



# MAP AND GUIDE: RED RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

515 2ND STREET NORTHWEST  
EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721  
POLK COUNTY  
218-773-4950



## VISITOR TIPS

- River currents are fast and change quickly. Swimming in the river is prohibited.
- Trails are in an urban setting, please watch for vehicle traffic.
- A weather emergency shelter can be found at 415 4th Street NW.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 218-773-1104.



## ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Stroll through the former Sherlock neighborhood to find signs of the past such as original streets and sidewalks.
- Search for a geocache. Check with the office to borrow a GPS unit for your adventure.
- Picnic and play at the campground playground.
- Relax or enjoy a meal at picnic shelters at the River Heights Trailhead. You'll get beautiful views of the Red River just a half-mile north of the campground on Fourth Street.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT [MNDNR.GOV/REDRIVER](http://MNDNR.GOV/REDRIVER)

## ABOUT THE RECREATION AREA

The creation of the Red River State Recreation Area was a grassroots effort resulting from the flood of 1997. The flood devastated the communities of East Grand Forks, MN and Grand Forks, ND. After the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers redrew the floodplain, the Federal Emergency Management Agency bought 500 homes and other buildings in East Grand Forks along the Red and Red Lake Rivers. Structures and homes were removed and the land, now a 1,200-acre greenway, became a state recreation area. Today, the landscape is a unique blend of natural and urban. Visitors can enjoy picnic areas, river access for fishing and boating, and a large campground near the Red River.



Experience views along the Red River.

## TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Hiking Club Trail</b> Mostly flat • Paved Pass a variety of landscapes, including residential, on this hike. Watch for bald eagles soaring over the river.	2.2-mile loop
<b>Lower Campground Trail</b> Mostly flat • Mowed grass Delight in views of prairie grasses and wildflowers and discover excellent bird watching. Return on this trail or hike back on the paved Greenway Trail.	2-mile loop
<b>Greenway Trail System</b> Mostly flat • Paved This multi-purpose trail runs along the campground and connects to 22 miles of trails on both sides of the river. Rest and relax at benches along the way.	22-miles one-way

## MORE TO EXPLORE

- Look for interpretive programs in the summer.
- Borrow horseshoes or fishing rods from the park office.
- Watch for migratory birds. More than 250 species have been observed within the greenway of Grand Forks/East Grand Forks. Birding kits are available at the office.
- Stop by the playground area kiosk to learn about the flood of 1997 and how the Red River Recreation Area was created.
- Don't let bad weather ruin your trip. A movie theater, restaurants and shopping are within walking distance.



## WATER RECREATION

- Find boat access, docks, benches, and shoreline fishing at Eagle Point Boat Landing, just a half-mile southeast of the campground.
- Eagle Point Boat Landing offers fishing on Red Lake River. Lafave Boat Landing offers fishing on the Red River.
- Cast a line for channel catfish, walleye, northern pike and more. A fishing platform in the campground or an accessible fishing site across from the River Heights Trailhead offer shore fishing.
- Cool off at the city pool, a short 1/4-mile walk from the campground.



## SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY...

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



**PARK OPEN**  
8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



**VEHICLE PERMITS**  
Permits required; purchase at recreation area 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 recreation area.

## BE OUR GUEST

Stay awhile at numerous drive-in campsites (electric, non-electric and full service hook-up options). Enjoy a more rustic stay in a walk-in campsite or group camp.

Visit [mndnr.gov/reservations](http://mndnr.gov/reservations) to reserve your site.



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FISHING REGULATIONS? VISIT [MNDNR.GOV/FISHMN](http://MNDNR.GOV/FISHMN)

## ? MORE INFORMATION

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Information Center  
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888-646-6367 or [mndnr.gov/parks](http://mndnr.gov/parks)

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