



MAP AND GUIDE: WILD RIVER STATE PARK

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VISITOR TIPS

- The river has dangerous currents and deep drop-offs. Swimming is not recommended.
- Hikers are welcome on all summer trails. In winter, only use designated hiking or snowshoeing trails. No hiking on ski trails.
- Keep sites and fire rings clean of food scraps and trash to discourage raccoons and other animals.
- Help keep our rivers clean. Check your watercraft for aquatic invasives before and after launching.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff number: 651-257-4100.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Stop at the visitor center to explore exhibits and get a great view of the St. Croix River Valley.
- Hike to the Nevers Dam overlook to see where the world’s largest pile-driven dam once stood.
- Watch for wildlife on a hike along the scenic St. Croix River.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT: [MNDNR.GOV/WILDRIVER](https://mndnr.gov/wildriver)

ABOUT THE PARK

Wild River State Park opened to the public in 1978, protecting natural, cultural and recreational resources along the St. Croix River. A large portion of the park (nearly 5,000 acres) was donated by the Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy). The land was once home to Ojibwe and Dakota people before European settlers logged and farmed it. Today, the park’s second-growth forest, oak savanna and prairie landscapes support diverse plant and wildlife species. Enjoy the park’s thirty-five miles of trail or paddle along its eighteen miles of river shoreline. In winter, experience the quiet splendor of the valley on ski or snowshoe trails.



Enjoy the beauty of the river along one of the park trails.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Old Logging Trail (Universal Trail)

2 miles one-way

Flat • Asphalt path • Bicyclists share this trail seasonally
This beautiful, wooded trail links the trail center, visitor center, picnic area and campground. It also offers full access for all non-motorized uses (except horseback riding). Classic skiers use the trail in winter.

Amik’s Pond Loop

1-mile loop

One large hill and then flat • Gravel • Grass
Enjoy a flower-filled walk down to the river and take in the hillside scenery. Watch for eagles near the river.

Mitigwaki Loop

1.5-mile loop

Mostly flat • Grass • Gravel
Loop through oak woods on a ridge above Dry Creek. A spur trail connects the visitor center with the trail center. This trail is groomed for classic cross-country skiing in the winter.

Deer Creek Loop

3.5-mile loop

A mix of flat and hilly • Grass • Sand • Horseback riders share this trail seasonally
Cross the scenic Deer Creek bridge, step through a prairie, and walk beneath trees that border the river. Part of this trail was once the historic Point Douglas to Superior Military Road (Old Military Road). This trail is groomed for classic cross-country skiing in the winter.

Highland Hills Trail

2-mile loop

Steep terrain • Grass
Hike under oak trees and scattered white pines near the park office. Steep hills and rugged terrain make this a challenging hike or expert skate ski loop.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Take in a free naturalist program.
- Borrow a GPS, birding kit or fishing equipment from the visitor center.
- Paddle the St. Croix River.
- Rent cross-country skis or snowshoes and hit the winter trails.
- Stay awhile by reserving a campsite, group campsite, horse campsite, cabin or the guest house.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THE PARK OFFICE OR [MNDNR.GOV](https://mndnr.gov).



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



VEHICLE PERMITS

Permits required; purchase at park office, entrance kiosk, or online at mndnr.gov/permit.



PETS WELCOME

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

HORSEBACK RIDING OR SKIING?

Horse passes and ski passes are required for all participants 16 and older. Passes can be purchased at the park office.

Horseback riders may only use designated trails.



CURIOUS ABOUT THE ST. CROIX RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL? GO TO: [MNDNR.GOV/WATERTRAILS](https://mndnr.gov/watertrails)



MORE INFORMATION

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