CROW WING STATE PARK

TRAILS

- Hiking — ungroomed in winter, open to non-motorized use
- Hiking/Snowmobile
- Paul Bunyan State Trail — paved, open to snowmobiles in winter
- Mississippi River Trail (MRT)
- Hiking Club

FACILITIES

- Park Office
- Parking
- Public Phone
- Overlook
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Amphitheater
- RV Sanitation Station
- Historic Site
- Primitive Toilet
- Dumpster
- Trailer Access
- Campground
- Camper Cabin
- Interpretive Sign
- Great River Road
- Private Property — public use prohibited

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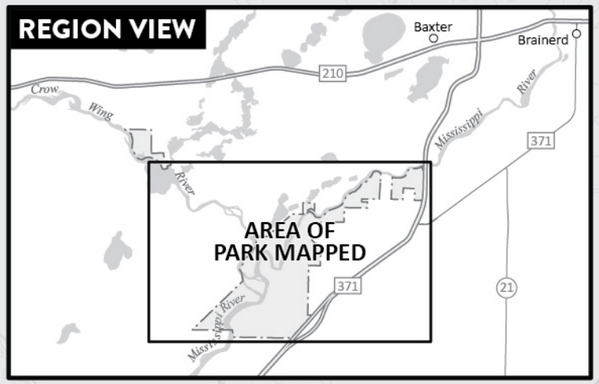
REGION VIEW



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Scale in Miles

BAXTER 6 miles

BAXTER 4 miles

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13th Ave SW

Hardy Lake Rd SW

Camp Jim Rd SW

Bass Lake

Hardy Lake

Mississippi River

Paul Bunyan State Trail

Mississippi River Trail (MRT)

Brandon Way

Ariell Dr SW

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The **Mississippi River Trail (MRT)** travels along existing trails and roadways. Visit the Minnesota Department of Transportation website for more trail information.

Crow Wing River

Red River Oxcart Trail

old oxcart trail ford

Chippewa Lookout

Campground (see inset)

Old Crow Wing Townsite

Father Pierz Chapel

Crow Wing Island

Battle of 1768

CAMP RIPLEY MILITARY RESERVATION

Restricted Area - Not Open to Public

Mississippi River

Kappel Rd

PARK ENTRANCE

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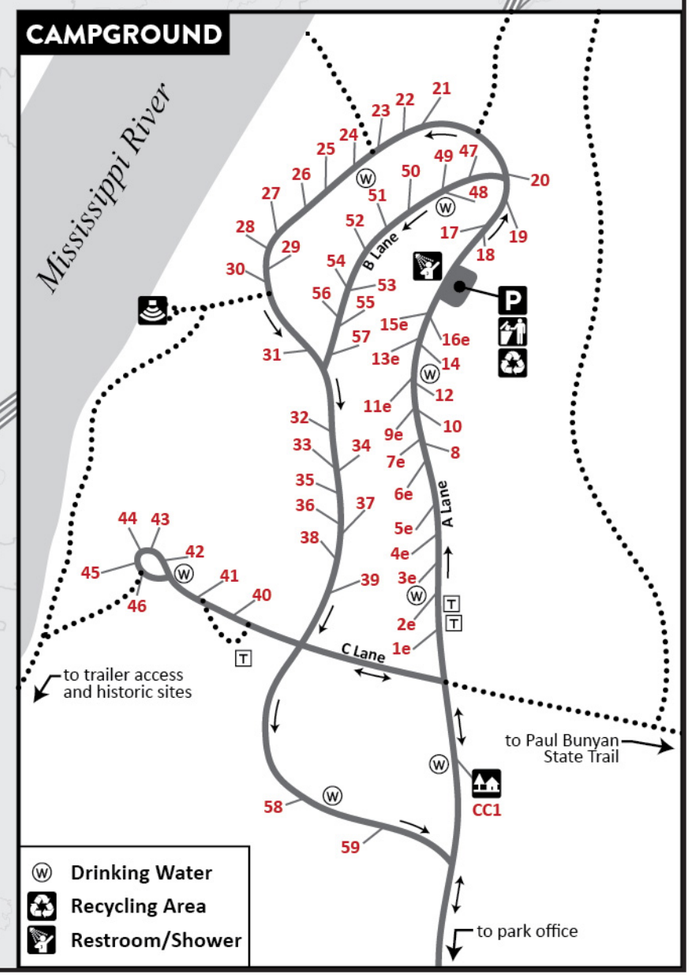
The **Paul Bunyan State Trail** connects to Lake Bemidji State Park 115 miles to the north, and the Heartland State Trail, a 49 mile trail connecting to Park Rapids and Cass Lake.

Brainerd Lakes Area Welcome Center

LITTLE FALLS 22 miles

CAMPGROUND



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MAP AND GUIDE: CROW WING STATE PARK

3124 STATE PARK ROAD
BRAINERD, MN 56401
CROW WING COUNTY
218-825-3075

VISITOR TIPS

- Rivers are unpredictable. Swimming is not recommended within the park.
- While enjoying the park, keep an eye out for ticks and poison ivy.
- Keep our rivers pristine. Check your watercraft for invasives before and after launching.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 218-829-4749

ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Visit the historic Old Crow Wing Town Site, at the confluence of the Mississippi and Crow Wing rivers. Signs share the story of this frontier town in the mid-1800s. Start from the picnic area parking lot.
- From the boat landing, climb the stairs to Chippewa Lookout. Stand high atop the Mississippi River for distant views.

LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT: MNDNR.GOV/CROWWING

ABOUT THE PARK

Crow Wing State Park lies at the confluence of the Crow Wing and Mississippi rivers, which have been important canoe and trade routes for many people over time. In the mid-1800s, a bustling community existed here. Discover evidence of the park's past by visiting the Old Crow Wing Town Site and Red River Oxcart Trail, both Historic Districts on the National Register of Historic Places. The park was established in 1959 to preserve these significant pieces of Minnesota's history. The 3,119-acre park also has a rich natural history with three of Minnesota's major landscapes (pine, prairie and hardwood) containing diverse plants and wildlife.

Discover how rivers have drawn people to this area for generations.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Hiking Club Trail — 2.2 mile loop

Mostly flat with a few hills • Mowed grass • Rock

Explore the Old Crow Wing Town Site and Red River Oxcart Trail as you hike to the scenic Chippewa Lookout for a beautiful view of the Mississippi River.

Battle of 1768 — 2.3-mile loop

Mostly flat • Mowed grass • Gravel

Head south from the main parking lot along the Mississippi River to the site of the Battle of 1768, a major battle between the Dakota and Ojibwe. As you loop back, watch for wildlife along the way.

Paul Bunyan State Trail — 6.2 miles one-way

Small hills • Paved • Bicycle trail

Bike or hike the 6.2-mile paved portion of the Paul Bunyan State Trail as it curves through the park. Pedal past pines, prairie, hardwoods and the Mississippi River. Bikers can follow the trail past the park boundary to Baxter and Brainerd. The 115-mile trail connects Crow Wing State Park to Lake Bemidji State Park.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Rent a canoe at the park office and paddle the Mississippi or Crow Wing rivers.
- Stay awhile at a park campsite or camper cabin. Visit mndnr.gov/reserve to learn more.
- Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy along the Mississippi River.
- All-terrain track chair available during certain seasons, call park office to reserve (320-825-3075).

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THE PARK OFFICE OR MNDNR.GOV.

PARK OPEN
8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.

VEHICLE PERMITS
Permits required; purchase at park office or entrance kiosk.

PETS WELCOME
Keep on 6-foot leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings or at beaches.

FIREWOOD
Must be purchased at this park or from vendors who sell wood approved for this park; no gathering firewood in the park.

CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS
10 p.m.– 8 a.m.; only registered campers may be in campground during quiet hours.

BE OUR GUEST

Reserve a **camper cabin or campsite** for a get-away with family or friends.

Visit **mndnr.gov/reservations** to make reservations up to a year in advance.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CROW WING OR MISSISSIPPI RIVER STATE WATER TRAILS?
GO TO: MNDNR.GOV/WATERTRAILS

MORE INFORMATION

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Information Center
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888-646-6367 or mndnr.gov/parks

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