



WHERE
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CAMPING

BLUE OX LODGE, #26
GAMEHAVEN COUNCIL

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Scout Camps

Camp Wilderness Northern Lights Council

Location: near Park Rapids, MN

Price: Scouts: \$155
Adults: 1 free for every 10 scouts

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
Trailblazers OA Callout Ceremonies

Length: 7 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Herman Stern Award
Individual and Patrol Competitions

Additional Programs: Family Camp
COPE
Canadian Fishing Trip

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Camp Wilderness
P.O. Box 295
Park Rapids, MN 56470
(218) 732-4674

L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation Chippewa Valley Council

Location: located near Haugen, WI

Price: Scouts: \$155
Adults: 1 free for every 10 scouts, or \$95

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
1st Year Camper OA Callout Ceremonies

Length: 7 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Individual and Patrol Competitions

Additional Programs: Family Camp
COPE
Cub Scout Activities

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation
P.O. Box 37
Haugen, WI 54841
(715) 234-3536

Lewis and Clark Scout Camp Sioux Council

Location: located near Yankton, SD, approximately 5 hours from
Rochester, MN

Price: Youth: \$135

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
1st Class Trail OA Callout Ceremonies

Length: 7 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Super Troop
Individual and Patron Competitions

Additional Programs: Family Camp
COPE

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Lewis and Clark Camp
c/o Sioux Council
7200 W. 49 St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
(605) 361-2697

Camp Decorah

Gateway Area Council

Location: between Holmen and Galesville, WI; about 20 minutes north of LaCrosse

Price: Scouts: \$135
Adults: first 2 free, each additional \$34

Activities: Merit Badges Waterfront Activities
1st Year Program OA Callout Ceremonies
Horse Corral w/ trail rides

Length: 6 days, not including transportation

Awards: Merit Badges
Honor Unit
Patrol-of-the-Week
Individual and Patrol Competitions

Additional Programs: Family Camp
COPE
Cub Scout Camp
Venture Camp

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Camp Decorah
W7494 Council Bay Road
Holmen, WI 54636
(608) 526-9477

Many Point Scout Reservation Viking Council

Location: near Park Rapids, MN

Price: Scouts: \$135
Adults: \$50

Activities: First Year Program Merit Badges
Waterfront Activities Climbing
Ethics in Action OA Callout Ceremonies

Length: 6 days (excluding transportation)

Awards: Merit Badges
Super Troop
Ironman

Additional Programs: Family Camp
COPE
Fire Tower
History Center

Dining Hall Option: Yes

Contact Information: Many Point Scout Camp
5300 Glenwood Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55422
(612) 545-4550

There are fun programs and adventures available for every Scout at Many Point Scout Camp. From the Webelos Scout who just joined the troop to the veteran camper who is returning for his fourth or fifth year, Many Point is for you!

Challenges like the Mile Swim, Project C.O.P.E., and the Many Point Ironman Triathlon will bring you new confidence. Get thrills on the high wire course and 400' zip line. Spend a night on the Huck Finn raft, kayak with the

Loons, snorkel with the fish, and learn how much you can do for yourself. Stretch your limits and find the exciting edge of success right at your fingertips. Everything you've learned at meetings, outings and weekend camp-outs come together at Many Point Scout Camp.

Many Point has eight miles of shoreline on two crystal clear lakes. Each will give you unlimited opportunities for water front activities. You can learn to windsurf, snorkel, kayak, and sail one of 70 sailboats. Both Many Point Lake and Round Lake are known for great fishing. The weekly fishing contest adds excitement as you try to catch Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass, Crappies, Sunfish and even Muskie.

Join Scouts from your troop and Scouts from all over the United States and Canada at Many Point this summer. Located in the beautiful White Earth State Forest of Minnesota, Many Point provides the perfect uncrowded wilderness environment for your troop. The 2400 acre camp is bordered by the 43,000 acre Tamarac Wildlife Refuge, home to eagles, loons, deer, beaver, and more.

expanded and enhanced to accommodate the growing number of Scouts, Webelos and leaders who camp in the four subcamps.

When your Scout attends Tomohawk he will be doing a lot more than camping. While camping is one of the primary reasons that a boy joins Scouting, it is also an ideal opportunity to develop character, build teamwork and grow as a leader.

Scouts have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of programs. The aquatics area includes swimming, sailing, lifesaving, sailboarding, canoeing, and row boats. Scoutcraft is where the Scout Handbook comes alive with camping, cooking, wilderness survival, orienteering, pioneering and Indian Lore. At shooting sports you'll find rifle, archery and shotgun. Ecology boasts many opportunities in nature, mammal study, forestry, environmental science, fish and wildlife study.

Cuyuna is located on 880 acres of forest with 7 beautiful fish-filled lakes. You will find countless loons, eagles, and many other animals in this birch and pine paradise.

High
Adventure
Bases

Northern Tier

National High Adventure

Welcome to the Northern Tier. You are stepping into a country explored by few. From June through August, Northern Tier takes pride in offering Scouts three program choices. Choosing your Northern Tier program base is your first step. The Northern Tier has several adventures, each with a different character, length, and price. Come to the Northern Tier on an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of our country.

PROGRAM BASE	DETAILS	ARRIVAL DATES	LENGTH	CREW SIZE	AGE
Sommers Canoe Base- Ely, Minnesota	BWCAW, Minnesota and Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario	June-August	6-10 Days	6 to 8, plus interpreter	13, by date of trip
Northern Expeditions- Bissett, Manitoba	Fly-in canoeing and fishing in Manitoba, east of Lake Quetico	June-August	6-10 Days	6 to 11, plus interpreter	13, by date of trip
Don Rogert Canoe Base- Atikokan, Ontario	Quetico Provincial Park and areas north	June-August	6-10 Days	6 to 11 plus interpreter if going north, 6 to 8 plus interpreter if going into Quetico Park	13, by date of trip

Making Reservations:

1. Make your plans early.
2. Contact the base for a detailed brochure.
3. Pick your program base.

4. Decide an arrival date. All bases accept arrivals on any day of the week. Plan to arrive at 1:00 PM. Have alternate dates ready. Plan your travel accordingly.

5. Decide your trip length.

6. Decide on the number of people that will be in your group, and if necessary, how many crews you will be divided into. Note that each crew must have the required leadership. Crew size limitations are noted above.

For a free brochure and more details, please call: (218) 365-4811 (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday)...or write:

Northern Tier National High Adventure
PO Box 509
Ely, MN 55731-0509

The Florida Sea Base

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is headquartered in the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys, on the Lower Matecumbe Key, about 75 miles south of Miami. Scouting's most complete aquatic facility offers a complete variety of water activities from SCUBA diving to sailing "Tall Ships." All of our participants have the opportunity to swim, snorkel, and fish among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere.

The elevated dormitories look out across Florida Bay to one of the many bridges that separates the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic Ocean. Our harbor has a 300 foot pier for the sailing yachts, as well as many smaller docks for our fleet of power boats. SCUBA instruction is offered in special diving tanks complete with an underwater viewing port. The Ship's Shore (trading post) sells many items that you may have forgotten and items to take home to help you remember your adventure.

Only a few miles off shore, an extensive underwater coral garden forms a barrier reef protecting the islands. Here, among pillars of living coral, you come face to face with thousands of multi-hued tropical fish in water so clear that while swimming, you have the sensation of floating in mid-air. The area abounds with legends and tales of unequalled adventure. Even to this day, the lure of discovering a buried treasure burns in the hearts of true adventurers.

In December of 1982, a gift was received by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America which was destined to change the very nature of some of the exciting programs offered by the Florida Sea Base. The gift was an untouched, uninhabited island over 100 acres in size, surrounded by the crystal-clear water off of Big Pine Key in the lower keys.

On the entire string of islands called the Florida Keys, there are but a few that remain as they were when the pirates first rowed ashore in search of fresh water and game to provision their galleons. This island shows up on old nautical charts as Newfound Harbor Key, and on newer charts as Big Munson Key. It is located three miles offshore from US 1, and a mere four miles inshore from Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary, known for some of the

most fabulous reef formations found in the Keys. Sea Base has committed to retain this island in its natural state. Lightweight screened tents, cooking gear and other necessary equipment is provided by Sea Base, but all personal gear, food, and water must be waded ashore for your stay.

Make a splash! Head to the Florida Keys and dive into an amazing Florida Sea Base adventure and wade into more excitement than you ever thought possible. Snorkeling, SCUBA, boating, and beach camping are among the many possibilities.

Philmont Scout Ranch

“These properties are donated and dedicated to the Boy Scouts of America for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity and freedom -- principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer. So that these future citizens may, through thoughtful adult guidance and by the inspiration of nature, visualize and form a code of living to diligently maintain these high ideals and our proper destiny.”

Waite Phillips - December 1941

Philmont Scout Ranch is a national camping area, owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Philmont is large, comprising 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. 32 staffed camps and 50 unstaffed camps are operated by the ranch. Philmont has high mountains which dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

The mission of Philmont Scout Ranch is to achieve the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America and to serve local councils by providing an outstanding High Adventure, training, or family program experience to older Scouts and family members. The mission is achieved through the combined efforts of the Camping, Training, Ranching and Administrative departments of Philmont.

Contacting Philmont:

Philmont Scout Ranch
Route 1, Box 35
Cimarron, NM 87714

State

Parks

Minnesota State Park Rules

State Parks Mission:

WE WILL WORK WITH THE PEOPLE OF Minnesota to provide a state park system which preserves and manages Minnesota's natural, scenic and cultural resources for present and future generations while providing appropriate recreational and educational opportunities.

Park hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., 365 days a year. Office hours vary by season.

State Park Permit: All vehicles entering a state park must display a valid Minnesota State Park vehicle permit which must be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the windshield. Annual and day permits can be purchased at a park. The annual permit can also be purchased by calling the Department of Natural Resources Information Center. Funds from state park vehicle permits and fees are used to help manage park resources and facilities.

Accessibility: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, state parks are working to make facilities accessible to people of all abilities. Call the specific state park you are planning to visit for up-to-date information on accessibility.

Alcohol/Drugs: It is unlawful for any person to consume intoxicating liquors, or to display liquor containers in public. State laws apply to possession and use of drugs.

Biking: Biking is permitted only on designated trails or park roads where motor vehicles are allowed, unless otherwise posted.

Campers: Campers must register at the office or self-registration station. Only registered campers are allowed in the park after 10 p.m. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Check in/Check out: Overnight guests must check out by 4 p.m. If you choose to stay another day in the campground or park lodging, you must re-register by 11 a.m.

Firewood: Gathering firewood disrupts the forest and soil cycle and is not permitted. Firewood may be purchased at the park office.

Fireworks: Fireworks are not permitted in state parks.

Fishing: When fishing in waters entirely within state parks, anglers must comply with Minnesota fishing laws and rules.

Flotation Devices: In a state park, while in the water, use of air mattresses, inner tubes or other flotation devices that are not approved by the Coast Guard is prohibited except when used in an area specifically designated for that use.

Hunting: Hunting is prohibited in state parks unless authorized by the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Metal Detectors: Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

Parking: Parking on the grass is not allowed. Park in designated areas only and on the parking spaces provided in the campground.

Pets: Pets are welcome in state parks but must be kept on a leash of not more than six feet and must be personally attended at all times. No pets other than hearing or seeing-eye dogs or other service animals are allowed in state park buildings, lodging, cabins, camper cabins, on tours or in beach areas.

Rock Climbing: Rock climbing in state parks is allowed only in designated areas and only by permit. Permits are available at the park office.

Skiing: When using groomed trails in parks, skiers 16 years of age and older, must have in their possession, a valid Minnesota ski pass.

Snowmobiles: Snowmobiles in state parks can be operated only on designated trails or posted areas.

Snowshoes: Snowshoeing is allowed anywhere in state parks except on groomed trails or where posted.

Weapons: It is unlawful for any person to possess explosives of any kind. It is also against the law for any person to possess a firearm (including an air gun) unless the firearm is unloaded and completely contained in a fully enclosed gun case or unloaded and contained in the closed trunk of a vehicle.

DNR Information Center
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
E-mail: info@dnr.state.mn.us
Phone: 651-296-6157 or 888-MINNDNR

Beaver Creek Valley State Park

Nestled in the bluffs of southeastern Minnesota, Beaver Creek Valley State Park is known for its clear streams fed by the "Big Spring." Its streams are home to brown and native brook trout. In spring, wildflowers that blanket the woodland hills and valleys attract migratory songbirds like the rare Acadian flycatcher, Cerulean warbler, and Louisiana waterthrush. These birds nest in the park. A hiking trail meanders along the stream and up into a maple-basswood and oak forest. Campers are lulled to sleep by the murmuring stream.

Park Highlights:

Camping

Trout Fishing

Hiking

Bird Watching

Spring Woodland Flowers

The "Big Spring"

Seasonal Update

Water: Water available throughout the park.

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Showers: Showers are available. These facilities are handicapped accessible.

Campgrounds: Open.

Reservations: Recommended for summer and fall weekends.

Trail Conditions: Wet. Starting this summer, the park will be working on a self-guided interpretive trail scheduled for completion in fall, 2000 or spring, 2001.

Contact Route 2, Box 57, Caledonia, Minnesota 55921 (507)-724-2107

Best time for contacting someone: Weekdays 8-9 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Getting There From I-90, take State Highway 76 south for 24 miles, then take Houston County 1 west for 4 miles.

Carley State Park

Beauty and quiet; that is the essence of Carley State Park. In the spring, delicate bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), and other wildflowers carpet the valley with a profusion of color. Hike along the trail that follows the Whitewater River and take in the grand old white pines. Listen for the sweet song of orioles, song sparrows, house wrens, and indigo buntings. Enjoy old-fashioned fun in the picnic area: play on the swings or practice softball. Try your hand at horseshoes, or sit back and see a red-tailed hawk ride thermals in the sky. The north branch of the Whitewater River is a designated trout stream and provides habitat for brown trout. Rustic campsites are located near the picnic area.

Park Highlights:

Camping	Fishing/Trout Stream	Spring Wildflowers
Hiking	White Pine Stands	Bluebells in May

Seasonal Update

Water: Water is available throughout the park.

Bathroom Facilities: No flush toilets available at this park. Vault toilets available year-round.

Showers: No showers available at this park.

Campgrounds: Open.

Electric Sites: None at this park.

Reservations: Not usually necessary.

Trail Conditions: Good

Contact c/o Whitewater State Park, Route 1, Box 256, Altura, Minnesota 55910.
(507) 932-3007

Best time for contacting someone: Contact Whitewater State Park for information about this park.

Getting There Approximately 15 miles northeast of Rochester; or 4 miles south of Plainview on Wabasha County Road 4.

Great River Bluffs State Park

This is beautiful bluff country! The park contains two Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs), King's and Queen's Bluff. The King's Bluff trail offers a breathtaking view of the Mississippi River Valley. Bring your binoculars; the river valley is a major flyway for waterfowl, eagles, and hawks. Explore the diversity in this park: oak-hickory and maple-basswood forests, pine plantations, fields, and goat prairies offer visitors excellent hiking and a diversity of wildlife. Look for ruffed grouse, wild turkeys, coyotes, and many species of songbirds.

Park Highlights:

Scenic Blufftop Views of Mississippi River Valley

Fall Colors

Goat Prairies

Rare Prairie Plants/Flowers

Camping/Hiking/Picnicking

Birdwatching

Seasonal Update

Water: Available.

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets are available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Showers: Showers are available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Campgrounds: Open.

Electric Sites: None.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Contact Route 4, Winona, Minnesota 55987 (507) 643-6849

Best time for contacting someone: Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Getting There Approximately 20 miles southeast of Winona at the junction of U.S. Highway 61 and Interstate 90. Park entrance is accessed off of County Road 3. Coming from the west or southeast via I90, take exit 266 and follow park signs. Coming from Winona, south on Hwy 61 (just past mile marker 15), take a right on County Road 3 for 4 miles to the park entrance.

Minnesota Valley State Park

Just minutes from the Twin Cities, this state recreation area preserves part of the Minnesota River Valley. The Minnesota Valley Trail links Fort Snelling State Park and units of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge to waysides and other public lands. The area is ideal for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and snowmobiling. The landscapes are just as diverse as the trail system, and include wetlands, floodplain forest, and blufftop oak savanna. Wildlife observation and birdwatching are popular activities year-round.

Park Highlights:

Camping

Hiking

Seasonal Update

Water: Available year-round.

Campgrounds: Open

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Good

Contact 19825 Park Boulevard, Jordan, Minnesota 55352. (612) 492-6400

Best time for contacting someone: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park

Come visit Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park to see some natural wonders above and below ground. In the summer, beat the heat with a visit below ground to explore the world of Mystery Cave with its stalactites, stalagmites and underground pools. Park naturalists provide tours of the cave throughout the summer and on weekends in the spring and fall. The temperature stays at a constant 48 degrees Fahrenheit. Above ground, stop by Historic Forestville, a restored 1800s village operated by the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS). Fish three blue-ribbon trout streams for brown trout. Take in the soft pastels of wildflowers in spring or listen to ruffed grouse drumming and wild turkeys gobbling. Hike or bring your horse to ride the ridge tops and stream valleys. Observe interesting geologic features along the way including sinkholes and dramatic Big Spring. In the fall, don't miss the bold colors of the forest. Winter invites visitors to ski or snowmobile the Bluff Country.

Park Highlights:

Tours of Mystery Cave	Historic Forestville Tours	Trout Streams
Camping	Great Hiking/Horseback Trails	Spring Flowers

Seasonal Update

Water: Available.

Drinking Water: Water available at drinking fountains.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets and vault toilets available.

Showers: Open.

Campgrounds: 73 semi-modern sites and 26 rustic sites open.

Electric Sites: 23 electric sites available. Reservations are recommended for weekends.

Reservations: Recommended for camping on the weekend.

Trail Conditions: Good

Special notes for RV campers: Each site has a gravel, back-in parking spur. Some are more level than others.

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Weekend tours of Mystery Cave are available.

Daily tours of the Cave are available during the summer. Regular schedule of park interpretive programs begins Memorial Weekend. Programs offered Friday nights and Saturdays throughout the summer.

Contact Route 2, Box 128 Preston, MN 55965 Main Park:(507) 352-5111

Mystery Cave (507) 937-3251

Best time for contacting someone: Mon-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. /Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Getting There Approximately 6 miles south of Wykoff. Entrance to the park is 4 miles south of State Highway 16 on Fillmore County Highway 5, then 2 miles east on Fillmore County 118.

Frontenac State Park

Located on the Mississippi River, Frontenac is a birdwatcher's paradise. It's one of the best spots in the country to view birds migrating in the spring and fall. More than 260 species of birds have been recorded here. No wonder: Lake Pepin's diverse habitats -- bluffland, prairie, floodplain forest and upland hardwood forest -- attract numerous warblers, hawks, waterfowl and shorebirds. Hikers and skiers enjoy spectacular views of this beautifully wooded river valley. Fishing, swimming and boat tours are all available nearby.

Park Highlights:

Camping

Wonderful Fall Colors

Excellent Birding Opportunities

Wildflowers in Spring Through Fall

Winter Sliding Hill

Great Hiking/Ski Trails

Seasonal Update

Water: Available.

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets are available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Showers: Showers are available for the season.

Campgrounds: Open.

Electric Sites: Park has 19 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for holidays and weekends.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Programs available during the season.

Contact 29223 County 28 Boulevard, Frontenac, Minnesota 55026. (651) 345-3401

Best time for contacting someone: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Getting There Frontenac State Park is located approximately 10 miles SE of Red Wing on Highway 61 or 5 miles northwest of Lake City, then 1 mile north on County Road 2.

John A. Latsch State Park

John A. Latsch, a successful Winona businessman and founder of the Izaak Walton League, loved to fish in the waters of the Mississippi River below the bluffs of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Today, a half-mile hike up the deep ravine for a view from these peaks is well worth the effort. From this vantage point, visitors relish a grand and long view of the Mississippi River Valley, the green lush forest in the summer, and the colors in the fall.

Park Highlights:

Camping

Scenic Views

Seasonal Update

Bathroom Facilities: Vault toilets only at this park.

Campgrounds: Park has 7 walk-in sites.

Electric Sites: None.

Reservations: Not necessary.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Contact c/o Whitewater State Park, Route 1, Box 256, Altura, Minnesota 55910
(507) 932-3007

Best time for contacting someone: For information on this park, call Whitewater State Park (507) 932-3007.

Getting There From Winona go approximately 12 miles northwest on U.S. Highway 61.

Lake Louise State Park

Lake Louise lures hikers, horseback riders, skiers, and snowmobilers to its trails, which wind through open landscapes and lush hardwoods. The confluence of the Little Iowa and Upper Iowa Rivers, which occur here, provide water recreation. In addition, visitors swim, boat, or fish in Lake Louise. Hiking and horseback riding are also popular sports at this park. The lakeside picnic grounds and beach area draws visitors in the summer.

Park Highlights:

Quiet Park	Seasonal Wildflowers
Peaceful Campgrounds	Canoeing on Lake Louise
Great Swimming Beach	Horse Trails Through Varied Habitat

Seasonal Update

Water: Available.

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Vault toilets available year-round.

Showers: Showers are available for the season.

Campgrounds: Open.

Electric Sites: Park has 11 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Contact 12385 766th Ave. LeRoy, Mn,12385 (507) 324-5249

Best time for contacting someone: Daily, 8:30 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.

Getting There Approximately 1.5 miles north of LeRoy on County Road 14.

Myre-Big Island State Park

This park has something for everyone. The trails take visitors around wet lowlands, oak savanna, and grasslands. Albert Lea Lake and park marshes draw hundreds of waterfowl during migration. Oak savanna and prairie landscape, including wetlands, dominate most of the park. One of the more unique aspects of the park is the 116-acre Big Island that is covered with maple/basswood forest. Another is the glacial esker located in the northeast section of the park.

Park Highlights:

Spring and Fall Migrations

Glacial Esker

Great Marsh/Birdwatching

Hiking

Canoeing

Camping

Seasonal Update

Water: Available throughout the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Showers: Available for the season.

Campgrounds: Campgrounds open.

Electric Sites: 32 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Wet but continued sunny weather should help dry them out.

Special notes for RV campers: Gravel pads are available at all campsites.

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Generally available Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Season Rentals: Canoe rental available. Ask at park office.

Contact Route 3, Box 33, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007 (507) 379-3403

Best time for contacting someone: Weekends 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. or leave message on answering machine.

Getting There Located 3 miles southeast of Albert Lea on County Highway 38. Interstates 90 and 35 intersect just north of Albert Lea. Both interstates have signs directing visitors to the park.

Nerstrand-Big Woods State Park

Enjoy this park on foot, any season of the year. In the spring, the park is a wildflower garden where hepatica, bloodroot, Dutchman's breeches, and the dwarf trout lily bloom. The dwarf trout lily is only found here. Relax by Hidden Falls in the summer. The autumn brings a burst of red, orange, and gold in the maple-basswood forest, one of the last extensive stands of the "Big Woods." When winter comes, ski or snowmobile the trails through picturesque woods.

Park Highlights:

Camping

Hiking

Unique Ecosystem

Seasonal Update

Water: Available in the park.

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets available for the season.

Showers: Showers available for the season.

Campgrounds: Camping is available for the season in the campground and the park's group camp.

Electric Sites: Electric sites are open for the season.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends.

Trail Conditions: Trails are in good condition.

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Run throughout the season.

Contact 9700 170 Street East, Nerstrand, Minnesota 55053 (507) 334-8848

Best time for contacting someone: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Fri. Weekends from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Getting There Take I-35 to State Highway 19 east into Northfield. Go south on State Highway 3, west on State Highway 246, then turn right onto County Road 40.

Rice Lake State Park

Long ago, American Indians harvested wild rice from this lake where today, the shallow waters and marshy edges of Rice Lake attract many waterfowl during migrations. Rice Lake is a major wetland in the area. Visitors enjoy camping under the tall hardwoods, photographing spring wildflowers, picnicking, and birdwatching. For a more secluded camping experience, paddle across the lake and camp in a canoe campsite. Winter activities include cross-country skiing and snowmobiling on the trails.

Park Highlights:

Spring and Fall Migration

Birdwatching

Great Variety of Songbirds/Waterfowl

Wildflowers

Canoeing

Nature Observation

Seasonal Update

Water: Available.

Drinking Water: Available in the park.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets are available for the season.

Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Showers: Showers are available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Campgrounds: Open

Electric Sites: Park has 16 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Good.

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Available throughout the summer. Ask at office for schedule.

Season Rentals: Canoe rental available in park.

Contact 8485 Rose Street, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060 (507) 455-5871

Best time for contacting someone: Daily, noon - 5 p.m.

Getting There Located 7 miles east of Owatonna on Rose Street. From Hwy 35, take exit 42A. Follow the signs to Rose Street. East on Rose Street to the park.

Whitewater State Park

Picturesque limestone bluffs and deep ravines make Whitewater State Park a very popular southeastern park. The 2,700 acre park is an angler's paradise with brown, brook, and rainbow trout swimming in the spring-fed Whitewater River and Trout Run Creek. Visitors enjoy a sandy swimming beach, a year-round visitor center, easy-to-challenging hiking trails, camping, a group camp, and a modern group center. Come winter, enjoy cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or stay at the group center in rustic, winterized cabins. All through the year, discover the natural and human history of the area at one of the many interpretive programs, visitor center exhibits or self-guided trails.

Park Highlights:

Rugged Hiking Trails to Scenic Bluffland

Noticeable Lack of Mosquitoes

Excellent Trout Fishing

Year-round Interpretive Programs

Visitor Center

Spectacular Spring Wildflowers

Seasonal Update

Water: Available.

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets available.

Showers: Available.

Campgrounds: 80 sites open now.

Electric Sites: New this year...61 electrical sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekend camping.

Trail Conditions: Good

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Programs available year-round.

Contact Route 1, Box 256 Altura, MN 55910 (507) 932-3007

Best time for contacting someone: M-F, 8 a.m.-4 p.m./Sat.-Sun., 9a.m. - 5 p.m.

Getting There Located 3 miles south of Elba on State Highway 74.

Sakatah Lake State Park

Sakatah-Singing Hills State Trail runs through Sakatah Lake State Park and stretches 39 miles from Mankato to Faribault. The paved trail offers hikers, bikers, skiers, and snowmobilers beautiful scenery through Minnesota's hardwoods. Sakatah Lake, a natural widening of the Cannon River, lures canoeists to paddle the calm waters, and anglers to catch walleye, large mouth and white bass, northern pike, and panfish. Whatever the season, visitors enjoy camping and picnicking.

Park Highlights:

Maple-Basswood Forests	Hiking
Camping	Wildlife
Biking-Access to Sakatah State Trail	

Seasonal Update

Water: Available throughout the park.

Drinking Water: Available throughout the park

Bathroom Facilities: Flush toilets are available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Showers: Showers are available for the season. Facilities are handicapped accessible.

Campgrounds: Open

Electric Sites: Park has 14 electric sites.

Reservations: Recommended for weekends and holidays.

Trail Conditions: Good

Naturalist Programs and Park Tours: Run throughout the season.

Season Rentals: Boat and canoe rental available. Check at park office.

Contact Route 2, Box 19, Waterville, Minnesota 56096 (507) 362-4438

Best time for contacting someone: Daily, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Getting There Park entrance is located off State Highway 60, one mile east of the intersection on State Highway 13 and 60 at Waterville, or 14 miles west of Faribault.

Luce Line State Trail

The Luce Line State Trail is a 63 mile long former railroad grade which is developed for biking, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, snowmobiling, and skiing. The limestone surfaced trail runs from Plymouth 30 miles west to Winsted, with a parallel treadway for horseback riding. From Winsted to Cosmos (34 miles) the trail has a natural surface with 3 missing bridges. Snowmobiles are allowed on the trail west of Stubb's Bay Road.

Stretching across the varied landscapes of metropolitan and rural Minnesota, the Luce Line is a preserved strip of countryside alive with many varieties of plants and animals. In the east the influence is woodland, a carry-over from the Big Woods that once occupied the area. Rolling stands of sugar maple and basswood, along with many colorful forest floor ground-cover plants can be found here. From Hutchinson westward, the Big Woods give way to remnants of the tall-grass prairie, with some prairie plants still visible.

Wildlife inhabitants range from deer, fox and mink to owls and pheasant. Many adjacent lakes also support ducks and geese. The Luce Line is truly like a jaunt down a quiet country road.



- Hike**
- Horseback**
- Biking**
- Mountain Biking**
- Skiing**
- Snowmobiling**

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Minnesota Valley State Park & Trail, Crow River Canoe & Boating Route, Minnesota River Canoe & Boating Route, Mississippi River Canoe & Boating Route, Woldsfeld Woods S.N.A., Wood-Rill S.N.A.

Other Nearby Recreational Opportunities: Baker Park Reserve - camping, Parker's Lake City Park - swimming, picnic area, Swan Lake County Park - pier fishing.

Gateway State Trail

The Gateway State Trail is a 18.3 mile long multiple use trail starting in St. Paul. This paved trail cuts through a cross-section of urban areas, parks, lakes, wetlands and fields in Ramsey and Washington Counties. Many trail users are surprised to find these rural landscapes so close to the metro area, while others appreciate the access it provides to downtown and the State Capitol complex.

Located on a former Soo Line Railway grade, the trail is very level and is wheelchair accessible. It provides access to other trail opportunities in Phalen-Keller Regional Park, connections to Stillwater and other destinations in Washington County.

For 9.7 miles of the Gateway, between I-694 and the eastern end at Pine Point Park, the paved trail adjoins a separate, unpaved trail for horseback riding or carriage driving. These 9.7 miles are groomed for cross country skiing in the winter on the paved trail. Motorized vehicles are not permitted anywhere on the trail.



- Hike
- Horseback
- Biking
- In-line Skating
- Skiing
- Wheelchair access

Parking available at:

South of the intersection of Co. Rd. B and White Bear Avenue at Maplewood Community Center.

Near the intersection of Hwy. 36 and I-694. Take Hwy. 36 to Hadley Avenue in Oakdale. Turn south go 1/4 block to 55th Street North. Turn east (left) go 1/2 mile to parking lot on south (right) near I-694 overpass.

Near Lake Masterman on Hwy. 96 in Grant.

The trail's eastern end. Take County Road 55 to Pine Point Park five miles north of Stillwater. Turn west (left) to parking lot in the park. There is a small parking fee required. Do not leave valuables in your car.

Bike Trail Connections: Phalen-Keller Regional Park, Stillwater, Maplewood mall, White Bear Lake, St. Paul

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Afton State Park, William O'Brien State Park, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway - Canoe Route.

Root River State Trail

The Root River State Trail is a 36 mile long multiple use trail from Fountain to 5.3 miles east of Rushford at the DNR Forestry site at Money Creek Woods. Developed on an abandoned railroad grade, the entire trail is paved. The trail is generally level and wheelchair accessible as it descends from Fountain into the Root River Valley. Bicycling, in-line skating, and hiking are the main summer uses of the trail. Cross country skiing is popular in the winter.

The Houston and Fillmore County Grant-in-Aid (GIA) trail systems, which provide many miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the area, intersect briefly with the Root River State Trail.

The trail provides outstanding views of the soaring limestone bluffs of the Root River Valley. Wildlife is abundant and sightings of wild turkey, deer, hawks and turkey vultures are common. Rattlesnakes, a state threatened and protected species, are occasionally found on rock outcrops and along the river bottoms.

Historical buildings and rural communities along the trail provide sites of interest to trail users. They also provide many services. Campgrounds, bed and breakfast inns, restaurants, museums, outfitters and unique stores are found in many of the trail towns.



Parking available at:

Fountain: From Highway 52 take County Road 8 about one mile to parking lot by city park/softball field.

Preston: Highway 52 to Fillmore St. (Co. Road 12), approximately 1/2 mile to the parking lot.

Lanesboro: Parking along streets, at the parking lot by the Community Center and Sylvan Park. Overflow parking is being developed by the softball field.

Rushford: From Highway 16, turn north on Elm Street (State Hwy. 43), go one block west. Parking lot is by old depot.

On the streets of Whalan and Peterson.

Do not leave valuables in your car.

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Forestville State Park, Beaver Creek Valley State Park, Root River Canoe & Boating Route, R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, Rushford Sand Barrerns S.N.A., Harmony - Preston Valley State Trail

Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail

One of two segments that comprise the Blufflands Trail System, the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail is an 18 mile long multiple use trail connecting the communities of Harmony and Preston with the existing Root River State Trail.

The trail was completely paved with asphalt in the fall of 1997. Main summer uses of the trail are hiking, biking, and in-line skating. The trail is groomed for cross country skiing in the winter.

The northern two-thirds of the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail follows and crosses Watson Creek, the South Branch of the Root River and Camp Creek, passing through wooded areas and farmland on an abandoned railroad grade. The southern portion of the trail leaves the railroad grade, climbing out of the river valley, and angles cross country into Harmony.



- Hike
- Biking
- In-line Skating
- Skiing
- Wheelchair access

Parking available at: If you start your trip on the Root River Trail, parking is available in **Fountain, Lanesboro, Whalan, Peterson, or Rushford**. See Root River State Trail for details.

Preston: Highway 52 to Fillmore St. (Co. Road 12), approximately 1 mile west to the parking lot.

Harmony: Highway 52 to 4th St. NW, approximately 1/2 mile west to parking lot.
Do not leave valuables in your car.

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Forestville State Park, Beaver Creek Valley State Park, Root River Canoe & Boating Route, R.J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, Rushford Sand Barrens S.N.A., Root River State Trail.

Douglas State Trail

The Douglas State Trail is a 12.5 mile, multiple use state trail developed on an abandoned railroad grade. This trail crosses outstanding rural scenery, traversing some of the richest agricultural land in Minnesota. One treadway is paved for bicyclists, hikers, in-line skaters and skiers; the other is a natural surface for horseback riders and snowmobilers.

The trail begins in northwestern Rochester, travels through the small town of Douglas (for which the trail is named) and terminates in Pine Island. Present trail access includes three parking lots with rest facilities.



- Hike**
- Horseback**
- Biking**
- In-line Skating**
- Skiing**
- Snowmobiling**
- Wheelchair Access**

Visit Other DNR Recreational Areas nearby: Zumbro River Canoe & Boating Route,
R.J. Dorer Hardwood Memorial State
Forest.

Minnesota State Parks

	Park	Camp Sites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
1	Afton State Park		2	20	Yes	Yes
2	Banning State Park	34		17	No	Yes
3	Bear Head Lake State Park	73	1	17	Yes	Yes
4	Beaver Creek Valley State Park	42	1	8	No	Yes
5	Big Stone Lake State Park	40	1	2	Yes	Yes
6	Blue Mounds State Park	73	1	13	Yes	Yes
7	Buffalo River State Park	44	1	12	Yes	Yes
8	Camden State Park	80	1	15	Yes	Yes
9	Carley State Park	20	1	5	No	Yes
10	Cascade River State Park	40	2	18	No	Yes
11	Charles A. Lindbergh State Park	38	1	6	No	Yes
12	Crow Wing State Park	61	1	18	No	Yes
13	Father Hennepin State Park	103	1	4	Yes	Yes
14	Flandrau State Park	90		8	Yes	Yes
15	Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park	73	2	16	No	Yes
16	Fort Ridgely State Park	39	1	11	No	Yes
17	Fort Snelling State Park			18	Yes	Yes
18	Franz Jevne State Park	12		2	No	Yes
19	Frontenac State Park	58	1	15	No	Yes
20	George Crosby Manitou State Park			24	No	Yes
21	Glacial Lake State Park	39	3	16	Yes	Yes
22	Gooseberry Falls State Park	70	3	18	No	Yes
23	Grand Portage State Park			1	No	Yes
24	Hayes Lake State Park	35	1	13	Yes	Yes
25	Interstate State Park	37	1	4	No	Yes
26	Itasca State Park	237	1	33	Yes	Yes
27	Jay Cooke State Park	80	2	50	No	Yes
28	Judge C. R. Magney State Park	33		7	No	Yes
29	Kilen Woods State Park	33	1	5	No	Yes
30	Lac Qui Parle State Park	42	3	6	Yes	Yes
31	Lake Bemidji State Park	98	2	14	Yes	Yes
32	Lake Bronson State Park	194	1	14	Yes	Yes
33	Lake Carlos State Park	124	2	13	Yes	Yes
34	Lake Louise State Park	22	1	12	Yes	Yes
35	Lake Maria State Park		2	14	No	Yes
36	Lake Shetek State Park	98	2	8	Yes	Yes
37	McCarthy Beach State Park	86	1	18	Yes	Yes
38	Maplewood State Park	60	1	25	Yes	Yes
39	Mille Lacs Kathio State Park	70	1	35	Yes	Yes
40	Minneopa State Park	62	1	5	No	Yes
41	Monson Lake State Park	20		1	No	Yes
42	Moose Lake State Park	18	1	4	Yes	Yes
43	Myre Big Island State Park	99	1	16	No	Yes
44	Nerstrand-Big Woods State Park	54	1	14	No	No
45	O. L. Kipp State Park	31	1	7	No	No
46	Old Mill State Park	26	1	7	Yes	Yes
47	Rice Lake State Park	42	1	4	No	Yes
48	St. Croix State Park	213	8	127	Yes	Yes
49	Sakatah Lake State Park	63	2	5	No	Yes
50	Savanna Portage State Park	64	1	17	Yes	Yes
51	Scenic State Park	117	1	14	Yes	Yes
52	Schoolcraft State Park	30	1	2	No	Yes
53	Sibley State Park	138	1	18	Yes	Yes
54	Soudan Underground Mine			5	No	Yes

Minnesota State Parks

	Park	Camp Sites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
55	Split Rock Creek State Park	28	1	5	Yes	Yes
56	Split Rock Lighthouse State Park			12	No	Yes
57	Temperance River State Park	55		22	No	Yes
58	Tettegouch State Park	28		23	No	Yes
59	Upper Sioux Agency State Park	30	1	19	No	Yes
60	Whitewater State Park	106	1	10	Yes	Yes
61	Wild River State Park	96	1	35	No	Yes
62	William O'Brien State Park	125			No	No
63	Zippel Bay State Park	57	1	6	Yes	Yes

Wisconsin State Parks

	Park	Camp Sites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
1	Amnicon Falls State Park	36		1,8	No	Yes
2	Big Bay State Park	60		7,6	Yes	Yes
3	Big Foot State Park	100		5,5	Yes	Yes
4	Blue Mound State Park	78		9,5	Yes	No
5	Brunet Island State Park	69		8	Yes	Yes
6	Buck Horn State Park	20		2,9	Yes	Yes
7	Copper Falls State Park	55	Yes	18,1	Yes	Yes
8	Council Grounds State Park	55		3,4	Yes	Yes
9	Devil's Lake State Park	406	Yes	25,4	Yes	Yes
10	Governor Dodge State Park	267	Yes	27,5	Yes	Yes
11	Hartman Creek State Park	101	Yes	17,5	Yes	Yes
12	High Cliff State Park	112	Yes	7,6	Yes	Yes
13	Interstate State Park	85	Yes	8,9	Yes	Yes
14	Kinnichinnic State Park			5,7	Yes	Yes
15	Kohler-Andrae State Park	105	Yes	6,5	Yes	Yes
16	Lake Kegonsa State Park	80	Yes	5,1	Yes	Yes
17	Lake Wissota State Park	81	Yes	17,5	Yes	Yes
18	Merrick State Park	67	Yes	2,4	Yes	Yes
19	Mill Bluff State Park	21		0,3	Yes	No
20	Mirror Lake State Park	147	Yes	19,6	Yes	Yes
21	Nelson Dewey State Park	43	Yes	2	No	No
22	New Glarus State Park	32	Yes	6,1	No	No
23	Newport State Park	16		33	Yes	Yes
24	Patison State Park	59		7	Yes	Yes
25	Peninsula State Park	469	Yes	27,1	Yes	Yes
26	Perrot State Park	96	Yes	12	No	Yes
27	Pike Lake State Park	32		9,9	Yes	Yes
28	Potwawtomi State Park	123		9,3	No	Yes
29	Rib Mountain State Park	30		7,2	No	No
30	Roche-A-Cri State Park	41		5,9	No	No
31	Rock Island State Park	40	Yes	10	No	No
32	Rocky Arbor State Park	89		1	No	No
33	Tower Hill State Park	15		2	No	Yes
34	Whitfish Dunes State Park			12,5	Yes	Yes
35	Wildcat Mountain State Park	30	Yes	23,3	No	Yes
36	Willow River State Park	72	Yes	12,7	Yes	Yes
37	Wyalusing State Park	132	Yes	22,2	No	Yes
38	Yellowstone Lake State Park	128	Yes	7	Yes	Yes

Michigan State Parks

	Park	Camp Sites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
1	Baraga State Park	139		Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Bewabic State Park	144		Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Fayette State Historic Park	80		Yes	Yes	Yes
4	F. J. McLain State Park	90		Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Fort Wilkins State Historic Park	165	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
6	Indian Lake State Park	157		Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Indian Lake State Park West Unit	144		Yes	Yes	Yes
8	J. W. Wells State Park	176		Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Lake Gogebic State Park	165		Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Porcupine Mountains Wilderness Park	95	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
11	Porcupine Mountains Presque Isle Un	88		Yes	No	Yes
12	Twin Lakes State Park	62		Yes	Yes	Yes
13	Van Riper State Park	226	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	Craig Lake State Park			Yes		Yes

Minnesota National Forests

	National Forest	Campsites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
1	CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST					
2	Blackduck Ranger District					
3	Noma Lake	14			No	No
4	Webster Lake	22		8	No	Yes
5	Meadow Lake Trail			10	No	No
6	Cass Lake Ranger District					
7	Cass Lake	21	Yes		Yes	Yes
8	Chippewa	46			Yes	Yes
9	Knutson Dam	14			Yes	Yes
10	Norway Beach	55		2	No	Yes
11	South Pike Bay	21			Yes	Yes
12	Wanaki	46			Yes	Yes
13	Winnie	42			No	Yes
14	Deer River Ranger District					
15	Deer Lake	48			Yes	Yes
16	East Seelye Bay	13			Yes	Yes
17	Mosomo Point	23			No	Yes
18	O-Ne-Gum-E	46			No	Yes
19	Six Mile Lake	11			No	Yes
20	Tamarack Point	35			No	Yes
21	West Seelye Bay	22			No	Yes
22	Williams Narrows	17			Yes	Yes
23	Cut Foot Sioux Trail			18	No	No
24	Simpson Creek Trail			13	No	No
25	Marcell Ranger District					
26	Club House Lake	48			Yes	Yes
27	North Star	21			Yes	Yes
28	Miller Trail			8	No	No
29	Walker Ranger District					
30	Stony Point	45			Yes	Yes
31	Mabel Lake	22			Yes	Yes
32	Shingobee Trail		1	6	No	No
33	SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST					
34	Gunflint Ranger District					
35	Cascade River	4		19	No	Yes
36	Devil Track Lake	16			No	Yes
37	East Bearskin Lake	33			No	Yes
38	Flour Lake	35			No	Yes
39	Iron Lake	7			No	Yes
40	Kimball Lake	10		8	No	Yes
41	Trails End	32			Yes	Yes
42	Two Island Lake	38			No	Yes
43	Border Route Trail			45	No	No
44	Eagle Mountain Trail			9	No	No
45	Greenwood Lake Trail			25	Yes	No
46	Pine Lake Loop Biking Trail			20	No	No
47	Kawishiwi Ranger District					
48	Birch Lake	28		4	No	Yes
49	Fall Lake	66			Yes	Yes
50	Fenske Lake	15		Yes	Yes	Yes
51	South Kawishiwi River	32		Yes	Yes	Yes
52	Angleworm Trail			14	No	No
53	Bass Lake Trail			6	No	No
54	Hogback Lake Trail			6	No	No

Minnesota National Forests

	National Forest	Campsites	Group Sites	Hiking Trails	Swimming Area	Fishing
55	Kane Lake Trail			4	No	No
56	Secret/Blackstone Trail			5	No	No
57	Snowbank Lake & Old Pine Trails			41	No	No
58	Laurentian Ranger District					
59	Cadotte Lake	27		Yes	Yes	Yes
60	Pfeiffer Lake	16		Yes	Yes	Yes
61	Whiteface Reservoir	53		Yes	Yes	Yes
62	Big Aspen Trail			20	No	No
63	Sturgeon River Trail			20	No	No
64	Tofte Ranger District					
65	Baker Lake	5		Yes	No	Yes
66	Crescent Lake	33		Yes	No	Yes
67	Divide Lake	3			No	No
68	Kawishiwi Lake	5			No	No
69	Little Isabella River	11		Yes	No	No
70	McDouglas Lake	21		Yes	Yes	Yes
71	Ninemile Lake	24		Yes	No	Yes
72	Poplar River	4			No	No
73	Sawbill Lake	50		Yes	No	Yes
74	Temperance River	9			No	No
75	Arrowhead Creek Trail			5	No	No
76	Pancore Lake Mountain Bike Trail			25	No	No
77	Powwow Lake Trail			55	No	No
78	La Croix Ranger District					
79	Lake Jannett	12		7	No	Yes
80	Echo Lake	24		12	Yes	Yes
81	Devil's Cascade Trail			5	No	No
82	Herriman Lake System			14	No	No
83	Stuart Lake Trail			8	No	No
84	Sioux-Hustler Trail			49	No	No

National

Parks

Voyageurs National Park

The park lies in the southern part of the Canadian Shield, representing some of the oldest exposed rock formations in the world. This bedrock has been shaped and carved by at least four periods of glaciation. The topography of the park is rugged and varied; rolling hills are interspersed between bogs, beaver ponds, swamps, islands, small lakes and four large lakes. In the years since the last glaciation, a thin layer of soil has been created which supports the boreal forest ecosystem, the "North Woods" of Voyageurs National Park.

This land is rich in human history. Named for the Voyageurs, French-Canadian canoe-men who traveled these waters in their birch-bark canoes from the Great Lakes to the interior of the western United States and Canada. Modern voyageurs continue to ply these waters. The water, accompanying scenery, geology and rich cultural and natural resources that give Voyageurs its national significance, merits its protection for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

VISITATION:

Highest from May through August with boating, canoeing, camping, fishing, wildlife-watching and hiking. January through March the park is a destination for winter snowmobile vacations, snowshoeing, and winter camping.

LOCATION:

On the northern edge of Minnesota's border, 55 miles of the park meander along the Canadian border with Ontario. Voyageurs is about 15 miles east of International Falls, MN and 300 miles north of Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.

ADDRESS:

Voyageurs National Park
3131 Highway 53
International Falls, MN 56649-8904

TELEPHONE:

Headquarters: (218) 283-9821
FAX Number: (218) 285-7407

FEES:

There is no entrance fee or any charge for use of park facilities.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT:

August 4-6, 2000 : Voyageurs 25th Anniversary Celebration

Contact park headquarters for more information!

Isle Royale National Park

Wolves and moose, the wild North Woods forest, everchanging weather and a cool climate, and the crystal clear waters and rugged shoreline of Lake Superior characterize Isle Royale National Park. This wilderness archipelago is 45 miles long and nine miles wide at its widest point. The park encompasses a total area of 850 square miles including submerged lands which extends four and a half miles out into Lake Superior. The archipelago is composed of many parallel ridges resulting from ancient lava flows which were tilted and glaciated. Isle Royale has 165 miles of scenic hiking trails and 36 campgrounds for backpackers and recreational boaters. There is excellent fishing, historic lighthouses and shipwrecks, ancient copper mining sites, and plenty of spots to observe wildlife. Roadless Isle Royale is accessible only by boat or float plane. Isle Royale is relatively untouched by direct outside influences and serves as a living laboratory and United States Biosphere Reserve.

VISITATION:

Highest from mid-July through the third week of August (expect to share campsites); lowest in April, May, September, and October.

LOCATION:

Isle Royale is located in Lake Superior about 20 miles southeast of Grand Portage, Minnesota, and about 53 miles north of Copper Harbor, Michigan. Headquarters for Isle Royale National Park during the summer is located on Mott Island, one of numerous islands associated with the Isle Royale archipelago. During the winter, headquarters is located in Houghton, Michigan, on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

ADDRESS:

Isle Royale National Park
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, MI 49931

TELEPHONE AND EMAIL:

Phone: (906) 482-0984

For general information, ISRO_ParkInfo@nps.gov

For Ranger III reservations, ISRO_Ranger3Reserve@nps.gov

For Group Camping Reservations, ISRO_GroupReserve@nps.gov

FEES, COSTS, RATES:

A user fee was initiated in 1997. This \$4.00 per person per day fee helps support visitor facilities. Children 11 and under are free. Optional Individual Season Passes (\$50) and Season Boat Rider Passes (\$150) are available. 80% of funds collected are returned to Isle Royale National Park to fund a backlog of trail maintenance and dock repair and replacement on the island. The other 20% help mediate the backlog of building, road, and trail maintenance and other crucial projects at national parks and monuments throughout the United States. There are no other park admission or use fees.

Glacier National Park

Created in 1910, Glacier National Park provides over one million acres of habitat and protection for a wonderful variety of wildlife and wildflowers. Historic lodges preserve the ambience of nineteenth century travel for twentieth century visitors.

The geologic history of Glacier National Park is read in the numerous exposed layers of Precambrian sedimentary formations. These extremely well preserved sediments date back to over 1 billion years. Subsequent sculpting by massive bodies of ice has transformed this area into a dramatic example of glacial landforms. Today several small alpine glaciers of relatively recent origin dot the mountains. Due to its geographic location and geologic history, Glacier National Park contains a particularly rich biological diversity of plant and animal species. This combination of spectacular scenery, diverse flora and fauna, and relative isolation from major population centers have combined to make Glacier National Park the center of one of the largest and most intact ecosystems in North America.

Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta were joined together by the governments of Canada and the United States in 1932 as Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, the first park of its kind in the world.

Both parks have been designated Biosphere Reserves. In December of 1995 they were jointly designated the "Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park World Heritage Site."

Visitation

81,708,887 visits to Glacier National Park were recorded in 1997.

Visitation in Glacier National Park, like many mountain parks in the west, follows seasonal weather patterns. Although open year-round, long cold winters restrict the bulk of visitor use to the months of June, July, August and September. Many visitors are increasingly finding the "off season" (fall, winter and spring) a rewarding time to visit. Less crowded conditions and increased opportunities for wildlife sightings are just a few of the benefits of a visit during the other months of the year.

Location

Glacier National Park is located in northwestern Montana on the U.S./Canadian border.

Address

Glacier National Park
National Park Service
P.O. Box 128
West Glacier, MT 59936

Telephone

(406) 888-7800 voice

(406) 888-7806 TDD

(406) 888-7808 fax

Entrance Fees

As part of the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program instituted by Congress in 1996, entrance fees are collected year round. 80% of all fees collected now stay in the park. In Glacier these new fees will allow closed campgrounds to reopen, improve accessibility at park facilities, and improve park wayside exhibits, trail maintenance, and revegetation efforts.

\$5.00 Single Person Entry

Entry into Glacier National Park by foot, bicycle, or motorcycle for 7 days.

\$10.00 Single Vehicle Entry

Valid at Glacier National Park for 7 days.

\$20.00 Glacier National Park Pass

Valid at Glacier National Park for 1 year from month of purchase.

\$10.00 Golden Age Passport

Lifetime pass, available to U.S. residents 62 years old and over, valid at all Federal fee areas.

\$50.00 National Parks Pass

Valid at all National Park Service areas for 1 year from month of purchase...can be upgraded to a Golden Eagle Pass* for an additional \$15.00.

By purchasing your National Parks Pass locally at Glacier, your dollars will directly benefit Glacier National Park.

Boundary Waters Canoe Area

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area is the crowning jewel of Superior National Forest. Stretching 150 miles along the Minnesota-Ontario border, this federally protected wilderness contains several thousand lakes and streams linked by overland trails, or portages. All but a handful of the lakes are paddle-only (no boat motors allowed).

The key to enjoying a visit to the BWCA is to plan a trip that matches your experience and expectations. Circular routes can be planned through a number of lakes and rivers, with campsites moved every day or two. Another option is to canoe to a site that can be used as a base camp.

For those who lack equipment or experience, dozens of canoe outfitters service the BWCA. Most offer as much or a little help and equipment as a camper requires. Practice packing, you may be surprised at the size and weight of your pack and find some things to leave behind.

Maps and a good compass are essential to finding your way. Such maps are available from sporting goods stores and canoe outfitters. Cans and bottles are not allowed in the BWCA wilderness, so all food must be packed in plastic bags or other reusable plastic containers.

The BWCA is most heavily used on the opening weekend of fishing season, holiday weekends, and from mid-July through the first three weeks in August. In addition, late May, September and early October tend to be relatively insect-free. Weekends are more heavily used, so you may want to begin your trip on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

A visitor distribution system has been established. A limited number of permits are available each day for just under 100 separate entry points. Each overnight party and day-use motor party of up to nine people must have a valid permit in possession while in the BWCA.

An overnight permit is valid for a party of up to nine people entering the BWCA only on the date and through the entry point specified on the permit. The person named on the permit must accompany the group. A day-use motor permit is valid for a party of up to nine people entering the BWCA at the entry point designated on the reservation, and on the date specified on the permit at pickup.

You can obtain a permit by making a reservation ahead of time, or on a walk-in basis if a permit is still available. Those who can plan ahead and are flexible in their starting date and entry point should have no trouble getting into the BWCA.

To increase your chances, try to make reservations as early in the year as possible. If possible, start your trip mid-week. Remain flexible regarding your choice of entry point.

Reserved overnight permits: Unless you specify otherwise, your permit will be waiting for you at the Forest Service office closest to your entry point. You may pick your permit up (please bring your confirmation letter) within 24 hours prior to your scheduled trip. Reserved day-use motor permits: Bring your confirmation letter to the site you specified when you made the reservation, within 24 hours prior to your planned trip. Walk-in overnight and day-use motor permits: Stop at any USFS district office or cooperating business up to 24 hours before your desired entry to the BWCA. If a permit is available, one will be issued to you.

Low impact camping: Camp and travel quietly to preserve the peace of the wilderness. Leave no trace of your visit, burning or packing out anything you packed in. Never wash dishes, clothes or yourself in lakes or streams even with "biodegradable" soap. Use a camp stove rather than a fire for cooking meals and boiling water. Leave rocks, flowers, moss and other natural objects in their place. Camp at designated campsites only.

Anyone accepting a permit to enter the BWCA agrees to be responsible for any violation of BWCA rules. With the exception of fuel, insect repellent,

medicines, and personal toilet articles, cans and bottles are prohibited. Nine people and four watercraft are the maximum allowed in your party. You must camp at U.S. Forest Service-developed campsites or within designated Primitive Management Areas as specially approved on your permit.

All canoes must be licensed in order to operate within the BWCA or on any other Minnesota waters. Minnesota honors licenses valid in the canoeist's home state, but visitors from states not requiring canoe licenses must purchase a Minnesota canoe license.

If you intend to cross the US-Canadian border during your trip, you may need to obtain a Remote Area Border Crossing Permit or a Quetico Provincial Park visitors permit.

State law requires that each person must have a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device aboard the boat or canoe at all times. Wearing it is advisable. If a storm approaches, get off the lake. Rapids in the BWCA are not safe, use the designated portages. As clear and pure as BWCA water looks, boil drinking water, or treat it with a filter or chemicals designed to kill Giardia lamblia. The best safety precautions are common sense, training in first aid, and watching out for others in the group.

For more information on the BWCA, contact

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St. Paul, MN 55101-2112
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PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
- Visit the backcountry in small groups.
- Avoid popular areas during times of high use.
- Choose equipment and clothing in subdued colors.
- Repackage food into reusable containers.

CAMP AND TRAVEL ON DURABLE SURFACES

-On the Trail

- Stay on designated trails. Walk in single file in the middle of the path.
- Do not shortcut switchbacks.
- When traveling cross-country, choose the most durable surfaces available: rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the need for rock cairns, tree scars and ribbons.
- Step to the downhill side of the trail and talk softly when encountering pack stock.

-At Camp

- Choose an established, legal site that will not be damaged by your stay.
- Restrict activities to the area where vegetation is compacted or absent.
- Keep pollutants out of water sources by camping at least 200 feet (70 adult steps) from lakes and streams.

PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT

- Pack everything that you bring into wild country back out with you.

- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations securely.
- Pick up all spilled foods.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF WHAT YOU CAN'T PACK OUT

- Deposit human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, or trails.
- Use toilet paper and wipes sparingly. Pack them out.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dish water.
- Inspect your campsite for trash and evidence of your stay. Pack out all trash: *yours and others!*

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Treat your natural heritage with respect. Leave plants, rocks, and historical artifacts as you find them.
- Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site should not be necessary.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Keep loud voices and noises to a minimum.
- Control pets at all times. Remove dog feces.
- Do not build structures or furniture or dig trenches.

MINIMIZE USE AND IMPACT OF FIRES

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. *Always* carry a lightweight stove for cooking. Enjoy a candle lantern instead of a fire.
- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires. Do not scar large rocks or overhangs.
- Gather sticks, no larger than an adult's wrist.
- Do not snap branches off live, dead, or downed trees.
- Put out campfires completely.
- Remove all unburned trash from fire ring and scatter the cool ashes over a large area well away from camp.

For Additional Information, Call:
1-800-332-4100

