

MAP AND GUIDE: SCENIC STATE PARK

56956 SCENIC HIGHWAY 7
BIGFORK, MN 56628
ITASCA COUNTY
218-743-3362



! VISITOR TIPS

- Cast a line from fishing piers on Coon Lake and Lake of Isles. Checkout a free fishing kit at the park office or use fish cleaning buildings (see campground map).
- Rent rowboats, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards at the park office and paddle Coon and Sandwick lakes.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 218-326-3477

🕒 ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Visit the historic lodge for interpretive displays, a sandy swimming beach, a fishing pier and a picnic area under the pines.
- Park at the Chase Point boat access for a shaded boardwalk along Coon Lake.
- Wildflower enthusiasts will find showy lady's slippers blooming in late June.



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ABOUT THE PARK

Scenic State Park was created in 1921 to protect virgin pines along the shores of Coon and Sandwick Lakes. Residents of the Bigfork area played a key role in its establishment. Visit today and swim, boat or fish for walleye, northern pike, bass and panfish. The lakes are water-filled depressions left over from old Glacial Lake Agassiz. Explore the land by hiking beneath abundant aspen, birch, mixed hardwoods and white, red and jack pines. The park will charm you with its quiet, wilderness-like setting.



Experience the park's many lakes.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Hiking Club Trail

3.8 miles one-way

Rolling hills • Mowed grass • Packed dirt

This trail contains two segments. The Tell Lake Loop segment is a favorite for fall colors. Hike this 1.8-mile loop for views of Tell Lake and wetland boardwalks. The Chase Point Trail segment offers beautiful views of Coon and Sandwick lakes, a scenic overlook and signs that interpret natural features and park history. Take this two-mile (down-and-back) segment and you'll also experience an esker, evidence of a river that flowed through an ice-age glacier. Access trails from the parking lot along the park entrance road.

Fire Tower Trail

3-mile loop

Gently rolling hills • Wooden stairs • Packed dirt

Hike through old-growth pine and black spruce forest for a true northwoods experience. Look for showy lady's slippers, northern forest birds, remote Pine Lake and the fire tower. Park at the northern boat access past Lodge Campground.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Stay at a drive-in campsite (electric or non-electric), backpack campsite, boat-in campsite or group camp. A cozy log cabin is also available. Call 866-857-2757 or visit mndnr.gov/reservations
- Reserve the historic lodge by calling the park office. If not reserved, it is open for public use.
- Birders will find a variety of breeding warblers and boreal species throughout the park.
- Enjoy snowmobile trails in the winter.

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 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.



FIREWOOD

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



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FISHING REGULATIONS? VISIT MNDNR.GOV/FISHMN

? 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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