



**GENERAL C.C. ANDREWS
STATE FOREST**
7,771 ACRES • ESTABLISHED 1943

FOREST LANDSCAPE: This forest has gently rolling terrain and sandy soils. The Willow River meanders its way toward the Kettle River to the west.

A WORKING FOREST: From year to year, you may see changes in this forest. The DNR manages the trees, water, and wildlife in state forests to keep them healthy and meet recreational, environmental, and economic goals for everyone. Trees are harvested to make a variety of products, such as lumber and building materials, pulp for making paper, pallets, fencing, and telephone poles. Through careful planning, harvesting, and planting, land managers create forest openings or plant trees and vegetation to improve habitat for mammals and waterfowl. The DNR manages state forests to prevent wildfires and keep our air and water clean.

HISTORY: This state forest is named after General Christopher Columbus Andrews, a Civil War general and Minnesota's first chief fire warden. General Andrews was appointed in 1895 following a series of deadly, historic fires that plagued the area after large logging operations left behind thousands of acres of branches and debris. After settlers arrived in the late 1800s, many found the sandy soils unsuitable for growing crops and abandoned their farms, letting the land ownership revert back to Pine County. In 1939, the state of Minnesota acquired the lands and established the General Andrews State Forest Nursery to raise tree seedlings to reforest harvested areas on public and private lands throughout the state. In the 1940s, the Works Progress Administration built some of the DNR buildings that are still on the site. The rest of the area was managed for timber and wildlife. In 1943, the entire area, including the nursery, was organized into a state forest. After the nursery closed in 2014, it was repurposed to train wildland firefighters and produce selectively chosen tree seeds to reforest state lands.

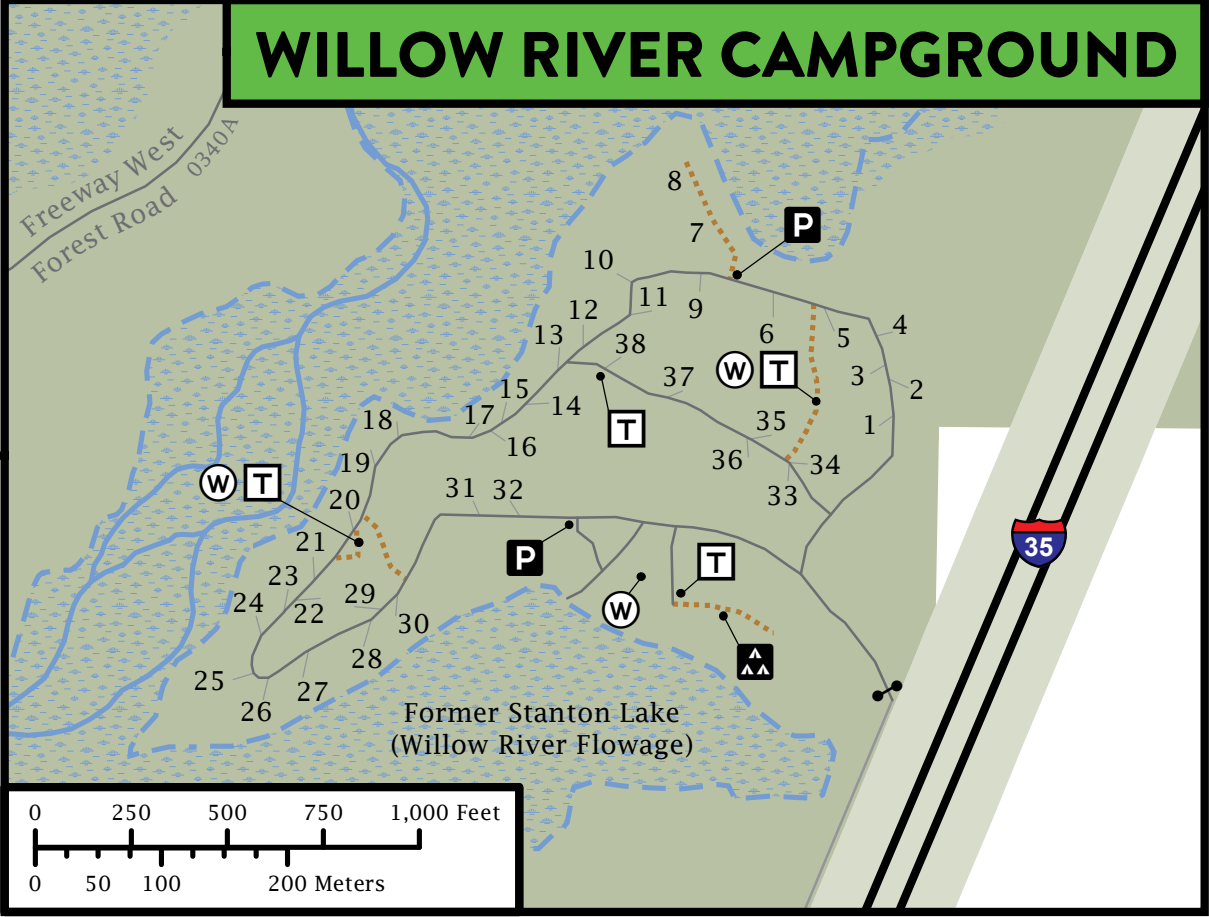
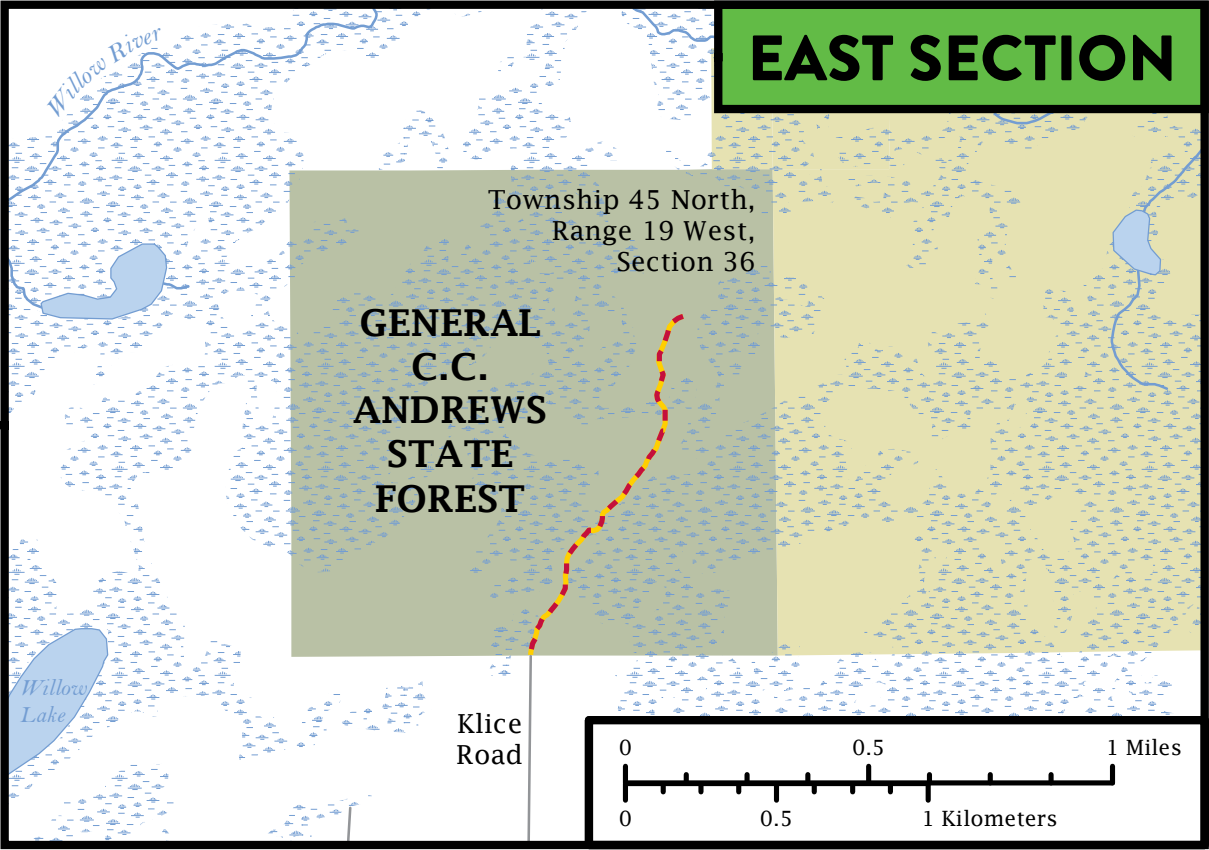
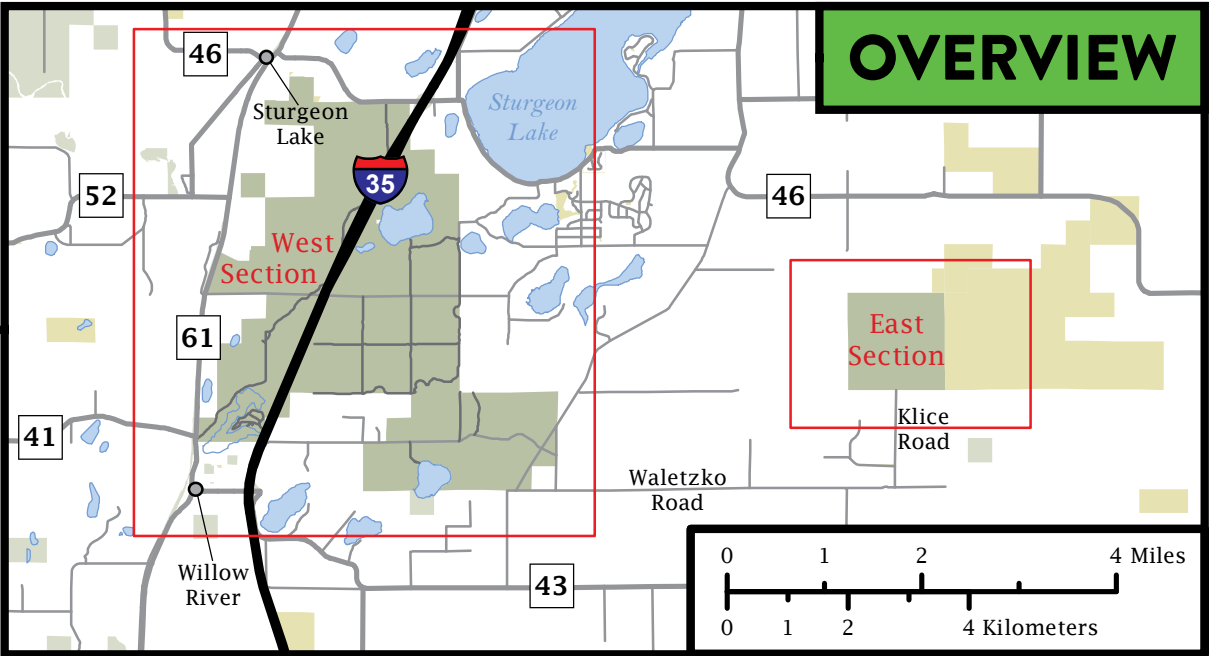
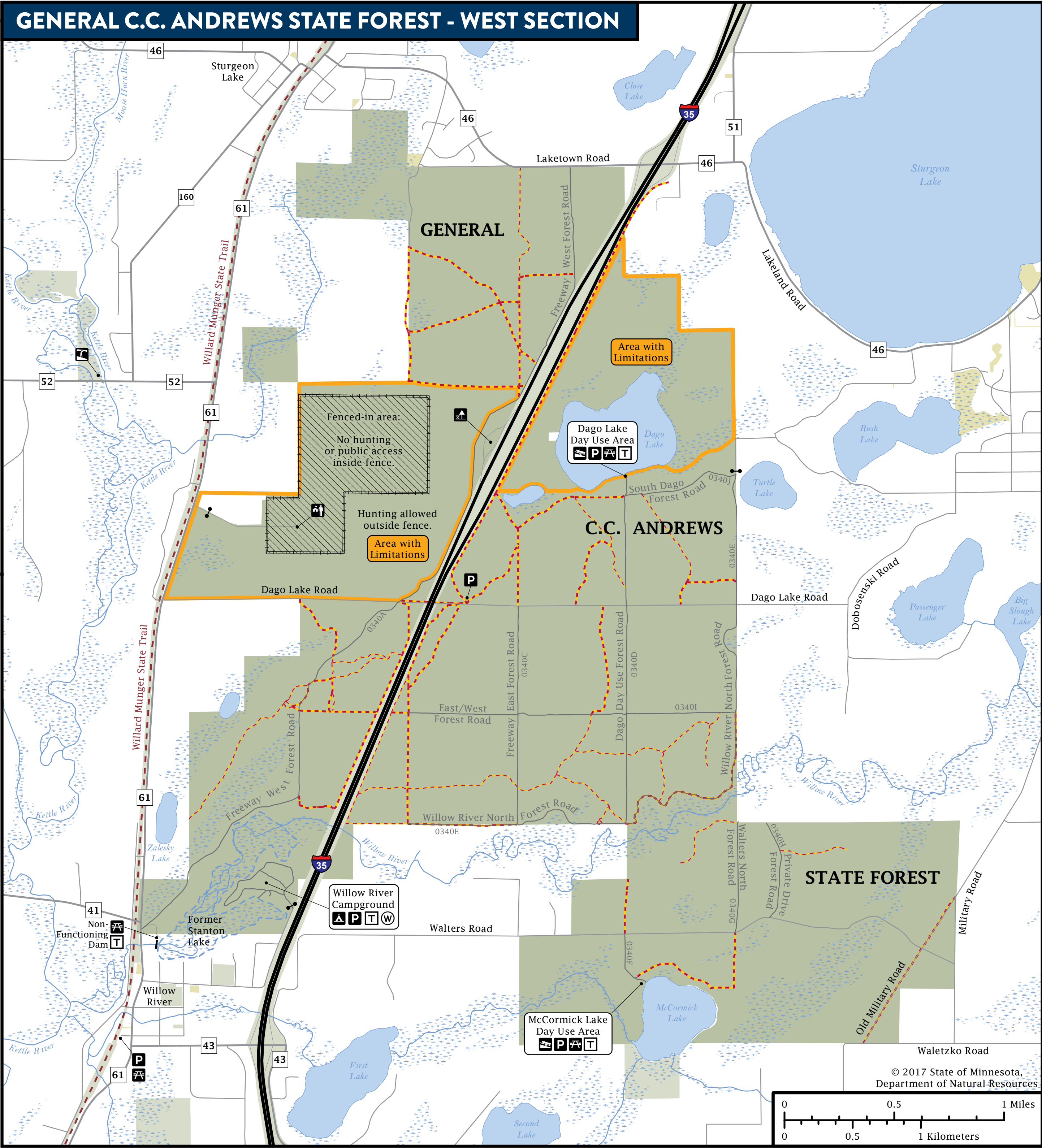
TREES: Jack, red, and white pine cover most of the forest. Paper birch, quaking and bigtooth aspen, and red and bur oak are sometimes found mixed with the pines.

WILDLIFE: White-tailed deer, bears, beavers, minks, muskrats, turkeys, and ruffed grouse can be found in the forest. Migrating waterfowl can be seen on the lakes and wetlands. Many nongame bird and small mammal species can also be seen in the forest.

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Roads and Trails	Public Facilities	Ownership and Management
Interstate Highway	Parking	Area with Limitations
County Road	Day Use Area	State Forest Land
Township Road	Campground	Other State Land
Minimum Maintenance Forest Road	Group Campsite	County Land
Off-Highway Motorcycle & Class 1 & 2 ATV Trail	Carry-In Access	Private Land
Off-Highway Motorcycle & Class 1 ATV Trail	Trailer Access	
Willard Munger State Trail	Vault Toilet	
Foot Path	Drinking Water	
	Highway Rest Area	
	DNR Training Facility	
	DNR Gate	



GENERAL STATE FOREST RULES

Whether you are camping, hunting, riding, geocaching, skiing, or gathering berries, take care to leave the forest in good condition.

- Forest lands are open at all times unless otherwise posted. Forest day-use areas are open between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- The Willow River Campground has limited amenities. Campsites are first-come, first-served. Campground is open between May 1 and October 31.
- Summer camping (campground and dispersed) is limited to 14 days.
- Dispersed camping is also allowed on state forest land at least 1 mile outside of the campground for no fee. Camping is limited to 21 days between the second Sunday in September and the first Saturday in May.
- Pack out what you pack in. Remove all personal property. Do not burn litter or garbage.
- Don't leave equipment unattended for more than 24 hours.
- Building permanent structures of any kind is prohibited.
- Use firewood approved by the DNR or dead firewood collected on site. Kiln-dried, unstained, unpainted dimensional lumber free from metal or other foreign objects is also permitted. It is illegal to bring in any other firewood. These rules are to prevent accidentally introducing harmful pests such as emerald ash borer.

mndnr.gov/firewood

- Keep campfires no larger than 3 feet wide and 3 feet high. Attend the fire at all times. Completely extinguish fires before leaving the area. It should be cold to the touch.
- Bury human waste (if vault toilets are not available) and animal parts such as fish guts at least 150 feet from a water body and away from areas where it could cause a nuisance or hazard to public health.
- Collecting berries, mushrooms, or dead fuelwood for personal use while in the forest is OK. However collecting large amounts of these items to take home for personal use or sale requires a permit. Get permits from your local DNR forestry office.

mndnr.gov/areas/forestry

- Hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking are allowed on all trails except groomed ski trails.
- This is a partial list of rules. For more information, visit the website listed below.

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CAMPING AND DAY-USE AREAS

WILLOW RIVER CAMPGROUND

No reservations required. Fees collected on site. First-come, first-served. Open between May 1 and October 31. Campsites have a cleared area, fire ring, and picnic table. Vault toilets, garbage cans, and drinking water from hand pumps are also provided. Many sites are along the Willow River, which was re-created when the Willow River dam was damaged during a flood in 2016, draining Stanton Lake. There are two hike-in and 36 drive-in sites (two are handicap-accessible).

One group campsite available for up to 50 people can be reserved by calling the DNR.

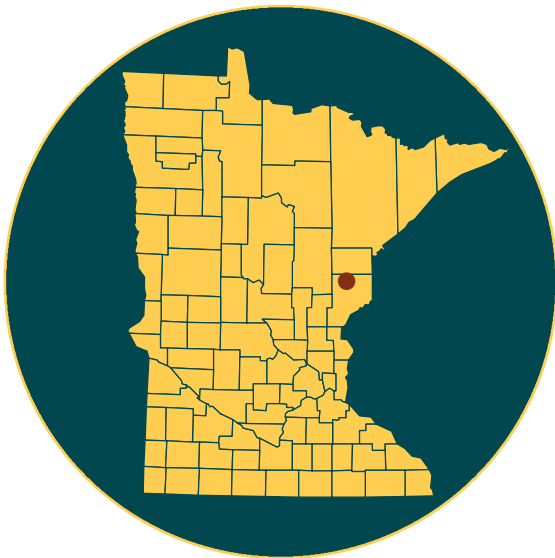
DAGO LAKE DAY-USE AREA

The south side of Dago Lake has parking, a boat ramp, and a vault toilet. Dago Lake is relatively shallow with clear water and a sandy bottom, making for good swimming. Fish species include black bullhead, black crappie, bluegill, sunfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, pumpkinseed, walleye, yellow perch, and white sucker. ATV trails run close by. No overnight camping.

MCCORMICK LAKE DAY-USE AREA

Located along the northwest shore of McCormick Lake, this day-use area has parking, a boat ramp, and vault toilet. This is a quiet lake, used mostly for catching perch, sunfish, black crappie, bullhead, bluegill, white sucker, golden shiner, and Iowa darter, along with occasional northern pike and bass. No overnight camping.

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TRAILS

All trails and roads are open to hiking and mountain biking. Horseback riders need a horse pass.

mndnr.gov/horseback_riding/horsepass

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Several miles of snowmobile trails wind their way through pine forests. Trails located on forest roads may be plowed during the winter for logging activities. Other trails are groomed. Snowmobiles are also allowed on the Willard Munger State Trail. Trails are marked with orange signs posted along the route.

- Snowmobile trail maps: mndnr.gov/snowmobiling/interactive_map
- Snowmobiles must have current registration. See mndnr.gov/regulations/snowmobile/index.html



WILLARD MUNGER STATE TRAIL

In the western part of the state forest, the Willard Munger State Trail runs north-south along an abandoned railroad bed that was once used to evacuate hundreds of people from the historic Hinckley and Cloquet fires in the nineteenth century. Within the General C.C. Andrews State Forest, the trail is completely paved and open for hiking, in-line skating, biking, and snowmobiling. No horseback riding allowed.

Outside of the forest, the trail is a collection of multiple-use trails connecting Hinckley and Duluth and highlights the picturesque scenery of east central Minnesota.

mndnr.gov/state_trails/willard_munger

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAILS

This state forest offers several miles of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails and roads. All trails are marked and good for beginning riders.

- Highway-licensed vehicles may operate on signed forest roads.
- Forest roads are open to off-highway vehicles (OHVs) unless posted closed.
- Visit mndnr.gov/ohv for up-to-date rules, maps, and trail and road closures.

CLASSIFICATION: LIMITED

All trails on state lands are classified regarding motor vehicles. The General C.C. Andrews State Forest is classified as “limited,” which means that OHVs are allowed only on signed and mapped routes that are open for a specific OHV use (e.g., ATVs, off-highway motorcycles, or OHVs).

KNOW YOUR VEHICLE

Always make sure you are riding on the appropriate trail, designated and signed for your vehicle. OHVs must be registered in Minnesota or have a trail pass.

mndnr.gov/licenses/ohv

HUNTING AND TRAPPING

The General C.C. Andrews State Forest provides game for hunting and trapping. In the appropriate season, licensed hunters can hunt for deer, bear, grouse, turkey, and other game on state forest land.

mndnr.gov/hunting

FIREARMS AND BOWS

While in or within 200 feet of a forest recreation area (campground, day-use area, parking area, etc.), firearms must be unloaded and cased, and bows must be unstrung and cased. Exception: During seasons open for hunting, a person may carry an unloaded, uncased firearm or strung bow from a forest recreation area to hunt outside of the area.



ALWAYS STAY ON SIGNED TRAILS

Whether you're riding or walking, tread lightly on the land. Be courteous to others, respect private property, and obey the law.

AREAS WITH LIMITATIONS

These areas are designated to protect unique natural resources and provide other non-motorized recreation opportunities. Motorized vehicles may not operate within “Areas With Limitations” for any reason.

LEAVE TROUBLE BEHIND

Help prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals.

- Clean your gear before entering and leaving the recreation site.
- Remove mud and seeds from clothes, pets, boots, gear, and vehicles.
- Stay on designated trails.
- PlayCleanGo.org

For regulations about hunting, trapping, firearms, bows, seasons, limits, and deer stands visit mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting

Cutting trees for shooting lanes is not allowed.

FISHING

There are no special provisions or restrictions on fishing in state forests. You must have the proper license and abide by the same rules and seasons as anywhere else in Minnesota.

Visit mndnr.gov/fishing for up-to-date regulations.

RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

State forests contain private land within their boundaries, so know where you are. Hunting on private land within a state forest and crossing private land to access public land is subject to state trespass laws. Watch for posted “No Trespassing” and “No Hunting” signs and stay off private property.

You must have permission before entering private land, even to cross it to access public land.

Trespassing is a misdemeanor. If convicted, you could lose your license to hunt. All conservation and peace officers enforce trespass laws.

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651-296-6157
888-646-6367
TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf)
651-296-5484
800-657-3929

EMERGENCY SERVICE - DIAL 911

DNR TIP LINE (Turn in Poachers)
800-652-9093

PINE COUNTY SHERIFF
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