

MAP AND GUIDE: GREAT RIVER BLUFFS STATE PARK

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WINONA COUNTY
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VISITOR TIPS

- Use caution when hiking trails to overlooks or along steep slopes. Keep small children close.
- While timber rattlesnakes live in the park, they are not numerous. Stay on the trails and give them space in the unlikely event that you see one. They are a protected species.
- Dogs are not allowed in State Natural Areas within the park.
- In an emergency call 911.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the spacious picnic grounds and scenic views from nearby overlooks.
- Hike the King's Bluff Trail for a breathtaking view of the Mississippi River Valley.
- Bring your binoculars! The river valley is a major flyway for waterfowl, eagles and hawks. You may even spot a peregrine falcon.



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ABOUT THE PARK

Great River Bluffs State Park was created in 1976 so that everyone could experience the bluffland area of southeastern Minnesota. Perched above the Mississippi River, the park's 2,835 acres lie within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest. The park is dedicated to the protection and restoration of natural resources and contains two State Natural Areas.

Visit the park and explore diverse plant communities including maple-basswood forests, old hickory, pines, goat prairies and old fields. Experience this unique landscape while you hike, camp, birdwatch, picnic, snowshoe or ski.



Enjoy spectacular views of the blufflands.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

King's Bluff Trail

1.25 miles one-way

Some hills • Mowed grass • Packed dirt

Experience scenic vistas of the Mississippi River Valley from overlooks along this trail. This path to impressive views passes through oak savannah and one of the park's Scientific and Natural Areas. Interpretive signs share the story of the landscape along the way.

South Overlook Trail

0.2 miles one-way

Some hills • Packed dirt

View the mighty Mississippi River as it winds far below the bluffs at the end of this trail. An overlook provides a wooden deck and bench for relaxing as you soak in the view. Start this trail at the picnic area parking lot.

East Overlook Trail

0.3 miles one-way

Some hills • Packed dirt

Your reward at the end of this short hike is one of the most picturesque views in the park. The scenery is especially beautiful in fall when colorful maples and oaks cover the bluffs. Begin this hike at the campground visitor parking lot.

MORE TO EXPLORE

- Visit in early spring to see blooming flowers in the prairie.
- Visit in fall for a stunning display of color across the bluffs.
- Stop back in winter to snowshoe or to ski groomed trails.

BE OUR GUEST

- Unplug, relax and stay awhile at a drive-in or hike-in campsite. Visit mndnr.gov/reservations or call 866-857-2757 to make a reservation.
- Bicyclists, a 5-site bicycle campground is located off south-bound U.S. Highway 61/14 for those biking along the Great River Road.

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 at the Welcome Center.



PETS WELCOME

Keep on 6-foot leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings.



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.



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