



MAP AND GUIDE: SAKATAH LAKE STATE PARK

50499 SAKATAH LAKE STATE PARK RD
WATERVILLE, MN 56096
RICE AND LESUEUR COUNTIES
507-698-7850



VISITOR TIPS

- Camping is available April through late October.
- The bike-in campground is a great stopping point on longer bike trips.
- The City of Waterville, 2 miles west, offers restaurants, ice cream shops, grocers and convenience stores.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 507-357-4440



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Pack a picnic lunch and relax by the lake in the picnic area.
- Rent a paddleboard, canoe or kayak from the park office and paddle the tranquil waters of Upper Sakatah Lake.
- Wet a line from the fishing pier and try for walleye, large mouth and white bass, northern pike or panfish.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO DISCOVER?
VISIT MNDNR.GOV/SAKATAHLAKE

ABOUT THE PARK

Established in 1963, Sakatah Lake State Park offers you the opportunity to camp, hike and recreate by the lake, while still protecting forests, wetlands, prairies and the creatures that depend on them. Members of the Dakota Nation, the Wahpekute (Wapacoota) tribe gave this area the name Sakatah, meaning "the sights and sounds of children playing on the hill," or loosely translated to "Singing Hills." The rolling terrain is the work of glaciers that deposited mounds of rocks and mineral debris (called moraines) some 14,000 years ago. In some places these deposits are up to 400 feet deep.



Discover all the area has to offer.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Hiking Club Trail

Rolling hills • Natural surface

Journey through old growth oaks and rolling hills as you hike sections of Hidden Pond, Oak Tree and Sumac trails to complete this loop. Find wildflowers in the spring, cool shade in the summer, and brilliant colors in the fall. This hike gives you great views in all seasons.

2.2-mile loop

Big Woods Loop

Rolling hills • Natural surface

Take in the Big Woods landscape as you roam under the canopy of tall, mature timber along this unique trail. The Big Woods Loop is a visitor favorite during the fall season when the forest floor is covered in brightly colored leaves.

0.75-mile loop

Wahpekute Trail

Rolling hills • Packed dirt

This single track trail is a moderately difficult hike that follows rolling terrain overlooking the lake. Experienced hikers looking for an adventure will find lovely lake views ranging from tall overlooks to rocky lakeshores.

1 mile one-way

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Start your paddling adventure from the park's boat launch and onto the Cannon River State Water Trail which runs through Sakatah Lake.
- Stay overnight at a drive-in campsite, bike-in campsite, cabin or group camp. Visit MNDNR.GOV/RESERVATIONS or call 866-857-2757 to make a reservation.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A full set of STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS is available at 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.



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.



CURIOUS ABOUT THE SAKATAH SINGING HILLS STATE TRAIL?
VISIT MNDNR.GOV/TRAILS



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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