

SCHOOLCRAFT STATE PARK

FACILITIES AND FEATURES

- A rustic campground is available with 28 sites
- A primitive group camp
- 2 canoe campsites along the Mississippi River
- Tables and parking areas are available for picnicking
- Water and toilet facilities
- 2 miles of hiking trails provide opportunities to explore the giant pines and river environment
- A boat launch on the Mississippi River
- Fishing opportunities abound in the Mississippi and Vermillion Rivers

SUMMER TRAILS

- Hiking
- Hiking Club Trail
- ⑧ Interpretive Signs

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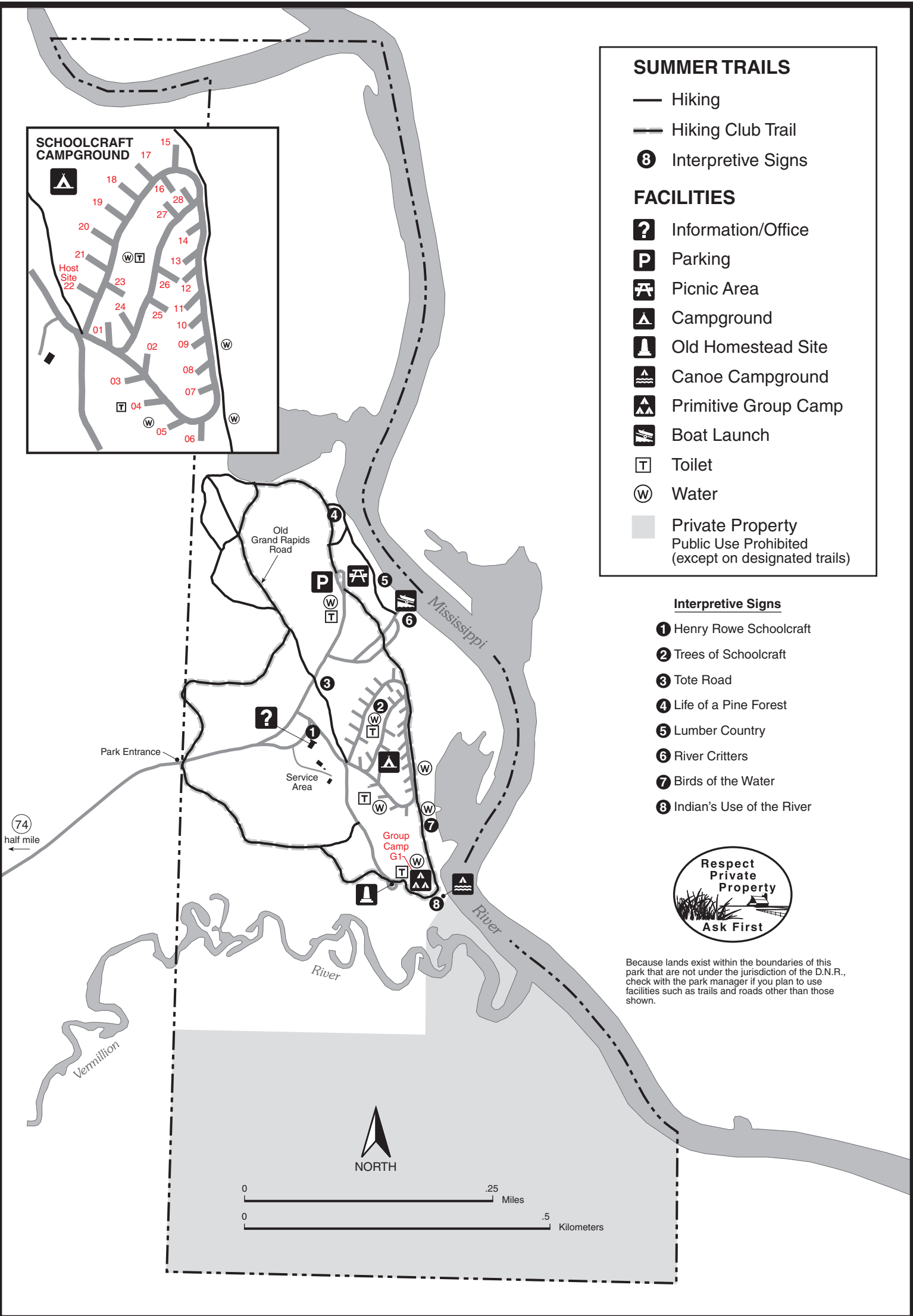
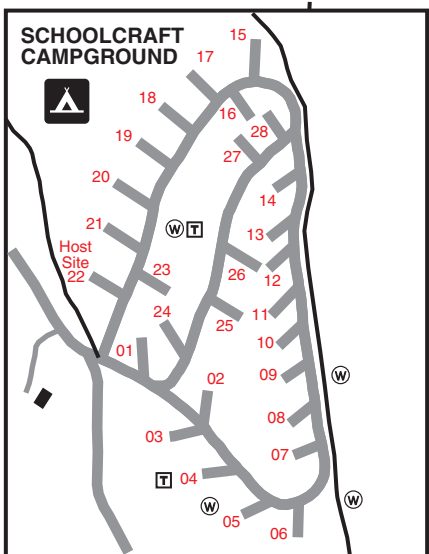
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- P Parking
- 🍷 Picnic Area
- ⚓ Campground
- 🏠 Old Homestead Site
- 🚣 Canoe Campground
- ⛶ Primitive Group Camp
- 🚤 Boat Launch
- T Toilet
- Ⓜ Water
- Private Property
Public Use Prohibited (except on designated trails)

Interpretive Signs

- ① Henry Rowe Schoolcraft
- ② Trees of Schoolcraft
- ③ Tote Road
- ④ Life of a Pine Forest
- ⑤ Lumber Country
- ⑥ River Critters
- ⑦ Birds of the Water
- ⑧ Indian's Use of the River



Because lands exist within the boundaries of this park that are not under the jurisdiction of the D.N.R., check with the park manager if you plan to use facilities such as trails and roads other than those shown.





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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Schoolcraft State Park
 (c/o Scenic State Park)
 56956 Scenic Hwy. 7
 Bigfork, MN 56628
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 Information Center
 500 Lafayette Road
 St. Paul, MN 55155-4040

(651) 296-6157 (Metro Area)
 1-888-646-6367 (MN Toll Free)

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 Device for Deaf)
 (651) 296-5484 (Metro Area)
 1-800-657-3929 (MN Toll Free)

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is located on the banks of the Mississippi River in northern Cass County. It was established in 1959, and contains 225 acres much of which is virgin pine. Waterfowl abound in the park and are often seen among the

slender stalks of wild rice, once the staple food of Native Minnesotans.

HISTORY: The park was named for Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, discoverer of the headwaters of the “Mighty Mississippi”, and a long time agent for the Chippewa Indians at Sault Saint Marie. During his term as Indian Agent he wrote several volumes of customs, legends and history of the Indians. It was from his writings that Longfellow gathered the material for his great epic “The Legend of Hiawatha”. From studies of his diary it is believed he camped in the immediate area on his trip to the headwaters of the Mississippi.

On the field at the southern end of the park is the site of the Dobson homestead. Recorded in 1898, it is believed to be the first homestead in Torrey township. It was well known as a stopping place for early river travelers and lumberjacks who worked the river. Many relics of the logging days have been found on the premises, as well as evidence of the Indians who camped here long before that time. Near the mouth of the Vermillion River wannigans are known to have tied up. These were floating cook shacks for the lumberjacks. From these flat bottomed river boats

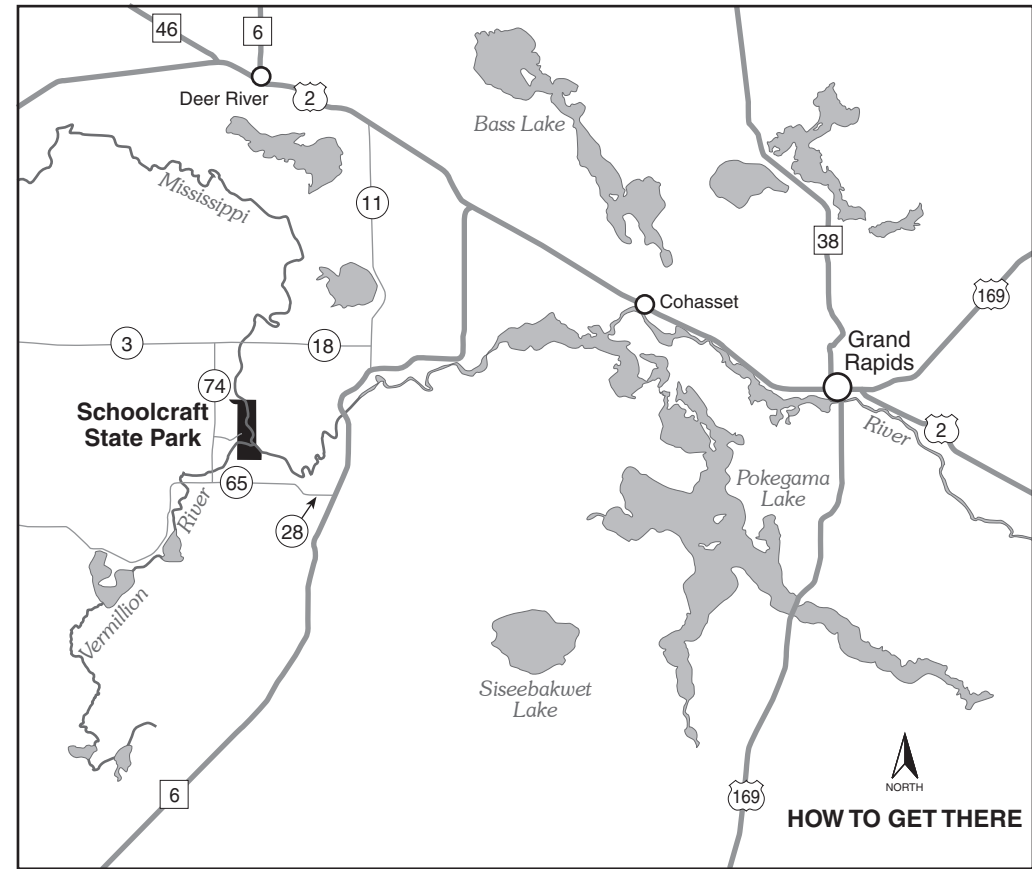
the hungry men who drove the logs down the Vermillion and Mississippi Rivers were fed, providing they could find time during their busy day to stop and eat.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: Schools and other groups are encouraged to use the park for environmental education activities. Visitors can acquaint themselves with the natural uniqueness of Schoolcraft State Park by hiking the trails and reading the interpretive signs.

We hope you enjoy your visit and take away memories and pictures of these woods and the plant and animal life in them, and leave them as you found them.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

- The park belongs to all Minnesotans. Please treat it with respect and help us to protect it by following the rules.
- Camp only in designated locations.
- The use of firearms, explosives, air guns, slingshots, traps, seines, nets, bows and arrows, and all other weapons is prohibited in state parks.
- Pets must be restrained on a leash no longer than six feet. Pets are not allowed in park buildings.



- Park in designated areas only.
- Motor bikes and other licensed vehicles are allowed only on park roads, not on trails.
- Enjoy park wildlife and plants but please respect them. Do not pick or dig up plants, disturb or feed animals, or scavenge dead wood.
- Daily or annual permits are required for all vehicles entering a state park. They may be purchased at the self-registration kiosk or the

Information Center in St. Paul (see “FOR MORE INFORMATION” to left).

This information is available in alternative format upon request.

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