

MILLE LACS KATHIO STATE PARK

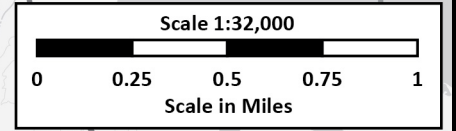
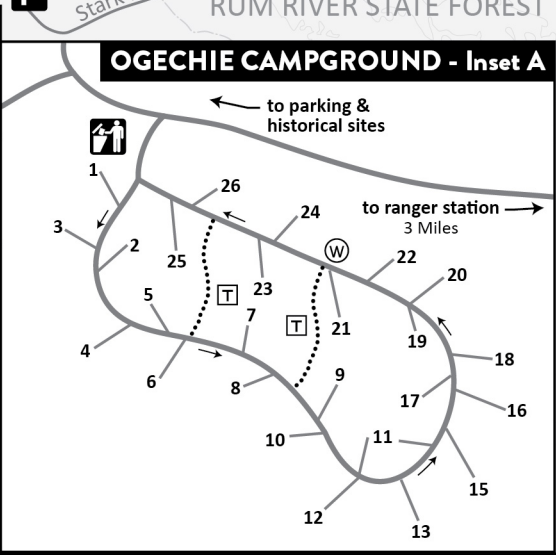
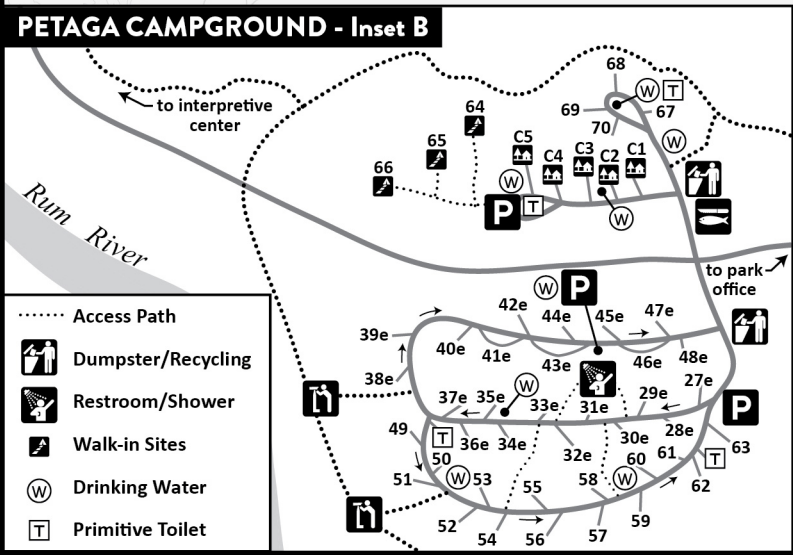
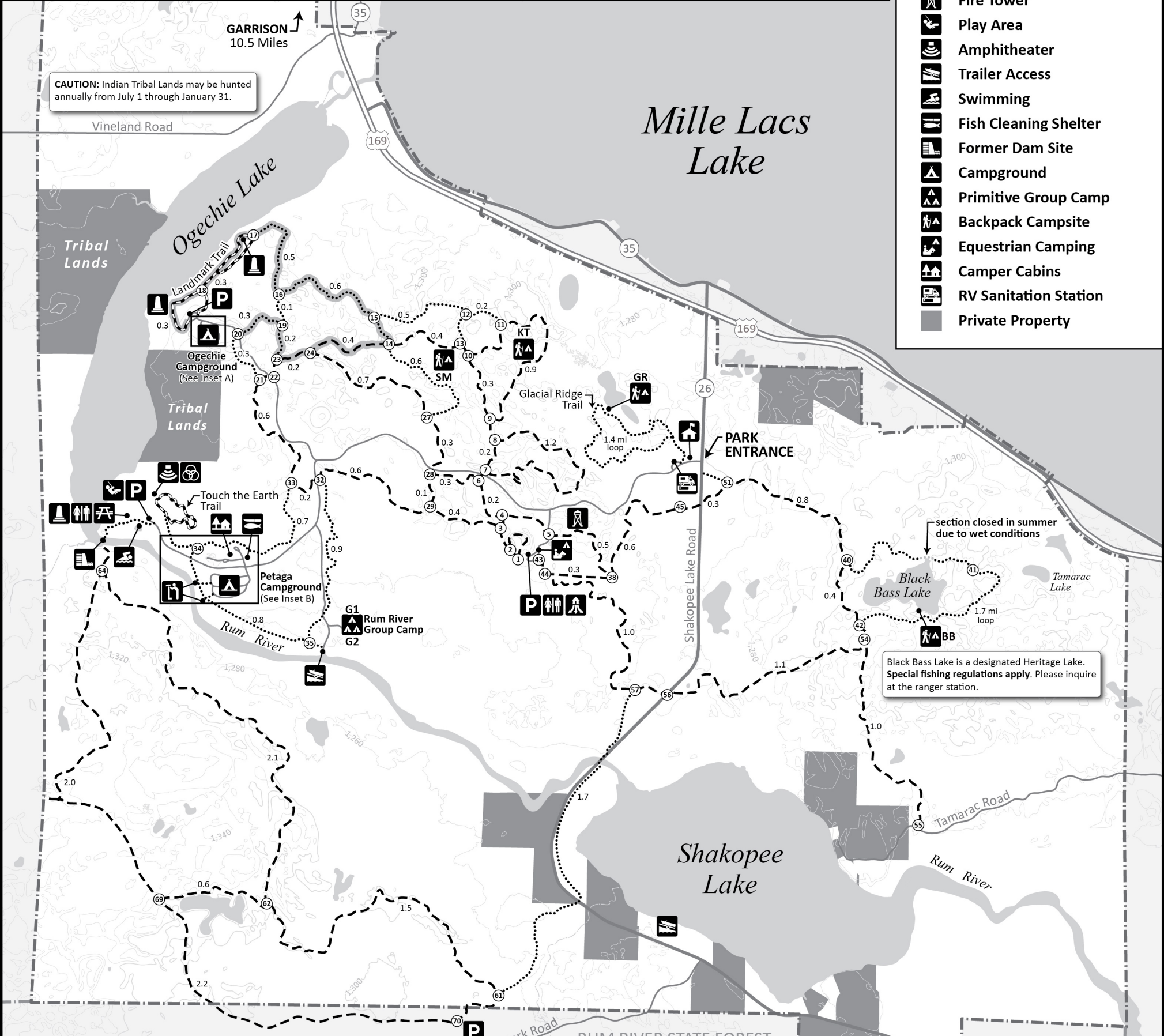
TRAILS

- Hike
- - - Hike/Horse
- - - Interpretive Trail
- Hiking Club Trail (Grant-in Aid)
- # Trail Intersection

FACILITIES

- Ranger Station
- Trail Center
- Interpretive Center
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Historical Site
- Restrooms
- Overlook
- Fire Tower
- Play Area
- Amphitheater
- Trailer Access
- Swimming
- Fish Cleaning Shelter
- Former Dam Site
- Campground
- Primitive Group Camp
- Backpack Campsite
- Equestrian Camping
- Camper Cabins
- RV Sanitation Station
- Private Property

Map Labels: Mille Lacs Lake, Ogechie Lake, Tribal Lands, Vineland Road, Garrison 10.5 Miles, Landmark Trail, Ogechie Campground (See Inset A), Touch the Earth Trail, Petaga Campground (See Inset B), Rum River, Rum River Group Camp, Glacial Ridge Trail, Park Entrance, Shakopee Lake Road, Black Bass Lake, Tamarac Lake, Tamarac Road, Rum River, Warren Lake, Lake Onamia, ONAMIA 2.5 Miles.



MAP AND GUIDE: MILLE LACS KATHIO STATE PARK

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VISITOR TIPS

- The main park road is very winding, please follow posted speed limit.
- Watch for wood ticks and deer ticks.
- Check park website and bulletin boards for seasonal trail closures.
- Pack your bug spray in the summer months for a more enjoyable hike.
- Bicycles are allowed on park roads and posted trails.
- Help keep our rivers clean. Check your watercraft for aquatic invasives before and after launching.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 888-860-8250.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Climb to the top of the 100-foot fire tower that overlooks the park and Mille Lacs Lake, a must during the fall color season.
- Hike the Landmark Trail (1 mile roundtrip) to visit the sites of former American Indian villages and explore part of the Kathio National Historic Landmark District.
- Visit the park's interpretive center to learn about the area's rich history and diverse wildlife.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT [MNDNR.GOV/MILLELACSKATHIO](https://mndnr.gov/millelacs-kathio)

ABOUT THE PARK

Experience over 10,000 acres of hardwood forest, pine stands, lakes and wetlands within the park. View the Rum River as it flows through the park from its source on the southwest shore of Mille Lacs Lake. For thousands of years people have chosen this abundant landscape as a premier location to harvest resources and to live. Archaeologists have identified over 30 significant sites within the park, indicating over 9,000 years of human interaction with the landscape. The park is recognized as a National Historic Landmark to commemorate the meeting of French explorers and Dakota villagers in the 1600s. The designation also recognizes Kathio as the ancient homeland of the Mdewakanton Dakota nation and the historic homeland of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe nation. Learn more about this rich history as you explore the park.



Soak in the scenery from the top of the park's fire tower.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Landmark Trail

Mostly flat • Gravel

1-mile loop

Hike to the sites of former American Indian villages to learn more about the history of the area. Loop back on a walk through a living timeline of forest types that have covered the park's landscape over thousands of years.

Touch the Earth Trail

Mostly Flat • Gravel • Boardwalk

0.5-mile loop

This self-guided interpretive trail offers a boardwalk through a section of bog with stops along the way to discover more about the park's unique natural resources.

Glacial Ridge Trail

Hilly • Rough terrain • Packed dirt • Wooden bridges

1.2-mile loop

Appreciate spring wildflowers or beautiful fall colors as you hike near a beaver pond and through a mixed hardwood forest.

Black Bass Trail

Hilly • Gravel

1.5 miles one-way or 4.5-mile loop

Hike into the remote and scenic Black Bass Lake, a designated Heritage Lake (special regulations apply). Anglers may either fish from shore or from a rented canoe. Visit in fall and experience migrating waterfowl.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Attend a free naturalist program.
- Check out a birding kit and watch for wildlife.
- Rent a canoe, rowboat or kayak and explore the gentle flow of the Rum River.
- Fish from shore at the former dam site on the Rum River.

WINTER OPTIONS

- Rent cross-country skis or snowshoes.
- Ski on groomed trails.
- Snowshoe on designated trails.
- Ride snowmobile trails.
- Reserve a cabin or campsite year-round.
- Bring a sled and enjoy the sliding hill.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THE RANGER STATION OR [MNDNR.GOV](https://mndnr.gov).



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



VEHICLE PERMITS

Permits required; purchase at ranger station or online.



PETS WELCOME

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



CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS

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



FIREWOOD

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

PRESERVE MINNESOTA'S PAST

Archeological and historical sites hold important clues to Minnesota's past. If disturbed, a part of our heritage is lost forever. Park historic sites and artifacts are protected by state and federal laws. If you discover items please leave them undisturbed and report your sighting to park staff.

BE OUR GUEST

Make a reservation and stay awhile at a campsite with electric options, a backpack-in campsite, horse camp, group campsite, or cabin. Visit mndnr.gov/reservations to book your stay.



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FISHING REGULATIONS? VISIT [MNDNR.GOV/FISHMN](https://mndnr.gov/fishmn)



MORE INFORMATION

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