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.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Chimney Rock Trail
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
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
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
Flat • Wooden Bridges • Packed dirt
Enjoy spring wildflowers, the serenity of Trout Run Creek, and a variety of migrating songbirds.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

• Enjoy a free naturalist program.
• Swim at the beach.
• Rent snowshoes and explore off trail.
• Borrow a GPS unit or birding kit from the park office.
• Take home a souvenir from the gift shop.
• Trout fish year-round within the park.

Looking for more to explore during your stay? Visit MNDNR.gov/whitewater