

MAP AND GUIDE: UPPER SIOUX AGENCY STATE PARK

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GRANITE FALLS, MN 56241
YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY
320-564-4777



VISITOR TIPS

- The park office is open Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend on Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- Contact at the park November through March may be sparse.
- Trails are shared with horses; all dogs must be leashed.
- Make your hike enjoyable by bringing insect repellent along.
- In an emergency call 911.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Enjoy the view from the Minnesota River Overlook (park entrance).
- Stop at the interpretive center to discover more about the park (open seasonally April 1 to October 31).
- Experience the confluence of the Yellow Medicine River. Spend the afternoon at picnic tables and fire rings in the nearby day-use area (campground entrance).



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ABOUT THE PARK

Upper Sioux Agency State Park was established in 1963 to preserve and interpret the remains of the historic site of the Upper Sioux or Yellow Medicine Indian Agency. The Historic Upper Sioux Agency Site is managed by the Minnesota Historical Society and offers self-led opportunities. Be sure to explore the park's diverse landscapes covering 1,280 acres of the Minnesota River and its confluence with the Yellow Medicine River. You'll find open prairie knolls, bluffs and cool, wooded slopes. A visit will reveal trails that are perfect for horseback riding, hiking, snowshoeing and snowmobiling.



Reserve a tipi for a unique experience.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Hiking Club Trail

4.3-mile loop

Hilly • Mowed grass • Packed dirt

Start in prairie above the Yellow Medicine River Valley, move down wooded slopes, and then head back up into the picnic grounds. Parking is available at the picnic area.

Minnesota River Trail

1.8 miles one-way

Mostly flat • Packed dirt

Discover eagles and waterfowl along the river or stop to smell the wild roses in June or July. This trail begins at the Confluence Day-Use Area and ends at the Riverside Campground. If you'd like a longer hike, take the 1.5-mile Wetland Trail from the campground (watch for the resident beavers in the wetland), or hike the 1.1-mile Terrace Trail (hardwoods with steep terrain) to the 0.8-mile Mink Trail which will lead back to the day-use area.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Stay awhile at a drive-in campsite (electric or non-electric) or walk-in campsites. The rustic Riverside Campground on the Minnesota River is a great spot for anglers.
- Reserve a tipi for a unique camping experience from late May to September. Tipis fill fast, so reserve early or try for quieter weekdays. Pets and open flames are not allowed in tipis. Bring a sleeping pad and sleeping bag for your stay.
- Equestrians are welcome with a campground, day-use area and 16 miles of trails with access to more paths in Skalbekken County Park. Be sure to have your horse pass.
- Make camping reservations by calling 866-857-2757 or at mndnr.gov/reservations.
- Try your luck fishing from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. at the Yellow Medicine River confluence.
- Find over 200 species of birds in the park.

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.



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? 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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