

MAP AND GUIDE: RICE LAKE STATE PARK

8485 ROSE STREET
OWATONNA, MN 55060
STEELE AND DODGE COUNTIES
507-455-5871



! VISITOR TIPS

- To protect resources, you may only harvest/collect edible fruits and mushrooms in the park and only for personal, non-commercial use. Fiddleheads, flowers, leeks, etc. may not be harvested.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 507-451-8232

🕒 ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Step onto the 2.4-mile Hiking Club Trail to see the park's diverse landscapes.
- Rent a canoe or kayak from the park office and enjoy some quiet time on the lake. Spend an hour (or two) on the 700-acre lake as you paddle and watch waterfowl.
- Enjoy spectacular spring and fall bird migrations from the picnic area.



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ABOUT THE PARK

Long before this landscape held a state park, it was part of a vast oak savanna known as Minnesota's southern oak barrens. Imagine a sea of prairie grasses and wildflowers scattered with burr oak trees. Human activities have long since altered this landscape, but efforts are underway to restore it. A walk through the park now reveals remnants of old burr oaks and newly restored prairie plants. In the middle of this unique habitat is Rice Lake, a headwater of the Zumbro River. In the past, American Indians harvested wild rice here. Today, the shallow waters and marshy edges attract many waterfowl during migrations.



Explore the varied landscapes of Rice Lake State Park.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Hiking Club Trail Mostly flat • Mowed grass • Packed dirt Hike along the lake and through prairie and hardwoods biomes to find a variety of birds and wildflowers.	2.4-mile loop
West Trails Mostly flat • Mowed grass • Packed dirt Walk through the woods, along the lake, and into the prairie.	1-mile double-loop
Lake Trail Mostly flat • Packed dirt This wooded trail offers wonderful spots for waterfowl viewing along the lake. From here, extend your hike another 0.7 miles on the East Prairie Trails to experience diverse prairie plants and birds.	1.3 miles one-way

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Check out birding kits, GPS units and kids activity kits from the park office. Also, ask about Junior Park Naturalist books.
- Join a seasonal naturalist program, typically offered from May through September.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT 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 or less leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings.



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.

BE OUR GUEST

Reserve electric or non-electric campsites; walk-in, cart-in or canoe-in rustic sites; or a group site. Visit mndnr.gov/reservations

? MORE INFORMATION

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

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