ABOUT THE PARK

Split Rock Lighthouse became a necessity in 1905 when a storm wrecked six ships within a dozen miles of the Split Rock River. The historic lighthouse sits on a 130-foot anorthosite cliff pushed up by magma within the Midcontinent Rift over a billion years ago. The combination creates a stunning setting that visitors come from around the world to see. The Minnesota Historical Society manages the Lighthouse Historic Site and the state park manages 2,200 acres around it. Visit and explore the cart-in campground, rugged trails, Lake Superior shoreline, Split Rock River, and Gold Rock Point.

Immerse yourself in iconic North Shore scenery.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Split Rock River Loop Trail 4.5-mile loop
Hilly • Rocky • Boardwalks
The rugged footpath on this popular section of the Superior Hiking Trail passes many waterfalls and has a spectacular lake view at the east end.

Day Hill Trail 1.5-mile loop
Hilly • Gravel • Rocky
Start at the campground and hike to the top for a stunning view of Lake Superior and more. Go back the way you came or finish the loop with a long staircase to the campground.

Little Two Harbors Trails along Lake Superior 0.75 miles one-way
Flat • Accessible gravel from the Trail Center to Pebble Beach parking lot
This trail has it all. See Ellingsen Island, pebble beaches, the largest freshwater lake in the world, and the Little Two Harbors Fishing Village location (active from 1910 through the 1940s).

Gitchi-Gami State Trail 7-8 miles one-way
Paved • Shared with bicycles
Get on this paved bike trail from the Trail Center parking lot and travel to Gooseberry Falls State Park (8 miles one-way) or the town of Beaver Bay (7 miles one-way).

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

• Check out a GPS unit or birding or discovery kit.
• Scuba dive the Madeira shipwreck.
• Rent the four-season Trail Center for your event.
• Camp at one of four backpack sites.

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. The Lighthouse Historic Site closes at dusk.

VEHICLE PERMITS
Permits required; purchase at park office. Vehicle permits are required at the Lighthouse Historic Site when tours are not being offered.

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 INFORMATION

Reserve a backpack or cart-in campsite for a rustic experience.

Visit mndnr.gov/reservations.