

TWO RIVERS GUIDE



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If you have questions or need information to plan your visit, park rangers are available at four visitor centers to assist you (listed on page four).

If you have concerns about our management of the Riverway, or if you can suggest ways to improve visitor services and protect resources, let us know. We like to hear from you.

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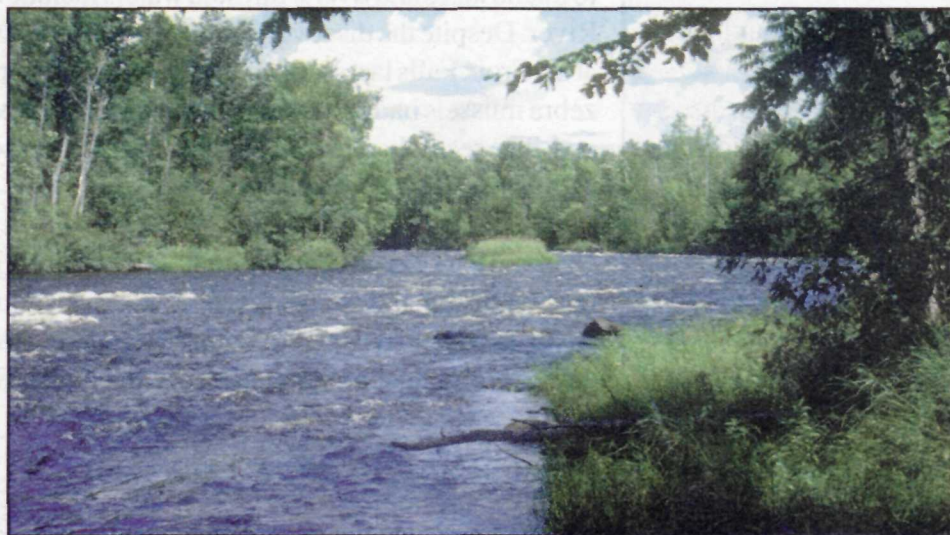
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The St. Croix Riverway Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Thirty years ago, on October 2, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This landmark law created a system of nationally significant rivers that embodied the values Americans place on their rivers. It is a unique system that has no parallel in the world. The law declared that certain selected rivers that "possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and ... shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

Initially, the act set aside eight rivers. Among them were the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers designated as the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Congressman Albert H. Quie, expressing the widespread support of Minnesota citizens, testified, "the St. Croix and its tributary, the Namekagon River, possess unique scenic and natural values." Likewise, Senator Gaylord Nelson represented the views of Wisconsin constituents: "It is critical that we move promptly to preserve the entire St. Croix River."

The Riverway was designated primarily for its scenic and recreational values. Since 1968, other significant resources have been recognized that elevate the riverway's importance. More than 350 species of vascular plants have been identified and more than 430 animal species have been recorded



in the Riverway. Represented are a diverse array of birds, fish mammals, amphibians, reptiles, insects, and freshwater mussels. The upper St. Croix and Namekagon offer refuge to more than 25 species of freshwater mussels. This is one of the most diverse mussel populations remaining in the upper Mississippi River system. Likewise, the Riverway is known for its diversity of dragonflies and damselflies, hosting a total of 45 species. In 1989, biologists discovered a new species of dragonfly on the Riverway, called the St. Croix snaketail. Since the creation of the Riverway, at least eight wolf packs have established themselves in the watershed. The St. Croix provides an important travel corridor for wolves.

In addition, the discovery of more than 200 archeological sites in the Riverway has revealed a rich prehistory. In 1997, the St. Croix Recreational Demonstration Area at

Minnesota's St. Croix State Park was designated a National Historic Landmark, conveying national significance to a Riverway neighbor. Over time, the importance of the St. Croix Riverway as a sanctuary and recreational area will only increase.

Today, the Riverway is one of 154 units in the Wild and Scenic River system. The system includes the Wolf River in Wisconsin, one of the original eight and the lower St. Croix, the first addition to the system in 1972. It includes thousands of miles of rivers in Alaska, the Rio Grande on the United States-Mexico border, and eleven rivers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Anniversaries are times to celebrate. They are occasions to reflect on successes and failures. But, more important, they offer the chance to renew commitments. In 1967, Senator Walter Mondale, a co-sponsor of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, presented a statement to a Senate committee detailing the threats to the nation's rivers and natural environment. Pollution and development headed the list. Despite the passage of this law and the St. Croix's designation, these threats remain today. A law, standing alone, does not work. Vigilant citizens committed to protecting rivers make the difference. As expressed by Senator Mondale, act "to preserve the river for our children and grandchildren and to see that its maximum scenic and recreational potential is developed wisely and for all..."

America's Wild and Scenic River Quiz

1 There are three rivers protected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in Wisconsin. Can you name them?

2 Wild and Scenic Rivers can be managed by different agencies. What three agencies manage most wild and scenic rivers?

3 Can you list three major threats to rivers that Wild and Scenic River status helps to control?

4 In 1963, Senator Gaylord Nelson convinced what com-

pany to donate 70 miles of frontage along the St. Croix where a power dam was planned to the government?

5 What president designated more Wild and Scenic Rivers than any other?

Answers: 1. St. Croix, Wolf and Namekagon; 2. The U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management; 3. channelization, land development, building dams, and toxic pollution to name a few; 4. Northern States Power Company; 5. Pres. Jimmy Carter.



WATERCRAFT

Boaters Checklist

Keep zebra mussels out of the St. Croix. Use this checklist to do your part.

Inspect your boat!

Remove all aquatic plants and animals from your boat, trailer and accessory equipment (anchors, centerboards, trailer hitch, wheels, rollers, cables and axles) before leaving the boat ramp or marina.

Empty your bait bucket on land. Never dump live fish or water into another body of water.

Drain all bilge water, live wells and engine compartments.

Wash your boat, tackle, downriggers, lines and trailer with hot water (140 degrees F). Flush hot water through your motor's cooling system and other boat parts that normally get wet. Let everything dry for seven days in the sun before transporting your boat to another body of water.

Boating Access Limited

The National Park Service will continue to manage vessel access above the Arcola Sandbar to protect Riverway resources from an accidental introduction of zebra mussels.

The threat to the St. Croix is serious. Since their introduction into the Great Lakes in the 1980s, zebra mussels have spread rapidly to inland lakes and rivers. Infested waters include the Mississippi River. Despite the discovery of tiny zebra mussels above the dam at St. Croix Falls last summer, no reproducing populations of zebra mussels had been found in the St. Croix River by year's end. The recently released St. Croix Zebra Mussel Task Force action plan is an effort to keep it that way.

National Park Service rangers will staff a floating ranger station on the St. Croix at the Arcola Sandbar, near the mouth of the Apple River, to contact boaters. Watercraft traveling upstream (north) will be prohibited from going beyond the Arcola Sandbar unless one of the following conditions has been met:

A. The vessel is owned and operated by a riparian resident/landowner in the Federally administered zone who has been issued a permit/pass subject to specific conditions.





B. The owner/operator of a vessel has been issued a same-day pass at an approved inspection site. The pass will be issued subject to the following conditions:

1. If the vessel has not been operated in infested waters, the vessel must undergo one or all of the following prior to placement into uninfested waters:
 - a. Remain out of the water and be protected from rain for 7 dry/warm days.
 - b. Be visually inspected for attached zebra mussels.
 - c. Be cleaned with a high pressure hot water wash (140+ degrees Fahrenheit).
2. If the vessel has been operated in infested water, the vessel must undergo one or all of the following prior to placement in uninfested waters:
 - a. Remain out of the water and be protected from rain for at least 14 dry/warm days.
 - b. Be cleaned with a high pressure hot water wash (140+ degrees Fahrenheit) and inspected for zebra mussels.

It is now illegal to transport zebra mussels into the St. Croix and/or uninfested waters in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. The 1998 St. Croix Interagency Response Plan is available at the Park Service visitor centers listed on page four.

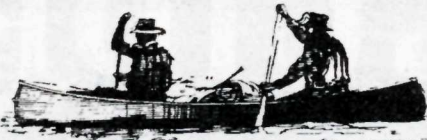
Zebra Mussel Identification Key

You know you are looking at a zebra mussel when you see a combination of:

-  a small two-shelled mollusk, one-half to one inch long (can grow to two inches).
-  a D-shaped shell, usually with alternating dark and light colored bands.
-  it is attached firmly to a solid object, such as rocks, boat hulls, etc.
-  byssal threads, fibrous tissue which enable it to attach to objects.



Zebra mussel (actual size)



Canoe Outfitters

(List is from upstream to downstream locations. The National Park Service does not endorse one outfitter over another).

- **Bear Country Sporting Goods**
P.O. Box 36, Drummond, WI 54832 715-739-6645
 - *Big Brook Bait Shop & Laundromat**
P.O. Box 308, HWY 63 South
Cable, WI 54821 715-798-3310
 - **Wild River Inn**
Rte 6, Box 6368, Hayward, WI 54843 715-634-2631
 - **Dave's Canoe Rentals**
W3074 HWY 63
Springbrook, WI 54875 715-766-2701
 - **Jack's Canoe/Tube Rental & Campground**
Rte 2, Box 2018, Trego, WI 54888
715-635-3300
 - **Namekagon Outfitters**
W5956 Pair-O-Lakes Road
Trego, WI 54888 1-800-547-9028
 - **Quiet Sports Outfitters**
N7576 Leish Rd, Trego, WI 54888 715-635-7047
 - **Log Cabin Resort, Campgrd & Canoe Rental**
Rte 2, Box 2019, Trego, WI 54888 715-635-2959
 - **Pappy's Bar, Canoe Rental & Shuttle Service**
W8296 HWY 77, Trego, WI 54888 715-466-2568
 - **Namekagon Canoe Rental**
W8778 HWY 77
Trego, WI 54888 715-466-2691
 - **Old Homestead Restaurant, Tavern, Resort & Motel**
8394 E. Flowage Lane, Gordon, WI 54838
715-376-4491
 - **Adventures--St. Croix**
St. Croix State Park Rentals, R.R. #3, Box 467
Hinckley, MN, 55037 320-384-7806
 - *Gulden's Yellow River Campground, Canoe Rental & Shuttle Service**
P.O. Box 67
Danbury, WI, 54830 715-656-4402
 - **Rosenthal's Resort**
30925 Namekagon Road
Danbury, WI 54830 715-259-3363
 - **Wild River Outfitters Canoe & Kayak Rental & Shuttle**
15177 HWY 70, Grantsburg, WI 54840
715-463-2254 www.wildriverpaddling.com
 - **Riverbank Bar & Grill, Canoe/Tube Rental**
12355 River Road
North Branch, MN 55056 612-674-8229
 - *Wild River Canoe Rentals**
Wild River State Park Rentals
800-996-4448 or 612-465-6501
 - **Taylors Falls Canoe Rental**
Box 225, Taylors Falls, MN 55084, 612-465-6315
Outside 612 area: 800-447-4958,
Twin Cities (no toll) 257-3550
 - **Merill's Landing**
County Road 16
Taylors Falls, MN 55084 612-465-3523
 - **Quest Canoe**
HWY 35 S, Osceola, WI 54020 715-483-1692
 - *Marine Landing Boat & Canoe Service**
P.O. Box 142, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047
612-433-2864
- (*indicates shuttle for rentals only, ** indicates shuttle for rental and non-rental).





CAMPING

Camping on the Riverway

As the population of the Twin Cities grows, pressure on quality recreation and solitude on the Riverway will continue to increase. Protecting resources and reducing conflicts between landowners and Riverway visitors are primary concerns of the National Park Service.

Camping is welcomed on the Riverway. To protect resources and assure a good camping experience, please obey all rules.

A system of designated campsites and camping zones have been established on the Riverway. Camp only in designated sites north of Nevers Dam (8 miles north of St. Croix Falls, WI) on the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers. Designated sites assure visitors that they are not camping on private property or camping in areas that will cause resource damage. Camping zones have been designated from Taylors Falls, MN, to Stillwater, MN, as specified on this map. Please do not camp in closed areas. These have been closed because of overuse, erosion, or the presence of sensitive nesting sites. There is a one-night limit at all campsites above Nevers Dam and a seven-night limit at all sites between Nevers Dam and Stillwater, MN.

A "carry in-carry out" policy is in effect at the Riverway. Carry a trash bag with you. Primitive toilets are located at most designated sites. If a toilet is not available, bury human and pet waste at least 200 feet away from the river. If you want a campfire, we recommend you bring wood. Down and dead wood is becoming scarce in some locations. Use down and dead wood only. Wood may be collected only from shorelines south of Taylors Falls. Cutting live trees is prohibited. North of Taylors Falls, use steel fire rings. Be sure your campfire is out and cold before you leave.

Be a courteous camper. Noise carries long distances over water.

Please observe the 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. quiet hours. Leave the campsite better than you found it. Keep pets under control.

We recommend that you contact us for information to plan your trip. Maps, regulations, and additional information are available at four visitor centers (see page 4). To avoid crowding, plan trips for weekdays.

Walk-in camping sites are available a short distance from parking areas at the following locations:

Namekagon River

Phipps Landing
Earl Park
Howell Landing

St. Croix River

Riverside Landing
Old Railroad Bridge
Sunrise Ferry
Nelson's Landing
Norway Point
Sandrock Cliffs

These sites are for tents only. Gear must be carried from your vehicle to the campsite.

State Parks

Seven state parks are located along the St. Croix River. Most offer additional camping areas for a fee. For more information contact:

Minnesota

DNR Information Center
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
(612)296-6157
(800)766-6000

Minnesota Office of Tourism

100 Metro Square
121 7th Place East
St. Paul, MN 55101
(800)657-3700

Wisconsin

DNR Bureau of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707
(608)266-2181

Wisconsin Division of Tourism

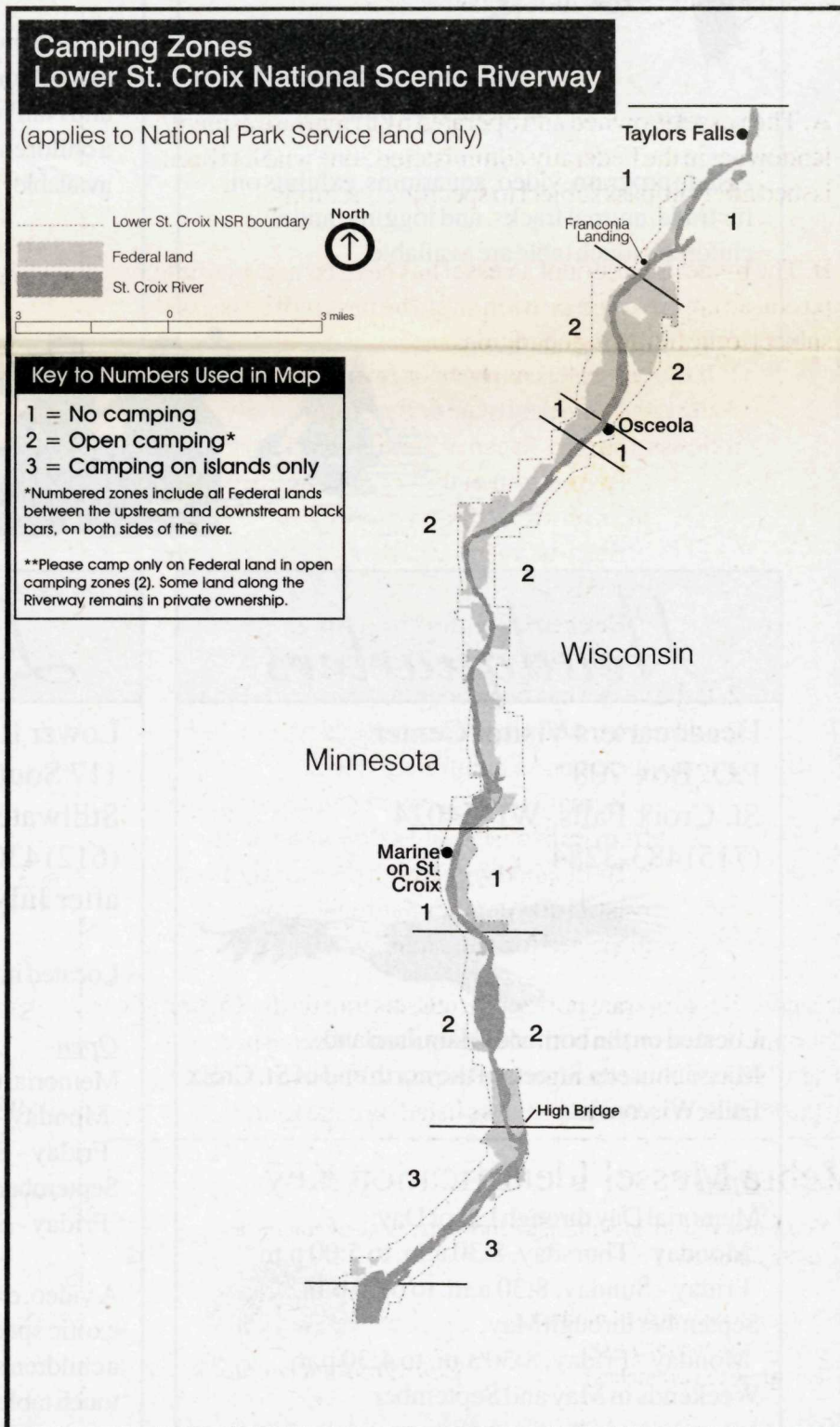
Dept. of Development
P.O. Box 7606
Madison, WI 53707-7606
(800)-Escapes



Hiking Trails

Hiking some of the easy trails that border the river can be enjoyable in all seasons. Remember to bring insect repellent in summer. Contact any of the four visitor centers for directions and information. Here are some suggestions:

- *Trego Nature Trail
- *Trego Lake Trail
- *Namekagon-Court Oreilles Portage Trail
- *Willard Munger Trail
- *Sandrock Cliff Trail
- *Indianhead Flowage Trail
- *County S Trail



Camping is encouraged as an appropriate recreational activity as long as it occurs in a way that protects the Riverway resources.





VISITOR CENTERS

Need Assistance?
Contact the Nearest Visitor Center

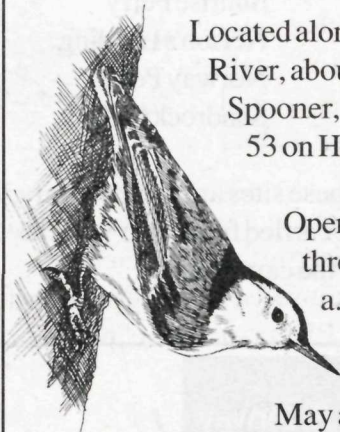
Four visitor centers, located on the upper, middle and lower sections of the Riverway, are staffed by park employees to provide information and suggestions to make your visit enjoyable.

Stop at a center to pick up maps and brochures or call to obtain information about camping and river conditions. Books, field guides, postcards and posters may be purchased at all four centers.

Ranger-led activities are offered during the summer. Rangers are sometimes available to lead special programs for groups. Contact your nearest visitor center to make arrangements.

Namekagon

Namekagon Visitor Center
Box 100
Trego, WI 54888
(715) 635-8346



Located along the Namekagon River, about 7 miles north of Spooner, WI, just off Highway 53 on Highway 63.

Open daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Open weekends May and September, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A slide program, video, aquariums, exhibits on fur trade, animal tracks, and logging, and a children's touch table are available.

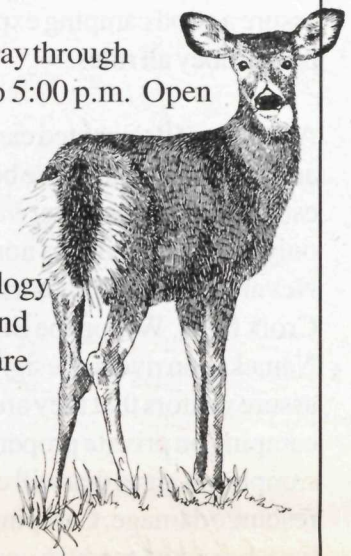
Marshland

Marshland Visitor Center
Route 1, Box 134
Pine City, MN 55063
(320) 629-2148

Located on the Minnesota side of the St. Croix on Highway 70, five miles west of Grantsburg, WI, or 12 miles east of Rock Creek, MN.

Open daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Open weekends in May and September.

A slide program, video, exhibits on riverway ecology and Native Americans and a children's touch table are available.



Headquarters

Headquarters Visitor Center
P.O. Box 708
St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
(715) 483-3284



Located on the corner of Hamilton and Massachusetts Streets at the north end of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin.

Open
Memorial Day through Labor Day:
Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday - Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
September through May:
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Weekends in May and September

A slide program, movie, videos, exhibits on logging, Scandinavian immigration, and birds of prey, and a children's touch table are available.

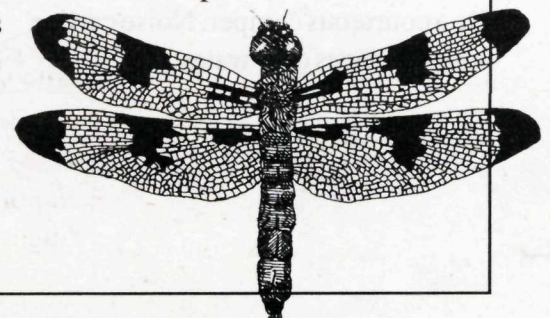
Lower River

Lower River Visitor Center
117 South Main Street
Stillwater, MN 55082
(612) 430-1938
after July 1: (651) 430-1938

Located in downtown Stillwater, Minnesota.

Open
Memorial through Labor Day:
Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
September through May:
Friday - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A video, exhibits on wildlife of the Riverway, exotic species and national parks, and a children's touch table are available.





THROUGH THE YEAR

January

Try cross-country skiing at St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. The park grooms two trails: Trego Lake Trail, located 1 mile north of Trego, Wisconsin on River Road, and Sandrock Cliffs Trail located on Highway 70 at the Marshland Visitor Center.



February

Winter is a good time to look and listen for owls. Many species breed in February.

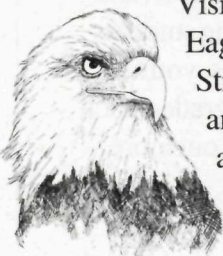
Hypothermia can happen very quickly in winter, especially if you are wet. Beware of thin ice!

March

Records of ice out at the Highway 70 bridge have been kept since 1983. The earliest ice out occurred on February 26, 1998 and the latest date was April 7th 1996.

Watch for bald eagles! Many eagles use the river as a corridor on their spring migration. The Lower River

Visitor Center hosts Eagle Watch in Stillwater, March 28 and 29, and April 4 and 5.



April

The warming weather brings out wood and deer ticks. Deer ticks can carry Lyme disease. Learn the symptoms and take prevention measures.

Listen for frogs! Spring peepers often awaken from their winter sleep in April.



Wildflowers begin blooming up and down the Riverway.

May

Angler's look forward to fishing opener, May 2, 1998, on the Riverway. The Riverway accepts both Minnesota and Wisconsin fishing licences where the river is a border.



National River Clean-up Week is May 10 - 17, 1998. If you are interested in helping, contact the visitor center nearest you. Groups are welcome!

June

Water levels tend to be higher in the early part of summer. Canoeing on the upper-most reaches of the Riverway is best when water levels are high. Contact the nearest visitor center for updates on canoeing and boating conditions.

The St. Croix Valley Interpreters Association sponsors the fourth annual Canoe Trek on June 27, 1998. Contact a state or national park visitor center for more information.



July

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway features campsites accessible by watercraft only and a few walk-in campsites. You can obtain maps and directions to campsites at any of the four Riverway visitor centers.

Remember, fireworks are not permitted on the Riverway.

August

Fireflies twinkle during the warm summer nights.

Bat-watching is best in the long twilight hours of summer.

National Park Day is August 25th.



September

Changing leaves can turn the riverbanks and hillsides into spectacular displays of color. Take a walk along any of the trails or paddle a stretch of the river to enjoy this special show.



Look for groups of school children knee-deep in the river catching aquatic insects. They are participating in our "Rivers Are Alive" program.

October

Wolf Awareness Week is the third week in October. Learn about the wolves who live along the rivers.

Ticks are still out in fall. Remember to do tick checks.

Happy Anniversary St. Croix Riverway! Thirty years ago on October 2, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act became law.

November

Hunting is permitted along the Riverway. Boundaries of the Riverway are difficult to determine in many areas so check with park rangers for information.



December

Snowmobiling is permitted in some areas on the Riverway. Extreme caution is recommended as river ice is different than lake ice. Contact a visitor center for rules and safety information.

Half a million people visit St. Croix National Scenic Riverway each year.

Most people visit during June, July and August. Summer is a great time to enjoy the river but the other seasons are equally rewarding. Each season has its own character and casts a unique mood over the countryside. Take the opportunity to fully enjoy the Riverway, truly a place for all seasons.



"Wild Rivers are memorials to the land as it was--to us as we were in a simpler past. We hold on to a part of that when we live with such a river--even for a few days. In that, I think, is the enormous importance of our national commitment to keep at least a few of our rivers untamed. In that is the fundamental significance and real meaning of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act."

-Roger Drayna

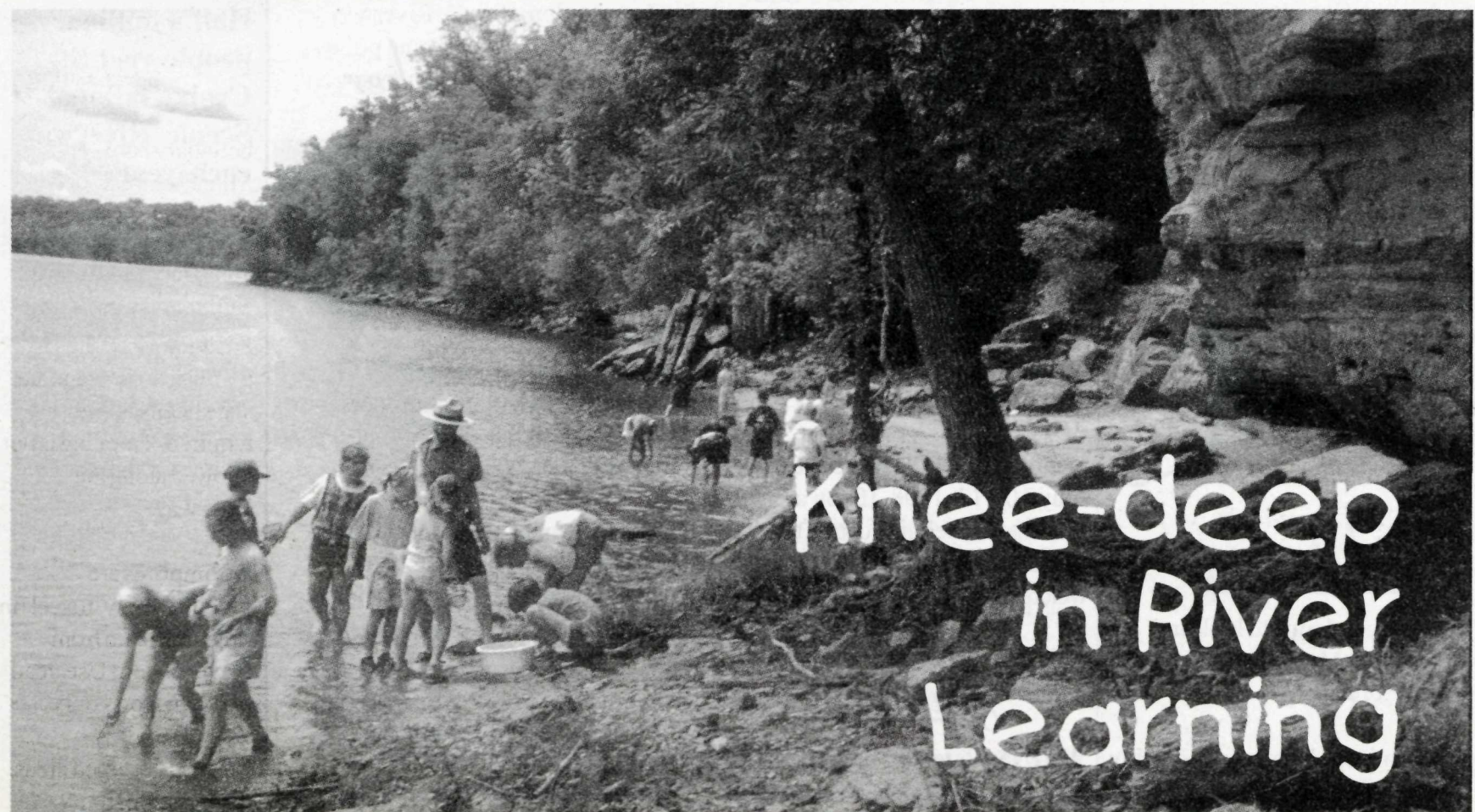
"Call the roll of the great American rivers of the past and you will have a list of the pollution problems of today. The story in each case is the same; they died for their country."

-Gaylord Nelson





RESOURCE NEWS



"I caught something! I caught something! Ouuuuuw! What is it?" The excited fourth grader holds out her net and squeals. She, and her class, are knee-deep in a "Rivers Are Alive" program on the St. Croix Riverway.

When school begins each fall, park rangers visit fourth grade classes to introduce the students to the Riverway, and the basic concept of habitats and ecosystems. Then the class heads out for a field-trip to the St. Croix or the Namekagon rivers. At the river, students are handed dip nets and an identification sheet, and paired up. They wade into the somewhat cold water to catch as many things as they can in twenty minutes. After time is up, the students dry off and help rangers identify the aquatic insects, frogs, snails, and crayfish passed around in viewing boxes. Students are reminded that the stream or creek that runs through or nearby their town eventually runs into the St. Croix. All life is

impacted by what happens to the water in the student's community. The animals are returned to the river.

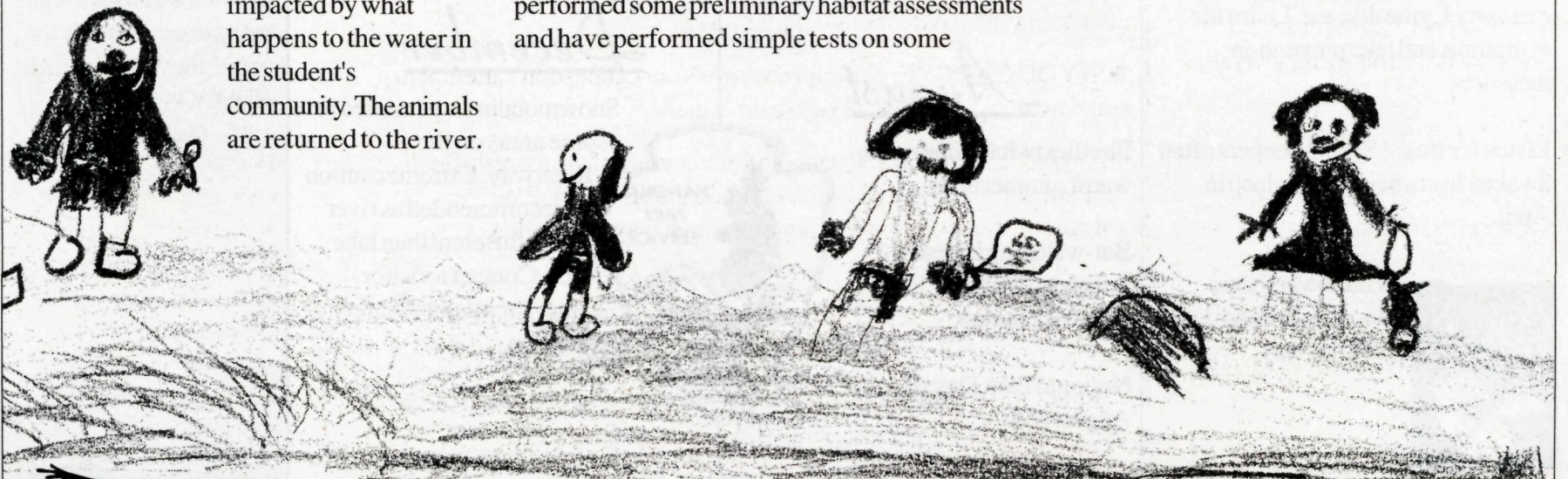
Why does the National Park Service put so much effort into this program? Many students have never set foot into the river even though they live nearby. The first-hand experience is invaluable to building stewardship for the Riverway resources. The program is fun! Both students and park rangers look forward to the fieldtrips. Students are surprised at how many different animals are caught. The incredible diversity of animal-life that usually is "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" is now exposed to the students. They realize that what they do to the water in their community can affect what happens to the water quality of the St. Croix.

The "Rivers Are Alive program is a building block for other educational programs on the river. Park staff are working to secure the necessary funding to start a River Watch program for area high schools. Science students will monitor water quality on tributaries of the St. Croix. They will also assess habitats along the tributaries and conduct macro-invertebrate sampling. Middle school classes have already performed some preliminary habitat assessments and have performed simple tests on some

tributaries for nitrates. The data will help the park resource managers understand what the water quality is like on the St. Croix tributaries.

Getting students involved at different grade levels will bring them back to the Riverway. Each visit will teach them something new about the river and stress the importance the river means to all life. The students will take that message back to their families and friends.

So if you visit the park in September, and you hear squealing, or see young students knee-deep in the river with nets, you are witnessing an event the fourth graders look forward to all summer. To find out more about this and other ranger programs contact any of the four visitor centers listed on page four. The curriculum for the Rivers Are Alive program is featured on our web page at: <http://www.nps.gov/sacn>.





HEALTH & SAFETY

What You Should Know About Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection transmitted to humans by the bite of a deer tick. A tick bite is not painful, and since the deer tick is small it often goes unnoticed. In most cases the tick bites, draws blood and drops off. If the tick is infected with the bacterium causing Lyme disease, it may transmit it during the feeding process. A tick bite does not always result in Lyme disease.

A telltale "bullseye" rash may indicate a tick bite. Early symptoms include headache, chills, nausea, fever, aching joints, fatigue and skin rash.

Lyme disease prevention:



The deer tick is much smaller than the wood tick.

- Wear a long-sleeved shirt and trousers when hiking.
- Tuck your pant legs into your socks and tuck your shirt into your pants.
- Avoid grassy areas and deer trails, the tick's prime habitat.
- Wear light colored clothing--it's easier to see and remove ticks.
- Check your entire body for ticks several times a day.

What to do if bitten by a tick:

Remove the tick as soon as possible. Grasp the tick with fine tweezers as near the skin as possible and gently pull it out. Check to see whether mouth parts broke off in the wound. If so, seek medical attention. Save the tick in a small jar. If any symptoms of Lyme disease appear in the following several months, see a physician immediately.

Lyme disease is not the only disease transmitted by ticks. Researchers have identified two diseases with symptoms similar to Lyme. Ehrlichiosis and babesiosis are treatable if diagnosed early.

Carry
in  Carry
out

There are no containers here for garbage or recyclables. Please carry out what you carried in!

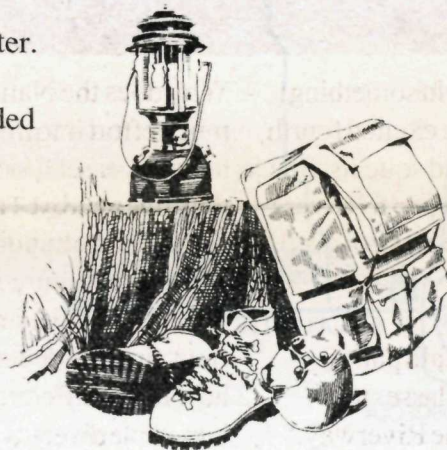
St. Croix National Scenic Riverway



With your help, the Riverway will stay clean. Please bring trash bags with you. Reduce trash by avoiding disposable materials. Recycle as much as possible. The Riverway and your neighbors thank you.

Drinking Water

- ◆ To ensure safety, bring your own water.
- ◆ Do not drink water directly from the river. Water facilities are provided at some landings. Check with a park ranger for locations.
- ◆ If you must rely on river water for consumption, boil it for at least one minute to kill any *giardia lamblia* protozoa.



It won't save you if you don't wear it!

For Your Health and Safety

- Always wear a lifejacket!
- Kneel down in your canoe in areas of fast water--it will lower your center of gravity.
- Stay parallel to the current--drifting sideways exposes more of the canoe to contact with rocks or large waves.
- IF YOU CAPSIZE: Stay upstream of your canoe, don't attempt to stand in strong currents--float to calm water.
- Portages exist around all dams and along some of the more difficult rapids. Line your canoe down rapids you are unsure of. Plan ahead to steer around trees (strainers) which may have fallen in the water.
- DON'T DRINK ALCOHOL ON THE RIVER--Approximately half of all boating and swimming deaths involve alcohol.
- Lightning storms are frequent. Water attracts lightning. Get to shore and away from the water quickly in the event of a storm.

Regulations

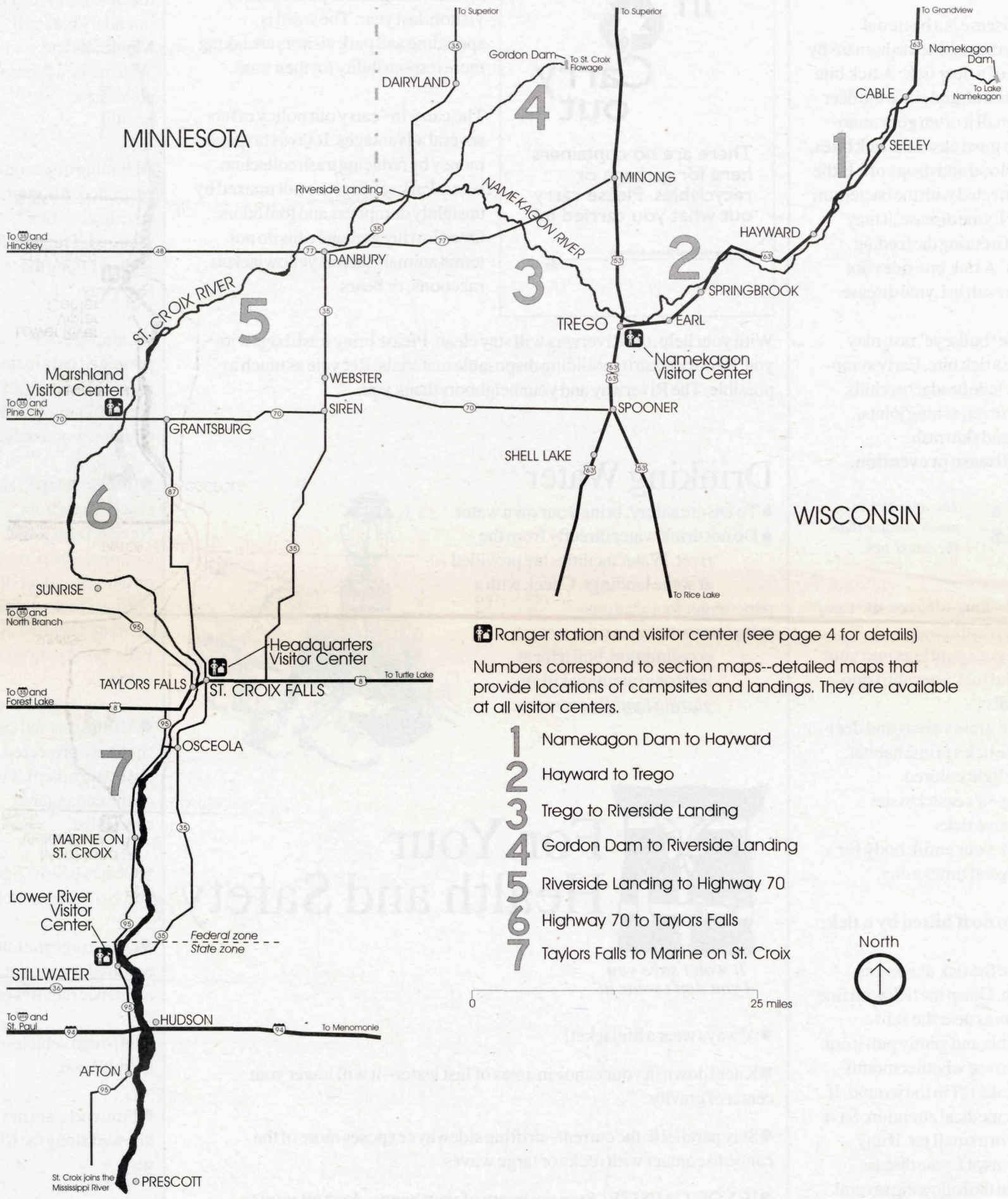
- Fishing licenses are required. Where the St. Croix River is the boundary between Minnesota and Wisconsin, a license from either state is valid.
- Hunting in season is permitted. Appropriate state licenses are required. Trapping is not allowed along the Riverway.
- Campfires are permitted only in steel fire rings upstream from Nevers Dam. Use dead or down wood only.
- In undeveloped areas downstream from Nevers Dam, small campfires are permitted on islands and sandbars. No firewood collecting is permitted below Taylors Falls, bring your own wood.
- All mussels and empty shells are protected. Do not disturb them. Two are on the endangered species list.
- Observe Slow Speed and No Wake zones.
- Canoe registration is required if your state of residence requires one.
- Off-road vehicle travel is prohibited.
- Fireworks are not allowed along the Riverway.
- Bicycles are not permitted on National Park Service hiking trails.
- All boats are required to carry one wearable flotation device for each person on board.





MAP

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway



Ranger station and visitor center (see page 4 for details)

Numbers correspond to section maps--detailed maps that provide locations of campsites and landings. They are available at all visitor centers.

- 1 Namekagon Dam to Hayward
- 2 Hayward to Trego
- 3 Trego to Riverside Landing
- 4 Gordon Dam to Riverside Landing
- 5 Riverside Landing to Highway 70
- 6 Highway 70 to Taylors Falls
- 7 Taylors Falls to Marine on St. Croix



0 25 miles

In Case of an Emergency:

- Along the St. Croix River--dial 911
- Along the Namekagon River--dial the county sheriff:
 - Bayfield County-(715) 373-6120
 - Sawyer County-dial 911
 - Washburn County-dial 911
 - Burnett County-dial 911

