

MAP AND GUIDE: CROW WING STATE PARK

3124 STATE PARK ROAD
BRainerd, MN 56401
CROW WING COUNTY
218-825-3075



VISITOR TIPS

- Rivers are unpredictable. Swimming is not recommended within the park.
- While enjoying the park, keep an eye out for ticks and poison ivy.
- Keep our rivers pristine. Check your watercraft for invasives before and after launching.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 218-829-4749



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Visit the historic Old Crow Wing Town Site, at the confluence of the Mississippi and Crow Wing rivers. Signs share the story of this frontier town in the mid-1800s. Start from the picnic area parking lot.
- From the boat landing, climb the stairs to Chippewa Lookout. Stand high atop the Mississippi River for distant views.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT: MNDNR.GOV/CROWWING

ABOUT THE PARK

Crow Wing State Park lies at the confluence of the Crow Wing and Mississippi rivers, which have been important canoe and trade routes for many people over time. In the mid-1800s, a bustling community existed here. Discover evidence of the park's past by visiting the Old Crow Wing Town Site and Red River Oxcart Trail, both Historic Districts on the National Register of Historic Places. The park was established in 1959 to preserve these significant pieces of Minnesota's history. The 3,119-acre park also has a rich natural history with three of Minnesota's major landscapes (pine, prairie and hardwood) containing diverse plants and wildlife.



Discover how rivers have drawn people to this area for generations.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Hiking Club Trail

Mostly flat with a few hills • Mowed grass • Rock

Explore the Old Crow Wing Town Site and Red River Oxcart Trail as you hike to the scenic Chippewa Lookout for a beautiful view of the Mississippi River.

2.2 mile loop

Battle of 1768

Mostly flat • Mowed grass • Gravel

Head south from the main parking lot along the Mississippi River to the site of the Battle of 1768, a major battle between the Dakota and Ojibwe. As you loop back, watch for wildlife along the way.

2.3-mile loop

Paul Bunyan State Trail

Small hills • Paved • Bicycle trail

Bike or hike the 6.2-mile paved portion of the Paul Bunyan State Trail as it curves through the park. Pedal past pines, prairie, hardwoods and the Mississippi River. Bikers can follow the trail past the park boundary to Baxter and Brainerd. The 115-mile trail connects Crow Wing State Park to Lake Bemidji State Park.

6.2 miles one-way

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Rent a canoe at the park office and paddle the Mississippi or Crow Wing rivers.
- Stay awhile at a park campsite, group site or camper cabin. Visit mndnr.gov/reserve to learn more.
- Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy along the Mississippi River.
- Find a geocache.

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.



FIREWOOD

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



CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS

10 p.m.–8 a.m.; only registered campers may be in campground during quiet hours.

BE OUR GUEST

Bring a group and stay at a spacious group camp site.

Reserve a camper cabin or campsite for a get-away with family or friends.

Visit mndnr.gov/reservations to make reservations up to a year in advance.



CURIOUS ABOUT THE CROW WING OR MISSISSIPPI RIVER STATE WATER TRAILS?
GO TO: MNDNR.GOV/WATERTRAILS



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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