

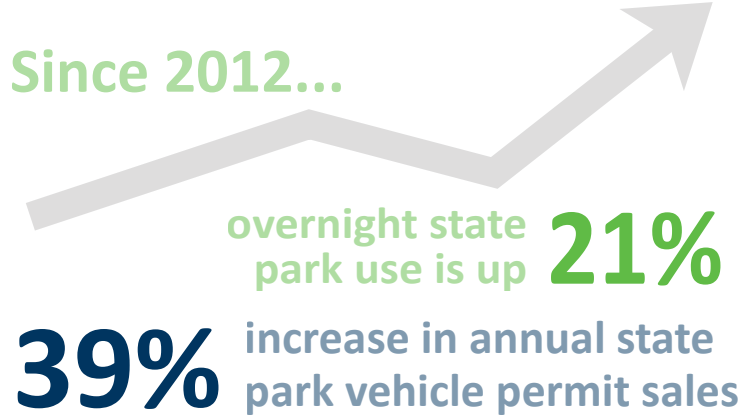
Recreation Worth Paying For

State parks and trails are highly valued and more popular than ever

The State Parks and Trails System serves millions of outdoor recreation enthusiasts throughout Minnesota every year:

- 10 million state park visitors
- 1 million overnight state park visitors
- 1.8 million state trail visitors
- 300,000 participants in interpretive and skill-building programs
- 20,000 cross-country ski pass holders
- 820,000 registered boats
- 200,000 registered snowmobiles
- 290,000 registered off-highway vehicles

Since 2012...



State park and trail visitors are highly satisfied

- More than 80% of visitors say they are satisfied or very satisfied
- Over 90% of visitors would recommend visiting the state parks and trails system to a friend or family member

Our vision is to create unforgettable park, trail, and water recreation experiences that inspire people to pass along the love for the outdoors to current and future generations.

State parks are a major contributor to Minnesota's \$14.4 billion tourism industry

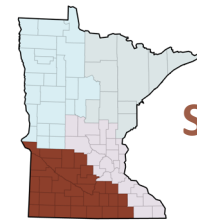
- Within Minnesota's five Tourism Regions, 32 of 50 of the top attractions are state parks.



Top Southern MN Tourist Attractions

Attraction	Attendance
1. Whitewater State Park	256,218
2. Flandrau State Park	247,665
3. Minneopa State Park	162,489
4. Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park	117,276
5. Myre-Big Island State Park	113,105
6. Lake Shetek State Park	112,715
7. Frontenac State Park	110,463
8. LARK Toys and Carousel	100,000
9. Blue Mounds State Park	87,812
10. Sakatah Lake State Park	86,762

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DNR
Southern
Region

State Parks

We manage 18 state parks and recreation areas within the southern region.

The southern region:

- Serves 1.8 million state park and recreation area visitors
- Accommodates 63,000 overnight visitors
- Sold 85,000 annual and daily state park vehicle permits

The state park system delivers:

- \$42 million in annual state park trip spending in the southern region
- 3,700 jobs, statewide

A modest park fee increase will help maintain high-quality services that Minnesotans have come to expect, and avoid undesirable reductions such as shortened camping seasons.

Water Recreation

We manage 12 state water trails, totaling over 800 miles, 558 public water accesses and 99 fishing piers within the southern region.

Over 87,000 registered boats are used primarily within the southern region.

The state's recreational boating industry delivers:

- \$5.5 billion in economic impact
- \$602 million in annual retail sales of new boats, engines, and marine accessories
- 29,000 jobs

Water recreation fees are necessary to provide basic maintenance and services at boat launching facilities and state water trails. They also help maintain boat safety and enforcement, and provide aquatic plant management.

State Trails

We manage 6 state trails, totaling 190 developed trail miles, and support 5,200 miles of Grant-in-Aid (GIA) snowmobile trails within the southern region.

State trails support Minnesota's economy:

- In 2014, the bicycle industry generated \$780 million of economic activity
- An estimated 90 million bicycle trips are made annually for commuting, recreation and other purposes

Snowmobile registration fees are necessary to fund GIA grants for local clubs, as well as provide grooming and maintenance on key state trails.

Cross-country ski fees are necessary to support trail grooming in state parks as well as fund the local GIA ski trails.

Motorized Recreation

There are 2,700 miles of state and Grant-in-Aid (GIA) off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails statewide.

The southern region serves:

- 43,000 registered OHVs
- 28,000 registered snowmobiles
- 4,800 OHVs and 3,900 snowmobiles from out of state

In Minnesota, off-highway vehicle riding delivers:

- \$919 million in economic impact
- \$86 million in state and local taxes
- 14,000 jobs

ATV registration fees will provide necessary funding for the GIA trail system and local clubs, and also allow DNR to continue to advance trail-riding opportunities in state forests.