ABOUT THE PARK

Wild River State Park opened to the public in 1978, protecting natural, cultural and recreational resources along the St. Croix River. A large portion of the park (nearly 5,000 acres) was donated by the Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy). The land was once home to Ojibwe and Dakota people before European settlers logged and farmed it. Today, the park’s second-growth forest, oak-savanna and prairie landscapes support diverse plant and wildlife species. Enjoy the park’s thirty-five miles of trail or paddle along its eighteen miles of river shoreline. In winter, experience the quiet splendor of the valley on ski or snowshoe trails.

OLD LOGGING TRAIL (UNIVERSAL TRAIL)
3 miles one-way
Flat • Asphalt path • Bicyclists share this trail seasonally
This beautiful, wooded trail links the trail center, visitor center, picnic area and campground. It also offers full access for all non-motorized uses (except horseback riding). Classic skiers use the trail in winter.

AMIK’S POND LOOP 1-mile loop
One large hill and then flat • Gravel • Grass
Enjoy a flower-filled walk down to the river and take in the hillside scenery. Watch for eagles near the river.

MITIGWAKI LOOP 1-mile loop
Mostly flat • Grass • Gravel
Loop through oak woods on a ridge above Dry Creek. A spur trail connects the visitor center with the trail center. This trail is groomed for classic cross-country skiing in the winter.

DEER CREEK LOOP 3-mile loop
A mix of flat and hilly • Grass • Sand • Horseback riders share this trail seasonally
Cross the scenic Deer Creek bridge, step through a prairie, and walk beneath trees that border the river. Part of this trail was once the historic Point Douglas to Superior Military Road (Old Military Road). This trail is groomed for classic cross-country skiing in the winter.

HIGHLAND HILLS TRAIL 2-mile loop
Steep terrain • Grass
Hike under oak trees and scattered white pines near the park office. Steep hills and rugged terrain make this a challenging hike or expert skate ski loop.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

• Take in a free naturalist program.
• Rent cross-country skis or snowshoes and hit the winter trails.
• Stay awhile by reserving a campsite, group campsite, horse campsite, cabin or the guest house.

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 or less leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings or on beaches.

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

HORSEBACK RIDING OR SKIING? Horse passes and ski passes are required for all participants 16 and older. Passes can be purchased at the park office.

MORE INFORMATION
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