



Camping on the Lower St. Croix River



Designated campsite sign

Specific camping regulations are in effect for the St. Croix River between St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin - Taylors Falls, Minnesota, and the Soo Line High Bridge. Visitors who plan to camp overnight in this stretch of river must have a free National Park Service annual camping permit. The permit application is available online at: www.nps.gov/sacn. Campers can obtain the permit at the St. Croix River Visitor Center. Additional details of the regulations are contained in this publication.

Camping Permit

Visitors who plan to camp outside of the state parks in the stretch of river between U.S. Highway 8 (river mile 52.5) and the High Bridge (river mile 29.5) will be required to have a camping permit.

One permit is required for each group staying at a campsite. The permit is free and valid for the year in which it is obtained. You can obtain the camping permit at:

St. Croix River Visitor Center
401 North Hamilton Street
St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin
715-483-2274

Park rangers will review camping regulations with you. Your signature confirms that you understand and will comply with the regulations. Your camping permit must be visibly displayed at your campsite.



Protect the Significant Resources

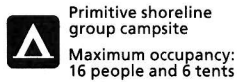
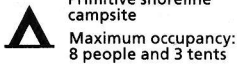
The lower St. Croix River flows through evidence of powerful geologic events—spectacular cliffs carved by glacial meltwater. Dynamic floodplains sustain a diverse variety of life including rare and endangered species of wildlife and plants.

The river landscape bears witness to the people who came before us. Today, people continue to use the St. Croix River as a setting to enjoy recreational activities while seeking

the essence of nature, solitude, and contemplation away from the hectic pace of urban living.

The National Park Service is charged with protecting park resources while providing opportunities for visitors to enjoy the park. Regulations were adopted to address concerns about human waste, shoreline and island erosion, and the effects of minimally regulated camping on Riverway visitors and residents.

Camp in Designated Sites



Visitors must camp in designated campsites. A total of 20 primitive campsites and 2 primitive group campsites have been established for use between St. Croix Falls - Taylors Falls and the Soo Line High Bridge. Campsite locations are indicated on Riverway section maps.

The maps can be viewed on the Riverway website: www.nps.gov/sacn. Copies are also available at the St. Croix River Visitor Center, at some landings, and at authorized businesses renting paddling equipment.

Campsites are first-come, first served.

Brown signs with white campsite symbols indicate the locations of the campsites on the river. Metal fire rings are provided at the sites. The cutting of live vegetation is strictly prohibited. Dead and down wood may be collected for campfires from shoreline areas, but not from islands. To prevent the spread of emerald ash borer, possession of firewood that originates more than 25 miles from the location where it will be used is prohibited.

Campsite Capacity and Limit of Stay

Individual campsites accommodate a maximum of 8 people and 3 tents. Group sites accommodate a maximum of 16 people and 6 tents. Larger groups will need to split up or make arrangements to camp in one of the state parks.

Groups may also camp at Eagle's Nest, a cluster of individual sites located south of Franconia Landing. Possession of alcohol

is not permitted at Eagle's Nest campground.

A 3-night stay limit will apply to campsites. There is a 30-night limit for the season.

All campsites must be occupied on the first night of your stay. Equipment left unattended to hold a site will be treated as abandoned.

Human Waste and Trash

Proper disposal of human waste is important. To preserve water quality and protect public health, campers are required to bring in and use their own portable camp toilets or use onboard facilities on self-contained boats. Inexpensive portable camp toilets are available for purchase at

most outdoor recreation equipment stores.

All human waste and trash must be carried out and disposed of properly at the end of your stay. Please do not bring glass containers to the Riverway. Broken glass cuts bare feet.

Examples of portable camp toilets



For more information contact:

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