

MAP AND GUIDE: SAVANNA PORTAGE STATE PARK

55626 LAKE PLACE
MCGREGOR, MN 55760
AITKIN COUNTY
218-419-1500



VISITOR TIPS

- Drive carefully on narrow, winding roads and watch for deer.
- Wood and deer ticks live in the park. Be sure to check yourself after you hike.
- The campground is open April through November. Backpack camping, a guesthouse and camper cabin are available year-round.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 218-927-2138.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Visit Loon Lake to fish, picnic, paddle or enjoy a shoreline hike.
- Hike or mountain bike around Lake Shumway and keep your eyes open for wildlife.
- Take a drive through the park and a short hike to the Continental Divide Overlook and Wolf Lake. This is especially beautiful in fall.
- Keep your eyes to the sky! Savanna Portage is busy with birds.



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PARK OVERVIEW

ABOUT THE PARK

The park was created in 1961 to preserve the historic Savanna Portage Trail. The trail linked the St. Louis and Mississippi rivers along the canoe route from Lake Superior to the upper Mississippi. It required a six mile portage across marsh, swamp and forest which took about five days. The portage route was long used by the Dakota and Ojibwe people, explorers and voyageurs.

The park, at over 16,000 acres, is home to diverse plants and wildlife. The solitude of 22 miles of hiking trails and four fishable lakes (electric motors only) makes a great getaway during any season.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

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| Lake Shumway Trail Gently rolling hills • Mowed grass Hike through hardwood forest that borders the lake. Look for swans and otters along the way. | 1.8-mile loop |
| Loon Lake Trail Some steep terrain • Packed dirt Take this narrow trail along Loon Lake and through hardwood forest and big white pines. | 0.8-mile loop |
| Continental Divide Trail Hilly • Mowed grass • Gravel Find the spot where water runs east to the St. Louis River and St. Lawrence Seaway on one side and west to the Mississippi and Gulf of Mexico on the other. This wooded path is great for wildlife watching. | 5.3-mile loop |
| Historical Savanna Portage Trail Gently rolling hills • Packed dirt This trail has been used for thousands of years to connect the St. Louis and Mississippi Rivers. Follow in the footsteps of American Indians and voyageurs that walked here long before you. | 6.3 miles one-way |

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.



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.

MORE TO EXPLORE

- Checkout a free GPS, fishing or birding Kit, or a Kid's Discovery Kit from the park office.
- Rent canoes, kayaks, boats or snowshoes from the park office.
- Stay in a drive-in campsite, backpack campsite, group camp, camper cabin or the guesthouse. Visit mndnr.gov/reservations or call 866-857-2757 to make a reservation.

? MORE INFORMATION

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Information Center
500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
888-646-6367 or mndnr.gov/parks**

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