dark Matter Search), and WIMP (Weakly Interacting Massive Particles).

\*All tours meet at the visitor center. Groups of 10 or more should call 218-753-2245 for reservations. There is a minimum charge of \$90 per tour for groups (\$40 for school groups) with a 15-day advance reservation.

Tour rates for individuals:

Adults (age 13+): \$10

Youth (age 5–12): \$6

Children under 5: No charge

## Soudan Underground Mine State Park

218-753-2245

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11 noon–4 p.m.

### *Vermilion Drift Book Signing*

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Join us for a book signing as William Kent Krueger, author of *Vermilion Drift*, visits the park. Find out more about the book and experience the mine around which Krueger modeled his story, and have fun.

Tuesday, June 21 6:30–8 p.m.

### *Geocaching 101*

Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet at the visitor center.

Saturday, June 25–Sunday, June 26 noon–noon

### *Lake Vermilion BioBlitz 2011*

See "Lake Vermilion State Park" listing on page 34.

Saturday, July 16 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

### *Heritage Day Celebration*

Celebrate the heritage of the Iron Range with mine tours, blacksmithing and rock-knapping demonstrations, archery instruction, geology and nature hikes, traditional food and music, and many other family activities. A schedule of activities will be available at the visitor center.

Tuesday, July 19 7–8:30 p.m.

### *The Early Days of the Duluth & Iron Range Railroad*

Mining here would not have been possible without the Duluth & Iron Range Railroad. Learn about the railroad during its early years from historian Todd Lindahl. The program will discuss structures, locomotives and other aspects of the railroad and its impact on the Iron Range. Meet at the visitor center.

### *Batty About Bats*

Join us in a search for these "creatures of the night" and learn their special adaptations and abilities. The evening includes games, songs and the chance to see the bats begin their nightly search for food. The program is held outside; dress appropriately. Meet at the Alaska Shaft (use the winter/service entrance to the park).

Tuesday, July 26 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 1 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 6 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 7–9 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 23 8–9:30 p.m.

### *Night Sky of the Northwoods*

Join us on a spectacular tour of the night skies. After a short presentation, you will see celestial sights through viewing devices. If it is cloudy, an indoor presentation will still occur. Please use the winter (service) entrance and park by the park office. Be sure to dress for being outdoors. You will be directed where to go from the parking area.



## Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

218-226-6377

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### *Split Rock Lighthouse Open House*

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Visitors can tour the historic lighthouse and explore the park free of charge. Call 218-226-6377 for more information.

Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

### *Split Rock Lighthouse Children's Day*

This popular annual event is highlighted by free historic site tours for kids age 17 and under. Visitors will hear stories of the children who have lived there and join in special games, crafts, and a foghorn sound-alike contest.

Friday, July 29 9:30–11:30 a.m.

### *Biking into the North Shore's Past*

See listing on page 58 for details.



## Temperance River State Park

218-663-7476

Friday, June 24 9–10 p.m.

### *Minnesota's Mysterious Moose*

Join us for a slideshow about Minnesota's largest wild animal. You will be introduced to this elusive creature of the Northland. Meet near the shower building in the upper campground and bring a blanket or chair to sit on.



## Tettegouche State Park

218-226-6365

Thursday, June 16 10–11:30 a.m.

### *Nature Cart: Geocaching*

Stop by the nature cart near the park office parking lot to discover the fascinating challenge of geocaching. Explore hidden treasures and learn about history and wildlife at Minnesota state parks. A limited number of GPS units will be available free of charge.

Saturday, July 2 10–11:30 a.m.

### *Nature Cart: Geocaching*

Try geocaching and discover how this popular activity can help you learn about history and wildlife and find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. Cart will be located in the picnic grounds.

Saturday, July 9 10–11:30 a.m.

### *Nature Cart: Wild About Wolves*

Discover what makes wolves such important predators in Northern Minnesota. Located on River Gorge Path to Hidden Falls.

Saturday, July 30 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### *Archery in the Park*

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided; stop in at the park office for directions to the archery site.

Saturday, Aug. 13 10–11:30 a.m.

### *Nature Cart: Geocaching*

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, Aug. 20 8:30–9:30 p.m.

### *The Gray Wolf*

Back from the brink, the wolves of Minnesota are once again roaming the Northland. Join us for a slideshow that will introduce you to this symbol of the wilderness. Meet near the shower building in the upper campground, and bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Saturday, Sept. 3 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### *Archery in the Park*

See previous listing for details.



**TETTEGOUCHE STATE PARK** *continued*

Sunday, July 3 9–10 p.m.

**Minnesota's Mysterious Moose**

Join us for a slideshow that will introduce you to this elusive creature of the Northland. Meet outside the park office, and bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Sunday, July 10 10–11:30 a.m.

**Nature Cart: Wild About Wolves**

Stop by the nature cart near the park office to discover what makes wolves such important predators in Northern Minnesota.

Saturday, July 23 3–4:30 p.m.

**Nature Cart: Worm Woes**

Stop by the nature cart located near the park office to see how worms are having a big impact on our forests. Presentations are ongoing.

Sunday, July 31 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Archery in the Park**

Join certified archery instructors for hands-on coaching and give archery a try. This activity is suitable for anyone age eight or older. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment is not allowed due to weapons rules within Minnesota state parks. Equipment is provided; stop in at the park office for directions to the archery site.

Friday, Aug. 5 8:30–10 p.m.

**Universe in the Park**

The University of Minnesota Astronomy Department will take you on a spectacular tour of the night skies. After a short presentation, participants will see celestial sights through provided telescopes. If it is cloudy, an indoor presentation will still occur. Meet at the park office.

Saturday, Aug. 6 8:30–9:30 p.m.

**The Gray Wolf**

Back from the brink, the wolves of Minnesota are once again roaming the Northlands. Join us for a slideshow that will introduce you to this symbol of the wilderness. Meet by the park office, and bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Sunday, Aug. 14 10–11:30 a.m.

**Nature Cart: Geocaching**

See previous listing for details.

Sunday, Sept. 4 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Archery in the Park**

See previous listing for details.

**Whitewater State Park**

507-932-3007

Saturday, April 16 1–3 p.m.

**Fossil Field Trip**

Find and keep fossils of plants and animals that lived here hundreds of millions of years ago. Bring transportation; the site is nine miles from the park. Meet at the visitor center.

Sundays, May 8–Aug. 28 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Thursdays, June 2–Sept. 1 6:30–8:30 p.m.

**Bird-banding Demonstrations**

Program participants will have the opportunity to handle and release birds after they have been studied, observed and banded. Find out how wildlife researchers learn where birds go and how long they live. Meet at the visitor center.

Sunday, May 15 1–2:30 p.m.

**Wildflowers Along the Trail**

See listing on page 59 for details.

Sundays, May 29–Aug. 28 10:30 a.m.–noon

**I Can Fish! Fishing Sundays**

You can trout fish in the park! Join us at the South Picnic Area for fishing fun. Rods, reels, and tackle will be provided at this activity designed to introduce trout fishing to beginning anglers, families and youth groups. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own bait; worms work best. Fishing licenses and trout stamps are not required for this activity.

**Geocaching 101**

Discover the fun of geocaching and using a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Meet in the visitor center.

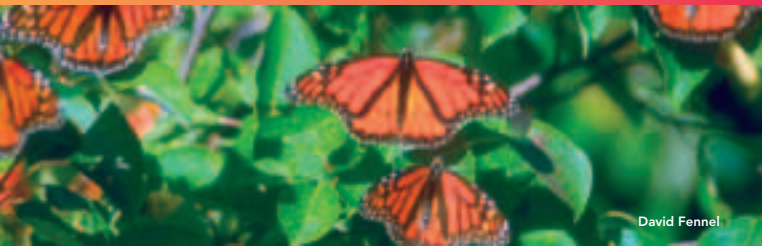
Saturday, June 4 1–2:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 16 1–2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 13 1–2:30 p.m.





WHITEWATER STATE PARK *continued*

David Fennel

Friday, June 10 7:30–8:30 p.m.

**Peregrine Falcon Walk**

After an absence of 47 years, peregrine falcons returned in 2009 to nest successfully in the park! The peregrine falcon is known for its dramatic migration and amazing flight. Meet at the Nature Store amphitheater for a walk to see the peregrines' nest. Spotting scopes and binoculars will be provided.

FREE  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11 1–4 p.m.

**National Get Outdoors Day/Family Outdoor Fair**

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Join us rain or shine at the visitor center and go between stations to try new outdoor activities. Stations will include archery, bird watching basics and live raptor presentations, fishing activities and a live trout exhibit, GPS and geocaching, introduction to hunting, making walking sticks, and making a prairie-butterfly garden!

FREE  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, June 11 1–4 p.m.

**Family Outdoor Paddling**

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Several canoes and kayaks will be at the beach for you to try during these hours. No experience is necessary – we'll teach you the basics. This is a cooperative venture with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Upper Mississippi National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.

Saturday, June 18 1–3 p.m.

**Rattlesnakes Along the Trail**

See listing on page 60 for details.

Saturday, July 9 8–11 a.m.

**Pondering Pelicans**

In the Weaver Bottoms, a fascinating Mississippi River backwaters area, we will likely see several white pelicans and other wildlife. Discover the history of the Weaver Bottoms and the many paddling opportunities in Southeastern Minnesota. This activity is in cooperation with the Upper Mississippi National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Canoes, kayaks, paddles and life jackets are available for free use, or bring your own equipment. Meet at the public water access in Weaver. Call 507-932-3007 for more information

Saturday, July 9 1–3 p.m.

**Past and Present Wildlife Along the Trail**

See listing on page 60 for details.

Friday, July 22 8:30–9:30 p.m.

**A Hardwoods Home Companion**

Join us for a quirky program featuring music, skits, and famous guests! Our sixth season of the Hardwoods Home Companion features naturalists who make learning about nature fun and entertaining! All ages will enjoy this program. Meet in the visitor center.

Saturday, Aug. 6 9–10:30 a.m.

**Birds Along the Trail**

See listing on page 60 for details.

Saturday, Aug. 13 8:30–10 p.m.

**Perseid Meteor Shower**

Experience "meteor whiplash" during the best meteor shower of the year! Members of the Hiawatha Valley Astronomical Society will provide telescopes, expertise and slides about our solar system, galaxy and beyond! There will be a program rain or shine. Meet in the visitor center.

Saturday, Aug. 13 8–11 a.m.

**Paddle a Mississippi River Trail**

Learn to canoe or kayak the Halfmoon Landing Trail. You'll find out about the many paddling opportunities in Southeastern Minnesota. Explore the backwaters and discover wildlife and other natural resources of the Upper Mississippi National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Canoes, kayaks, paddles and life jackets are available for free use, or bring your own boats and equipment. We will meet at the public water access in Weaver. Call 507-932-3007 for more information.

Saturday, Aug. 20 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**Tag a Monarch**

Learn about our amazing native butterflies. After a presentation, we will explore the park to catch, tag and release monarch butterflies. You will be part of a study of the migration of these incredible insects. Bring your own butterfly net if you have one. Meet in the visitor center.

Friday, Aug. 26 8:30–9:30 p.m.

**A Hardwoods Home Companion**

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, Aug. 27 9–11 a.m.

**Digital Photo Safari**

Participants will learn the basics of digital photography. Equipment will be provided and all participants will receive a CD featuring their photos. Children are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, Sept. 3 9–11:30 a.m.

**Tag a Monarch**

See previous listing for details.



## Wild River State Park

651-583-2125 Park Naturalist: 651-583-2925

### Spring Maple-syruping Series **R**

All are welcome to learn hands-on about the basics of maple syruping. You will learn the process of syruping from start to finish. Participants will receive a taste of the sweet treat, too! Registration required; call 651-583-2925. Limit: 30 participants per Sunday.

Sunday, April 3 11 a.m.–2 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 10 11 a.m.–2 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 17 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

### Landscape Photography Workshop **R F**

Join photographer Gary Nelson to learn the tricks to landscape photography. The morning will be spent indoors going over basic practices, and the afternoon will be spent outdoors doing more hands-on activities. Participants should bring their camera(s) and a lunch. Dress for indoor and outdoor activities. Cost is \$25/participant. Registration is required; call 651-583-2925.

Saturday, May 28 7:30–9 p.m.

### Live Frogs and Other Amphibian Encounters!

See and touch Minnesota's native frogs, toads, and salamanders with local amphibian enthusiast Randy Korb. He'll share stories about unique characteristics and facts. Meet at the amphitheater.

Saturday, June 11 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

### Seegwan Annual Spring Celebration and Open House

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! Celebrate spring with Friends of Wild River State Park. Have fun participating in activities including bird walks, seed sowing, scavenger hunts, geocaching, digital photography and a live owl presentation. Get up close to live resident snakes and make crafts to take home. Master Gardeners will be selling native wildflowers and plants. See full schedule online.

**FREE**  
Park  
Entry

Saturday, July 9 6–10 p.m.

### St. Croix Under the Stars: Moonlight Paddle **R F**

The naturalists will share legends of the river, stories of the stars and more during a 10-mile paddle on the St. Croix River. Participants are welcome to bring their own canoes or kayaks. Five canoes are available for free; call 651-583-2925 if interested. Lifejackets will be provided; bring water and snacks. We will carpool from the main boat landing to the Sunrise landing 10 miles north. Call 651-583-2925 to register.

Sunday, July 10 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Now and Then: A Guided Paddle on the Scenic St. Croix **R F**

Paddle into the past with park naturalists along 10 miles of the scenic St. Croix River. Participants are welcome to bring their own canoes or kayaks. Five canoes are available for free; call 651-583-2925 if interested. Lifejackets will be provided; bring water and snacks. Carpooling will take place from the main boat landing to the Sunrise landing 10 miles north. Call 651-583-2925 to register.

Saturday, July 16 noon–4 p.m.

### Tools from Stone! Flint Knapping

Join flintknapper Joel Osmond as he shares stories and secrets of making genuine spear tips and arrowheads during a demonstration of this ancient craft. Fun for all ages! Stop by anytime at the visitor center.

Friday, Aug. 12 9–10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 13 9–10:30 p.m.

### Perseid Meteor Shower Watch

Join astronomy enthusiast Kenny Bahmer for an evening filled with spectacular stargazing! We will begin at the visitor center with an introduction to nebulae and galaxies, followed by an opportunity to make your own star wheel. From there, drive to the Sky Observation Area near the amphitheater for a look through telescopes and for interpretation of the Perseid meteor shower. Drop-ins welcome at the Sky Observation Area.

Sunday, Aug. 14 noon–2 p.m.

### Monarch Tagging

Help track Wild River State Park's monarch butterflies as they migrate to Mexico! Discover the life of these fascinating flyers while catching and tagging them. This is a hands-on activity for all ages. Sturdy shoes and long pants are recommended for walking through the tall-grass prairie. Meet at the trail center.

Saturday, Aug. 20 6:30–8:30 p.m.

### Beneath the Big Blue Sky: Musical Performance

Join Pierre Jacques Pleau and the North Star Theater Company for pioneer spirit, folklore and friendship. The live musical performance will be followed by music and folk dancing—fun for the whole family! For more information, visit [northstartheatercompany.com](http://northstartheatercompany.com). Meet at the amphitheater.

**WILD RIVER STATE PARK** *continued*

Sunday, Aug. 21 noon–2 p.m.  
**Monarch Tagging**  
 See previous listing for details.

Friday, Aug. 26 7–9 p.m.  
**Live Musical Entertainment!**  
**Dancing Light**

Witness the nationally recognized talents of Greg and Kiki Webb of Walker. Greg's acoustic flair combined with Kiki's remarkable vocals make for an entertaining, yet relaxing, evening. Meet at the amphitheater.

Saturday, Sept. 3 11 a.m.–3 p.m.  
**Autumn Harvest Day**  
 Experience the fun of fall harvest activities. Explore the prairie through geocaching, nature photography, and crafts. Help restore Wild River State Park's prairies by collecting native seeds, get up close to our live resident snakes, and more! Stop by the trail center anytime.



## William O'Brien State Park

651-433-0500

Saturday, April 16 10:30 a.m.–noon  
**Geocaching 101** **R**  
 Discover the fun of geocaching and use a GPS unit to find hidden treasures at Minnesota state parks. You will receive hands-on training so you can participate in the statewide Geocaching Wildlife Safari, now in its final year. Bring your own GPS unit or use one of ours. Call 651-433-0500 to reserve your spot.

Saturday, May 7 11 a.m.–4 p.m.  
**Celebration for William O'Brien State Park**  
 The Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota is hosting a celebration that will include a 5K fun run, food and beverages, activities for children, raffles, and music by two local bands. Stroll through newly acquired acres, including woods, a trout stream and native prairie.



Fridays, May 27–Aug. 19 6:30–8 p.m.  
**I Can Fish!**

Explore the basics of fishing and fish identification with a park naturalist. Rods, reels and bait will be provided. Minnesota residents may fish from shore at the park without a license. Meet at the fishing pier on Lake Alice.

Sunday, May 29 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
**Antique Train Ride** **F**

Join us on the rails as we take an antique train ride. After a mile walk, a naturalist and a train conductor will take you on a tour of the St. Croix Valley. Learn some of the natural and cultural features and early history of the train era in the valley. At Osceola, Wis., you can hop off the train to get lunch or continue on the train to Dresser. The train turns around at Dresser, briefly stops at Osceola, and continues back to the park. Bring snacks or lunch if you plan to stay on the train the entire time. Meet at the visitor center. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids under age 16, and free for children under four.



Saturday, June 11 9 a.m.–noon and 1–3 p.m.  
**Fly-fishing Workshop!** **R**

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! The St. Croix River is a pristine place that harbors the elusive trout. Join National Park Ranger John Weinberg, the Fly Fishing Federation, Trout Unlimited and the St. Paul Fly Tiers for a day of fly fishing at the park. The morning class consists of fundamentals, equipment, and fly tying. The afternoon session (at the picnic grounds) consists of casting demonstrations with hands-on instruction in small groups. Bring your own equipment or use ours. Call 651-433-0500 for more information.

Saturday, June 18 10:30 a.m.–noon  
**Geocaching 101**  
 See previous listing for details.



Saturday, June 18 1–4 p.m.  
**Kids Fishing Clinic**

Join MinnAqua for a kids fishing program at the park. Through hands-on activities, learn about different fish and their unique adaptations. We'll then head to the fishing pier and have fun seeing what we can catch! Equipment will be provided. Meet at the small shelter in the picnic grounds.

Friday, June 24 9–10:30 p.m.  
**Universe in the Park**

The University of Minnesota Astronomy Department will take you on a spectacular tour of the night sky. After a short indoor presentation, you are invited to view planets, stars, and other celestial sights through telescopes. If it's cloudy, the indoor presentation will still occur. Meet at the visitor center.

Saturday, June 25 noon  
**Boom Day**

Join the National Park Service and park staff as we celebrate the cultural and natural history of the historic Boom Site. A boom was used during the logging era to hold and sort the logs floating down the St. Croix River. Through special guided walks, speakers and pontoon rides, learn what makes this area so special.



WILLIAM O'BRIEN STATE PARK *continued*

Sunday, July 3 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Antique Train Ride** **F**

See previous listing for details.

Saturdays, July 16 and Aug. 13 7:30–8:30 p.m.

**Help Wanted in the 1800s**

Dwight Wilcox, local storyteller from Forest Lake, will present a characterization of Mr. Martin Mower, one of the first lumber barons of the St. Croix Valley. Mr. Mower was responsible for the passage of legislation that allowed the start-up of the St. Croix Boom Company and many changes that transformed the St. Croix River Valley. Meet at the visitor center fire ring.

Saturday, July 23 10:30 a.m.–noon

**Geocaching 101** **R**

See previous listing for details.

Friday, July 29 9–10:30 p.m.

**Universe in the Park**

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, Aug. 6 1 p.m.

**The Amazing Park Race!**

Grab a partner, or your family and go on an amazing race! Just like the TV show, there will be puzzles to solve and activities to complete to get each clue. Finish first and win a prize! Start at the visitor center. Call 651-433-0500 for more information.

Friday, Aug. 12 9–10:30 p.m.

**Perseid Meteor Shower Party**

Join the University of Minnesota Astronomy Department as they take you on a special tour of the night skies. After a short talk on the Perseid Meteor Shower, they will take you outside to view some celestial sights through telescopes as we watch for shooting stars! If it's cloudy, we will still have the indoor presentation. Meet at the visitor center.

Saturday, Aug. 13 7:30–8:30 p.m.

**Help Wanted in the 1800s**

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, Aug. 20 1–4 p.m.

**Kids Fishing Clinic**

See previous listing for details.

Saturday, Aug. 27 6–8:30 p.m.

**Kayaking**

Join the National Park Service at the swimming beach area to learn about kayaking. We will have kayaks and life jackets for your use. Have fun trying something new!

Sunday, Sept. 4 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Antique Train Ride** **F**

See previous listing for details.



Richard Jensen

**Zippel Bay State Park**

218-783-6252

**FREE  
Park  
Entry**

Saturday, June 11

**National Get Outdoors Day**

Admission is free to all Minnesota state parks today! The Friends of Zippel Bay will be greeting visitors with coffee and treats. DNR Fisheries staff will present the annual "State of the Walleye Population" for Lake of the Woods, including up-to-date information for all of our anglers. We'll have a special program for kids, too. Pack a picnic and make it a day to explore for everyone!

Saturday, Aug. 13 8:30 p.m.–midnight

**Third Annual Meteor Shower Party**

Join us far from city lights for a sunset, a moonrise, a meteor shower, a full moon and campfire for toasting marshmallows! Bring your spotting scopes and binoculars. Pack a big blanket or lounge chair for sky viewing, warm clothes, bug spray, snacks, and a flashlight. You'll be set for a spectacular evening! Meet at the Big Beach.



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## Central Lakes State Trail

Saturday, Aug. 13 10 a.m.–noon  
**Edible Bike Ride** 

On this naturalist-led tour, we will look for wild edibles as we explore sections of the Central Lakes State Trail from Alexandria to Garfield. Enjoy lemonade made from sumacs that grow along the trail. Bring your helmet and bike. To register, call 320-852-7200.



## Gitchi-Gami State Trail

Friday, July 29 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
 Friday, Aug. 19 1–3 p.m.

### **Biking into the North Shore's Past**

Explore North Shore history during a guided bike ride on the new Gitchi-Gami State Trail between Split Rock Lighthouse State Park and Iona's Beach. The ride is approximately eight miles round trip. Bring your own bike; helmets are required. Meet at the trail center parking lot. Program will be canceled in the event of bad weather. For July 29, call 218-226-6377. For Aug. 19, call 218-834-3855.



## Heartland State Trail

Thursdays, June 30, July 28, and Aug. 25  
 10:30 -11:15 a.m.

### **Tots on the Heartland State Trail**

Come along on a Stroller Strut on the Heartland Trail with a naturalist. Young children (ages five and under), walking shoes, and a stroller are all that is needed as we will be exploring the trail using our senses. We will be using our eyes (June 30), ears (July 28) and noses and touch (Aug. 25) as we have fun looking at the nature we can see along the trail. NOTES: Adults must accompany children. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying your noon meal at Heartland Park after the program. Meet at the Heartland State Trail in Heartland Park in Park Rapids. Call 218-699-7251 for more information.



Rolf Hagberg

## Root River State Trail

Sunday, May 15 1–2:30 p.m.

### **Wildflowers Along the Trail**

Pack a picnic and come join us for a peaceful, wildflower hike along the Root River State Trail. Learn interesting folklore about the spring flowers found in the hardwood forests of Southeast Minnesota. Program will begin at the Preston trailhead. Call 507-932-3007 for more information.



Saturday, June 18 1–3 p.m.

### **Rattlesnakes Along the Trail**

Stop by to see a live rattlesnake and learn how they are important to the ecosystem. A naturalist will be stationed on the trail near Lanesboro to provide you with rattlesnake information and answers to your questions. Bring your camera! Call 507-932-3007 for more information.

Saturday, July 9 1–3 p.m.

### **Past and Present Wildlife Along the Trail**

A naturalist will be stationed on the Root River State Trail near Lanesboro to share interesting information about the wildlife of the bluffs. See and touch animal pelts and skulls to find out which creatures you may encounter along the trail. Call 507-932-3007 for more information.

Saturday, Aug. 6 9–10:30 a.m.

### **Birds Along the Trail**

Join a naturalist by bicycle, foot or in-line skates and learn to identify common birds along the Root River State Trail. Binoculars and birding checklists will be provided. Call 507-932-3007 for more information.



## **Willard Munger State Trail**

Saturday, June 4 noon–4 p.m.

### **In Shape, Outdoors!**

Walk, roll, stroll, jog, bike, or in-line skate your way to higher energy, fun and appreciation of the amazing world around us! Get pointers on which exercise options exist and how to do them safely and enjoyably. There will be games and challenges. Bring your equipment to the Hinckley trailhead. Call 320-384-6591 for more information.

Sundays, July 17 and Sept. 4 1–3 p.m.

### **Sundays Outdoors: Biking Adventures**

Get off the couch and find new ways to discover the outdoors! Each week you'll have fun learning the basics of an activity while exploring the outdoors. The "Sundays Outdoors" series of programs occurs weekly from June 19 to Sept. 4 at Jay Cooke State Park. Check the event calendar online for dates and topics. This week: Explore the Willard Munger State Trail on this naturalist-led bike ride. Call 218-384-4610 for trip length and meeting place.

## **Canoe the Mississippi River Water Trail** **R F**

This great river starts as merely a stream at Lake Itasca and develops into a mighty river gorge miles wide when it leaves the state. These canoe trips will be done in four segments over the summer, beginning near the headwaters and ending near Cass Lake.

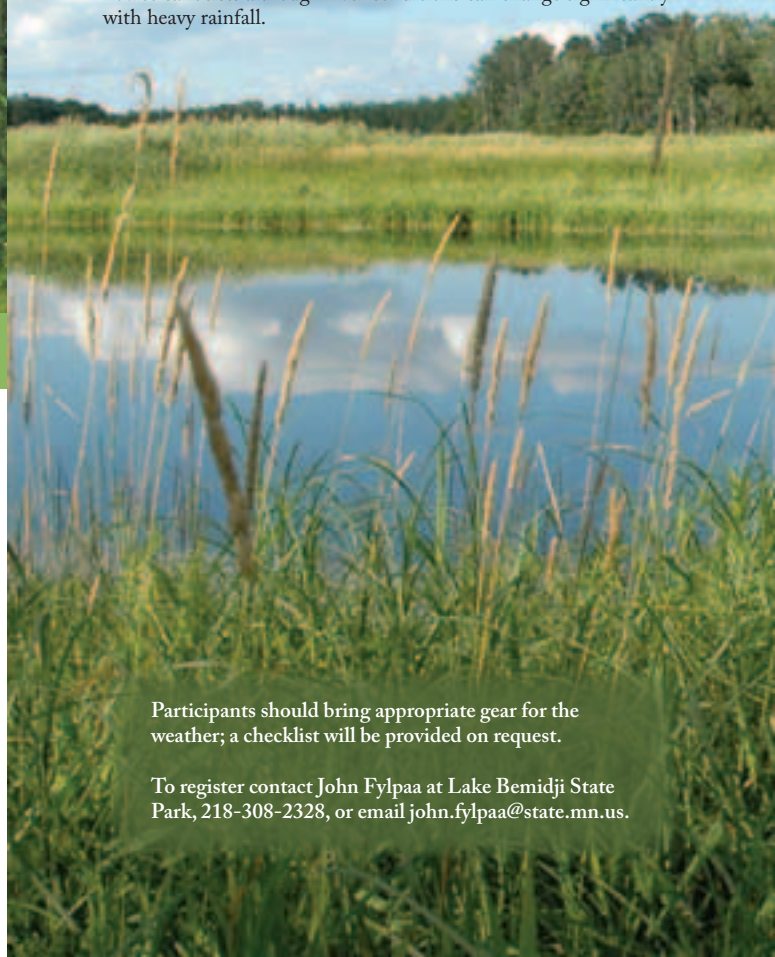
**SATURDAY, JUNE 18:** Lake Itasca to Wanagan Landing is a five-mile stretch (approx. three hours) traveling out of the park and past pristine bog and spruce forest. This section gives a feel of the infant Mississippi River.

**SATURDAY, JULY 9:** Coffee Pot Landing through Stumphges Rapids is a nine-mile stretch (approx. five hours) that will challenge the novice canoeist with a couple of sets of shallow class I rapids.

**SATURDAY, JULY 23:** Iron Bridge to Lake Irving is a 10-mile stretch (approx. five hours) of pleasant river travel through flood plain forests of maple, cottonwood and elm.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 20:** Co. 25 to Lake Andrusia is a 5.5-mile stretch (approx. 2.5 hours) with high banks and evidence of early Native Americans.

Each trip will be guided by park naturalists from Itasca and Lake Bemidji state parks, who will share information and lore of the Mississippi River. These sections of the river are generally good for novice canoeists although river conditions can change significantly with heavy rainfall.



Participants should bring appropriate gear for the weather; a checklist will be provided on request.

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10	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13
10	Geocaching 101	Gooseberry Falls	17
10	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21
10	Aquatic Explorations	Lake Carlos	30
10	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
10	Peregrine Falcon Walk	Whitewater	50
10	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55

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11	Geocaching 101	Banning	1
11	Birding at Bear Head	Bear Head Lake	2
11	Big Bog Visitor Center Grand Opening	Big Bog	3
11,12	Bonanza Quilt Show	Big Stone Lake	4
11	Geocaching 101	Buffalo River	5
11	Fossil Collecting Activity	Forestville/Mystery Cave	11
11	Digital Therapy Using Natural Materials	Forestville/Mystery Cave	11
11	Eagle Nest Viewing	Glendalough	16
11	Geocaching 101	Interstate	21
11	24th Annual Ozawindib Walk	Itasca	22
11	Outdoor Adventures Day	Jay Cooke	24
11	I Can Fish!	Lac qui Parle	27
11	National Get Outdoors Day BioBlitz	Lake Carlos	30
11	Raptor Center Program	Lake Maria	32
11	Vermilion Drift Book Signing	Soudan Underground Mine	45
11	Split Rock Lighthouse Open House	Split Rock Lighthouse	46
11	National Get Outdoors Day	Whitewater	50
11	Seegwan Annual Spring Celebration	Wild River	52
11	Fly-fishing Workshop	William O'Brien	55
11	National Get Outdoors Day	Zippel Bay	57
12	Fly-fishing Workshop	Interstate	22
12	Fourth Annual Picnic in the Park	Itasca	23
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12	Outdoor Recreation Day	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
12	I Can Fish! Fishing Sundays	Whitewater	49
12	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
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17	Full Moon Walk	Buffalo River	5	<b>JULY</b>			
17	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13	1	Archery in the Park	Banning	1
17	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21	1	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13
17	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24	1	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21
17	I Can Fish! Kids Fishing Fridays	Lake Bemidji	29	1	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24
17	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36	1	I Can Fish! Kids Fishing Fridays	Lake Bemidji	29
17	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55	1	Universe in the Park	Lake Shetek	33
18	Birding at Bear Head	Bear Head Lake	2	1	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
18	Geocaching 101	Camden	6	1-3	Outdoor Independence Weekend	St. Croix	39
18	Canoe Days and Fur Trade Encampment	Crow Wing	8	1	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55
18	I Can Fish!	Father Hennepin	9	2	Birding at Bear Head	Bear Head Lake	2
18	Carve Your Own Walking Stick	Forestville/Mystery Cave	11	2	Universe in the Park	Camden	7
18	Tales with Tails: Furry, Feathered and Scaled Wildlife	Forestville/ Mystery Cave	11	2	Star Gazing	Glacial Lakes	15
18	Geocaching 202	Fort Snelling	13	2	Eagle Nest Viewing	Glendalough	16
18	Eagle Nest Viewing	Glendalough	16	2	Through the Lens: Digital Photography	Jay Cooke	25
18	Geocaching 101	Lake Carlos	30	2	Family Fishing Frenzy	Lake Carlos	31
18	Lake Maria's Turtles	Lake Maria	33	2	"All About Deer" Children's Program	Maplewood	35
18	Archery in the Park	Mille Lacs Kathio	35	2	Archery in the Park	St. Croix	39
18	Archery in the Park	Savanna Portage	41	2	Nature Cart: Geocaching	Temperance River	47
18	Geocaching 101	Sibley	42	3	Bog Watcher Sundays	Lake Bemidji	28
18	Rattlesnakes Along the Trail	Whitewater	60	3	Minnesota's Mysterious Moose	Tettegouche	48
18	Kids Fishing Clinic	William O'Brien	55	3	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
18	Geocaching 101	William O'Brien	55	3	I Can Fish! Fishing Sundays	Whitewater	49
19	Sundays Outdoors: I Can Fish!	Jay Cooke	25	3	Antique Train Ride!	William O'Brien	56
19	Bog Watcher Sundays	Lake Bemidji	28	4	Fourth of July Flotilla	Big Bog	3
19	I Can Fish! Fishing Sundays	Whitewater	49	4	I Can Fish!	Father Hennepin	9
19	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49	4	Little Explorers: P is for Potholes	Interstate	22
20	Little Explorers: B is for Bird	Interstate	22	6	Eagles of Minnesota	Bear Head Lake	2
21-23	Nature Expert Summer Camp	Glacial Lakes	15	6	Beginning Canoeing	Glendalough	16
21-23	Nature Expert Summer Camp	Lake Carlos	31	6	Wild Wednesday	Glendalough	16
21	Geocaching 101	Soudan Underground Mine	45	7	Explore Lake Life by Canoe	Fort Snelling	14
23	Nature Play Up Close with Fish	Jay Cooke	25	7	Wet and Wild Mississippi River Day!	Itasca	23
23	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49	7	Nature Play: Through the Looking Glass	Jay Cooke	25
24	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13	7	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
24	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21	8	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13
24	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24	8	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21
24	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36	8	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24
24	Going Batty	St. Croix	39	8	DNR Jobs	Lake Carlos	31
24	Minnesota's Mysterious Moose	Temperance River	46	8	Aquatic Explorations	Lake Carlos	31
24	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55	8	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
24	Universe in the Park	William O'Brien	55	8	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55
25	Digital Nature Photography	Banning	1	9	Build a Birdhouse	Banning	1
25	Birding at Bear Head	Bear Head Lake	2	9	Birding at Bear Head	Bear Head Lake	2
25	Remarkable Reptiles	Father Hennepin	9	9	Geocaching 101	Buffalo River	5
25	I Can Fish!	Forestville/Mystery Cave	11	9	Archery in the Park	Father Hennepin	9
25	Explore Lake Life by Canoe	Fort Snelling	14	9	Sayonara Bat Count 2011	Forestville/Mystery Cave	11
25	Eagle Nest Viewing	Glendalough	16	9	I Can Fish! River Fishing for Fun	Fort Snelling	14
25	Fly-fishing Clinic	Glendalough	16	9	Scientific and Natural Area Bus Tour	Glacial Lakes	15
25	Geocaching 101	Interstate	21	9	Wet and Wild St. Croix River Day	Interstate	22
25	Live Frogs with Randy Korb	Interstate	22	9	Archery in the Park	Jay Cooke	25
25	Lake Vermilion BioBlitz 2011	Lake Vermilion	34	9	The Beach Rocks!	Lac qui Parle	27
25	Geocaching 101	Mille Lacs Kathio	36	9	I Can Fish!	Lake Shetek	33
25	Archery in the Park	Moose Lake	37	9	Build a Bluebird House	St. Croix	40
25	Split Rock Lighthouse Children's Day	Split Rock Lighthouse	46	9	Nature Cart: Wild About Wolves	Temperance River	47
25	Boom Day	William O'Brien	55	9	Past and Present Wildlife Along the Trail	Root River State Trail	60
26	Sundays Outdoors: Camping 101	Jay Cooke	25	9	Pondering Pelicans	Whitewater	50
26	Bog Watcher Sundays	Lake Bemidji	28	9	St. Croix Under the Stars: Moonlight Paddle	Wild River	53
26	I Can Fish! Fishing Sundays	Whitewater	49	10	Historic Fish Hatchery Tours	Big Bog	3
26	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49	10	MinnAqua Pop Can Fishing Clinic	Big Bog	4
27	Little Explorers: F is for Flower	Interstate	22	10	Geocaching 101	Interstate	21
30	Beyond Burgers and Hot Dogs	Bear Head Lake	2	10	Sundays Outdoors: Archery	Jay Cooke	25
30	Nature Play: Let's Discover Frogs and Toads	Jay Cooke	25	10	Geocaching 101	Mille Lacs Kathio	36

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10	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Whitewater	49	23	Digital Nature Photography	St. Croix	40
10	Now and Then: A Guided Paddle on the Scenic St. Croix	Wild River	53	23	Nature Cart: Worm Woes	Tettegouche	48
11	Little Explorers: D is for Dragonfly	Interstate	22	23	Geocaching 101	William O'Brien	56
12	Superior Shore Scavenger Hunt	Gooseberry Falls	18	24	Sundays Outdoors: Camping 101	Jay Cooke	26
13	Beginning Canoeing	Glendalough	16	24	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
13	Wild Wednesday	Glendalough	16	24	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Whitewater	49
14	Nature Play: Incredible Insects	Jay Cooke	25	25	Little Explorers: C is for Caterpillar	Interstate	22
14	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49	25,26	Lake Vermilion BioBlitz 2011	Lake Vermilion	34
15	Full Moon Walk	Buffalo River	5	26	Lakeside CCC History Tour	Gooseberry Falls	18
15	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13	26	Batty About Bats	Soudan Underground Mine	45
15	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21	27	Moose of Minnesota	Bear Head Lake	2
15	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24	27	Beginning Canoeing	Glendalough	16
15	I Can Fish! Kids Fishing Fridays	Lake Bemidji	29	27	Wild Wednesday	Glendalough	16
15	DNR Jobs	Lake Carlos	31	28	Nature Play: Sneaking up on Snakes	Jay Cooke	25
15	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36	28	Grinding Day	Old Mill	38
15	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55	28	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
16	Music with Horse Raddish Creek	Bear Head Lake	2	28	Tots on the Heartland Trail	Heartland Park	
16	Birding at Bear Head	Bear Head Lake	2			Park Rapids	59
16	Geocaching 101	Camden	6	29	"Sleeping Beauty"	Fort Ridgely	12
16	Geocaching 101	Father Hennepin	9	29	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13
16	Sayonara Bat Count 2011	Forestville/ Mystery Cave	12	29	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21
16	17th Annual Butterfly Hike	Itasca	23	29	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24
16	Minnesota Odanata Dragonfly Workshop	Lake Bronson	29	29	I Can Fish! Kids Fishing Fridays	Lake Bemidji	29
16	Geocaching 101	Lake Carlos	30	29	DNR Jobs	Lake Carlos	31
16	Archery in the Park	Mille Lacs Kathio	35	29	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
16	"Agate Days" Open House	Moose Lake	37	29	Biking into the North Shore's Past	Gitchi-Gami State Trail	58
16	Canoe Caravan	St. Croix	40	29	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55
16	Archery in the Park	Savanna Portage	41	29	Universe in the Park	William O'Brien	56
16	Prairie Wildflower ID and Use	Sibley	42	30	Birding at Bear Head	Bear Head Lake	2
16	Heritage Day Celebration	Soudan Underground Mine	45	30	Fire Tower Tour	Big Bog	4
16	Geocaching 101	Whitewater	49	30	Folkssports Walk and Bike	Itasca	24
16	Tools From Stone: Flint Knapping	Wild River	53	30	The World According to Billy Thompson	Lac qui Parle	27
16	Help Wanted in the 1800s	William O'Brien	56	30	Paddle Time	Lake Louise	31
17	Lake Superior Day	Gooseberry Falls	18	30	Outdoor Photography Workshop	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
17	DNR Jobs	Lake Carlos	31	30	Build a Bluebird House	St. Croix	40
17	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49	30	Archery in the Park	Temperance River	47
17	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Whitewater	49	31	International Bog Festival	Lake Bemidji	29
17	Sundays Outdoors: Biking Adventures	Willard Munger State Trail	60	31	Sundays Outdoors: Geocaching 101	Jay Cooke	26
18	Little Explorers: M is for Mud	Interstate	22	31	Folkssports Walk and Bike	Lake Bemidji	28
19	The Early Days of the D&IR Railroad	Soudan Underground Mine	45	31	Archery in the Park	Tettegouche	48
20	Beginning Canoeing	Glendalough	16	31	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
20	Wild Wednesday	Glendalough	16	31	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Whitewater	49
21	Seventh Annual Smokey Bear Day!	Itasca	23				
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22	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24				
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				4	Bird Banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
				5	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13
				5	Annie Battle Lake Aqua Day	Glendalough	17
				5	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21
				5	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24
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				5	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
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				5	Universe in the Park	Tettegouche	48
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6	Hayes Dayes!	Hayes Lake	19	20	Night Time is Moth Time	Forestville/Mystery Cave	12
6	Rock On! Geology Day	Interstate	22	20	Monarch-tagging Demonstration	Glendalough	17
6	International Woodcarvers Festival	Lake Bronson	29	20	Nature Play: Unearthing Geology	Jay Cooke	25
6	"Box Turtle at Long Pond" for Kids	Maplewood	35	20	Geocaching 101	Lake Carlos	30
6	Sand Candles	Maplewood	35	20	A Visitor from the Past	Lake Shetek	33
6	Archery in the Park	Mille Lacs Kathio	35	20	Archery in the Park	St. Croix	39
6	Batty About Bats	Soudan Underground		20	The Gray Wolf	Temperance River	47
		Mine	45	20	Tag a Monarch	Whitewater	51
6	The Gray Wolf	Tettegouche	48	20	Beneath the Big Blue Sky: Musical Performance	Wild River	53
6	Birds Along the Trail	Root River State Trail	60				
6	The Amazing Park Race!	William O'Brien	56	20	Kids Fishing Clinic	William O'Brien	56
7	Geocaching 101	Father Hennepin	9	21	Sundays Outdoors: Geocaching 101	Jay Cooke	26
7	Sundays Outdoors: Archery	Jay Cooke	26	21	Dragonfly and Damselfly Workshop	Lac qui Parle	27
7	International Woodcarvers Festival	Lake Bronson	29	21	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
7	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49	21	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Whitewater	49
7	I Can Fish! Fishing Sundays	Whitewater	49	21	Monarch Tagging	Wild River	54
8	Little Explorers: N is for Nature's Music	Interstate	22	23	Night Sky of the Northwoods	Soudan Underground	
9	Superior Shore Scavenger Hunt	Gooseberry Falls	18			Mine	45
10	Batty About Bats	Soudan Underground		25	Bird Banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
		Mine	45	25	Tots on the Heartland Trail	Heartland Park	
11	Canoeing for Beginners	Fort Snelling	14			Park Rapids	59
11	Nature Play: Take a Look at Bones	Jay Cooke	25	26	Universe in the Park	Father Hennepin	9
11	Bird Banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49	26	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13
12	Full Moon Walk	Buffalo River	5	26	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21
12	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13	26	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24
12	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21	26	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
12	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24	26	A Hardwoods Home Companion	Whitewater	51
12	I Can Fish! Kids Fishing Fridays	Lake Bemidji	29	26	Live Musical Entertainment! Dancing Light	Wild River	54
12	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36	27	Hardwood Home Companion	Forestville/Mystery Cave	12
12	Perseid Meteor Shower Watch	Wild River	53	27	Geocaching 202	Fort Snelling	14
12	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55	27	Fifth Annual North Country Hiking Fest	Itasca	24
12	Perseid Meteor Shower Party!	William O'Brien	56	27	Nature Play: Lessons From Nature	Jay Cooke	25
13	I Can Fish! Panfishing in the Pond	Big Bog	4	27	Universe in the Park	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
13	Geocaching 101	Camden	6	27	Archery in the Park	Savanna Portage	41
13	I Can Fish!	Forestville/Mystery Cave	11	27	Digital Photo Safari	Whitewater	51
13	Geocaching 101	Interstate	21	27	Kayaking	William O'Brien	56
13	Edible Bike Ride	Central Lakes State Trail	58	28	Sundays Outdoors: I Can Fish!	Jay Cooke	26
13	Geocaching 101	Mille Lacs Kathio	36	28	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
13	Archery in the Park	Moose Lake	37	28	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Whitewater	49
13	50th Birthday Celebration	Savanna Portage	41	31	Beyond Burgers and Hot Dogs: Dutch Oven Camp Cooking	Bear Head Lake	3
13	Digital Photography 101	Sibley	42			Whitewater	49
13	Nature Cart: Geocaching	Temperance River	47	31	Geocaching 101		
13	Perseid Meteor Shower	Whitewater	51				
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13	Help Wanted in the 1800s	William O'Brien	56				
13	Geocaching 101	William O'Brien	56				
13	3rd Annual Meteor Shower Party	Zippel Bay	57				
14	Nature Cart: Geocaching	Tettegouche	48				
14	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49				
14	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Whitewater	49				
14	Monarch Tagging	Wild River	53				
15	Little Explorers: S is for Snail	Interstate	22				
18	Old CCC Camp Guided Hike	Gooseberry Falls	18				
18	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49				
19	Archery in the Park	Banning	1				
19	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13				
19	Biking into the North Shore's Past	Gitchi-Gami State Trail	58				
19	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Interstate	21				
19	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24				
19	Steven's Panorama	Lake Shetek	33				
19	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36				
19	I Can Fish!	William O'Brien	55				
20	Going Batty!	Banning	1				

## SEPTEMBER

1	Bird-banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
2	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Fort Snelling	13
2	I Can Fish! Shoreline Fridays	Jay Cooke	24
2	I Can Fish! Kids Fishing Fridays	Lake Bemidji	29
2	I Can Fish! Fishing Fridays	Mille Lacs Kathio	36
3	Banning Quarry Hike	Banning	1
3	Three Miles of Pike	Fort Snelling	14
3	Star Gazing	Glacial Lakes	15
3	Geocaching 101	Interstate	21
3	Geocaching 101	Lake Carlos	30
3	Archery in the Park	Temperance River	47
3	Tag a Monarch	Whitewater	51
3	Autumn Harvest Day	Wild River	54
4	Sundays Outdoors: Biking Adventures	Willard Munger State Trail	60
4	All Camp Pancake Breakfast	Lake Bemidji	29
4	Archery in the Park	Tettegouche	48
4	Bird Banding Demonstrations	Whitewater	49
4	Antique Train Ride	William O'Brien	56
5	Photo Geocaching Challenge	Fort Snelling	14

# LEAVING A LEGACY

Voters invested in outdoor recreation and Minnesota's great outdoors by passing the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Act (the "Legacy Amendment") in 2008. Here are some examples of the great projects made possible with Legacy funds. More detail is available at [legacy.leg.mn](http://legacy.leg.mn).

## Accelerating natural resource management

Stepped up efforts to remove invasive species (such as this garlic mustard at Fort Snelling State Park) are helping to re-establish Minnesota's original landscape. The DNR conducted detection, prevention, and response on over 20,000 acres of state park lands in 2010.



## Providing grants to parks and trails

Grants available to cities and counties help make it possible to purchase important pieces of land for outdoor recreation at park and trail facilities of regional or statewide significance. This 26-acre addition to Brophy Lake Park in Douglas County—a scenic stop on the Central Lakes State Trail near Alexandria—is just one example.



## Accelerating facility maintenance and rehabilitation

The DNR is fixing up buildings and bridges (such as this one completed in 2010 on the Heartland State Trail) as well as making park and trail facilities more accessible to all users.



## Connecting people to the outdoors

Many things are being done to get people outdoors, with help from the new Minnesota Naturalist Corps (including these naturalists at Wild River State Park). This group of naturalists makes it possible to provide additional family-oriented programs at Minnesota state parks and trails. Participation in naturalist-led programs increased by nearly 50,000 people in 2010.





## STAY OVERNIGHT

Minnesota state parks and recreation areas offer a surprising variety of overnight accommodations, including:

**CAMPSITES** are \$12-\$24/night at most campgrounds. For those in need of plug-ins, there are hundreds of 50-amp electrical sites.

**CAMPER CABINS** (\$45-\$50/night) sleep up to six people. Cook your meals over the outdoor fire ring or heat them up in a slow cooker indoors. Bunk beds and mattresses are provided—just bring your own sleeping bags.

**FULLY FURNISHED CABINS** can be found at Itasca, Tettegouche, St. Croix and Scenic state parks. Cost and capacity vary.

**GUESTHOUSES** at Bear Head Lake, St. Croix, Savanna Portage and Wild River state parks (\$105-\$215/night) are fully furnished, open year-round and can accommodate up to 15 people.

**FOUR-SEASON SUITES** and **HISTORIC DOUGLAS LODGE** at Itasca State Park—Historic Douglas Lodge offers charming guest rooms for \$75-\$127/night and a full-service restaurant. The Four-season Suites (\$99-\$138/night) come with two queen-size beds, kitchenettes, phones and even cable TV.

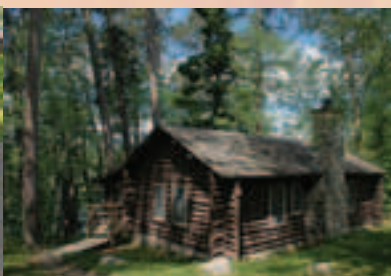
**TIPIS**—Experience a bit of history and tradition by staying in one of two tipis (\$30/night) at Upper Sioux Agency State Park.

**Online:** [stayatmnparks.com](http://stayatmnparks.com)

**Phone:** 1-866-857-2757 (TTY: 1-866-672-8213)

\*Reservations are recommended and can be made up to a year in advance.

**Want to visit for the day and stay in the area?  
Checkout [exploreminnesota.com](http://exploreminnesota.com)**

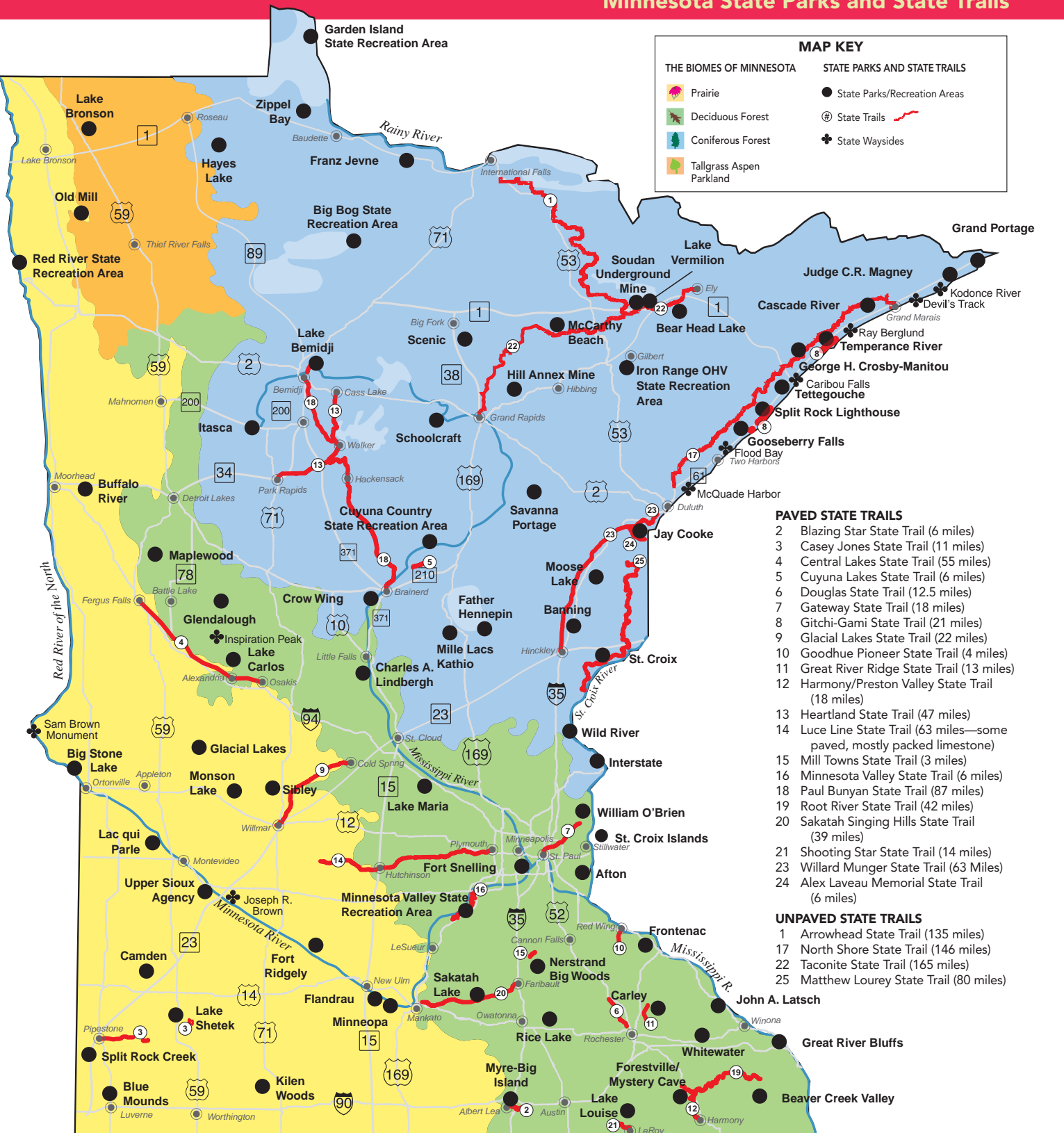




# Minnesota State Parks and State Trails

**MAP KEY**

<b>THE BIOMES OF MINNESOTA</b>	<b>STATE PARKS AND STATE TRAILS</b>
Prairie	State Parks/Recreation Areas
Deciduous Forest	State Trails
Coniferous Forest	State Waysides
Tallgrass Aspen Parkland	



**PAVED STATE TRAILS**

- 2 Blazing Star State Trail (6 miles)
- 3 Casey Jones State Trail (11 miles)
- 4 Central Lakes State Trail (55 miles)
- 5 Cuyuna Lakes State Trail (6 miles)
- 6 Douglas State Trail (12.5 miles)
- 7 Gateway State Trail (18 miles)
- 8 Gitchi-Gami State Trail (21 miles)
- 9 Glacial Lakes State Trail (22 miles)
- 10 Goodhue Pioneer State Trail (4 miles)
- 11 Great River Ridge State Trail (13 miles)
- 12 Harmony/Preston Valley State Trail (18 miles)
- 13 Heartland State Trail (47 miles)
- 14 Luce Line State Trail (63 miles—some paved, mostly packed limestone)
- 15 Mill Towns State Trail (3 miles)
- 16 Minnesota Valley State Trail (6 miles)
- 18 Paul Bunyan State Trail (87 miles)
- 19 Root River State Trail (42 miles)
- 20 Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail (39 miles)
- 21 Shooting Star State Trail (14 miles)
- 23 Willard Munger State Trail (63 Miles)
- 24 Alex Laveau Memorial State Trail (6 miles)

**UNPAVED STATE TRAILS**

- 1 Arrowhead State Trail (135 miles)
- 17 North Shore State Trail (146 miles)
- 22 Taconite State Trail (165 miles)
- 25 Matthew Lourey State Trail (80 miles)

\* Biking, walking, and in-line skating on Minnesota state trails is free. The use of horse trails requires a pass (\$5 daily or \$21 year-round). Please see page v for information on state park permits (\$5 daily or \$25 year-round).

# I can — CAMP!

Minnesota State Parks and Trails

**LEARN TO TENT CAMP  
BY ATTENDING ONE OF THE  
FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:**

Saturday, June 4	William O'Brien State Park
Saturday, June 4	Lake Carlos State Park
Saturday, June 11	Nerstrand Big Woods State Park
Saturday, June 11	Minneopa State Park
Saturday, June 18	Interstate State Park
Saturday, June 18	Lake Bemidji State Park
<b>Friday, June 24</b>	<b>Whitewater State Park</b>
Saturday, June 25	Lake Bronson State Park
Saturday, July 2	Frontenac State Park
Saturday, July 2	Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park
Saturday, July 9	Afton State Park
Saturday, July 9	Jay Cooke State Park
<b>Friday, July 15</b>	<b>Gooseberry Falls State Park</b>
Saturday, July 16	Maplewood State Park
Saturday, July 23	Upper Sioux Agency State Park
Saturday, July 23	Crow Wing State Park
<b>Friday, July 29</b>	<b>Sibley State Park</b>
Saturday, July 30	Wild River State Park
Saturday, Aug. 6	Whitewater State Park
Saturday, Aug. 6	Glacial Lakes State Park
<b>Friday, Aug. 12</b>	<b>Lake Bemidji State Park</b>
Saturday, Aug. 13	Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area
Saturday, Aug. 20	Moose Lake State Park
Saturday, Aug. 20	Fort Snelling State Park
Saturday, Aug. 27	Lake Maria State Park
Saturday, Aug. 27	William O'Brien State Park
Saturday, Sept. 3	Myre-Big Island State Park
Saturday, Sept. 3	Red River State Recreation Area

\*Dates in bold are two-night workshops.

Try our other "I Can!" programs!

**I can —  
FISH!**  
Minnesota State Parks and Trails

**I can —  
CLIMB!**  
Minnesota State Parks and Trails

**I can —  
PADDLE!**  
Minnesota State Parks and Trails

## BEING YOUR KID'S HERO JUST GOT EASIER



MINNESOTA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

**THIS SUMMER'S** heroes know: capes are out and tents are in. So, how does a parent who's more comfortable with computers than campfires get started with camping? A Minnesota State Parks and Trails I Can Camp! overnight workshop is your chance to take the kids camping, learn new outdoor skills and brush-up on old ones. Our I Can Camp! crew will be on hand day and night to answer all of your "How do I do it?" questions. You may not be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, but we're betting you'll do just fine sleeping on an air mattress.

**I can —  
CAMP!**  
Minnesota State Parks and Trails

Check out I Can Camp! workshops at [mndnr.gov/icanccamp](http://mndnr.gov/icanccamp) or call 1-888-MINNDNR.

### WORKSHOPS INCLUDE

- Hands-on instruction on setting up camp and campfire cooking from our experienced and fun I Can Camp! crew.
- Tent, air mattresses, cook stove and other gear provided.
- Night hikes, geocaching, fishing—each workshop offers unique fun.
- One-night workshop: \$35 (up to six people)
- Two-night workshop: \$50 (up to six people)



A PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM