MAP AND GUIDE: WHITEWATER STATE PARK

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ABOUT THE PARK
Established in 1919, the park protects one of the most scenic sections of the historic Whitewater Valley. Rare geology in this unglaciated Driftless Area supports diverse ecosystems, dramatic landscapes and unique recreational opportunities. Much of the park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration as a result of the Great Depression. Today, the park welcomes over 250,000 visitors each year and serves as a gateway and information center for the nearby 27,000-acre Whitewater Wildlife Management Area. An active Friends Group helps support many park projects and activities.

REPORT SIGHTINGS TO THE PARK OFFICE.

The timber rattlesnake is a threatened bluffland species sometimes seen in the park in late summer.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Chimney Rock Trail
0.7-mile loop
Steep and hilly • Over 100 stairs • Bare rock • Packed dirt
Hike up a bluff to visit the famous Chimney Rock and watch turkey vultures and eagles soaring while anglers pursue trout on the middle branch of the Whitewater River below.

Dakota Trail
4.2-mile loop
Steep and hilly • Over 200 stairs • Bare rock • Packed dirt
The bluffs and valleys on this rigorous trail are a favorite of scouts, cross country runners and wilderness backpackers.

Inspiration Point Trail
1.2 miles one-way
Steep and hilly • Over 100 stairs • Bare rock • Packed dirt
Witness a pre-settlement vista free from any signs of civilization.

Trout Run Creek Trail
2 miles one-way
Flat • Wooden Bridges • Packed dirt
Enjoy spring wildflowers, the serenity of Trout Run Creek, and a variety of migrating songbirds.

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 leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings or 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.

MORE INFORMATION
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