ABOUT THE PARK

St. Croix is Minnesota’s largest state park with over 33,000 acres of forests, meadows, marshes and streams. Established in 1943, the park was originally developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps as a recreation demonstration area. This location has been valued for thousands of years, from the first nations to Dakota and Ojibwe tribes, fur traders, loggers, settlers and modern recreationists.

While you are here, be sure to spend time on the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and the Kettle River State Wild and Scenic River. Look for wildflowers, catch a fish, or go birding. As you explore, you may notice that storm-affected forests within the park are undergoing habitat restoration.

WELCOME

VISITOR TIPS

• Prepare for bugs. We share the park with mosquitoes and ticks.
• Cell phones don’t always work here. The best reception is at the park entrance.
• Check your gas tank. It is a 12-mile walk back from Head of the Rapids.
• Bring your camera! This park has lots of wildlife.
• In an emergency call 911.
• Pine County’s non-emergency sheriff’s number: 320-629-8380.

ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

• Take a scenic drive and climb the fire tower.
• Park at the St. Croix Lodge and hike the 1-mile loop from the River’s Edge Trail to the River Bluff Trail.
• Explore the Visitor Center.
• Take the Sundance Self-Guided Trail. Pick up a self-guiding brochure and learn about park history, wildlife and habitats along a gently rolling 1-mile trail.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THE PARK HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Kettle River Highbanks Trail
Packed dirt • Remote
Walk along the state designated Wild and Scenic Kettle River. Enjoy scenic views of rocky rapids, nesting eagles and beautiful flowers. Pack a picnic to enjoy at the Kettle River Highbanks overlook deck.

River Bluff to CCC Camp
Grass • Packed dirt
Enjoy a wide, flat trail starting at the St. Croix Lodge and ending at the historic Civilian Conservation Corps camp site. After reading about the young men who built this park, make it a loop by returning on the paved bike path.

Paved Bicycle Path
Paved • Mostly flat
Take a ride from the campground to the Lake Clayton Beach Picnic Area. Bring a lunch to eat in the picnic shelter, use the playground, or play sand volleyball before taking a dip.

Two Rivers Trail
Packed dirt
Soak in views along two fabulous rivers. Park at the Kettle River Overlook and hike to the confluence of the St. Croix and Kettle Rivers. The Two Rivers campsite is a beautiful place to rest before returning along the St. Croix River.

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WILDLIFE AWARENESS

The scent of your food carries well beyond the campground to the homes of bears, foxes, raccoons and skunks. To keep these critters out of your site, please store your coolers, food, dishes, toiletries and pet food inside your vehicle. These animals are very intelligent and can open a locked cooler!

MORE INFORMATION

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