



Camping on the Lower St. Croix River



Designated campsite sign

In 2008, new camping regulations will be in effect for the St. Croix River between St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin - Taylors Falls, Minnesota, and Log House Landing. Visitors who plan to camp overnight in this stretch of river must have a free National Park Service annual camp pass. Additional details of the new regulations are contained in this publication.

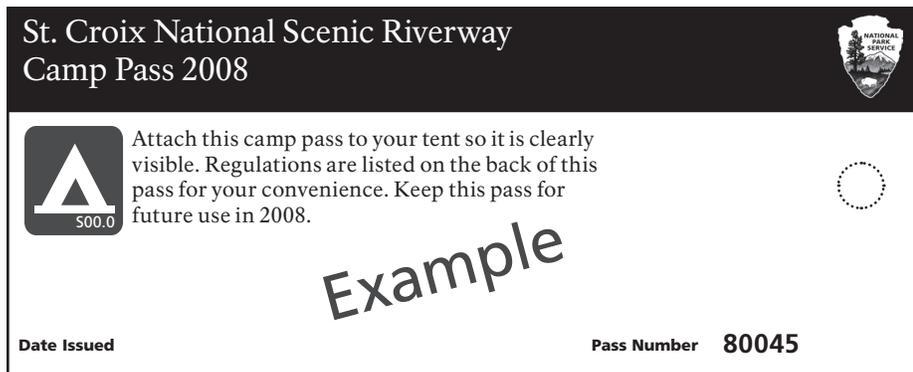
Camp Pass

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 Log House Landing (river mile 39.0) will be required to have a camp pass.

One pass is required for each group staying at a campsite. The pass is free and valid for 2008. You can obtain the camp pass at:

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

Park rangers will review the new regulations with you. Your signature confirms that you understand and will comply with the new regulations. Your camp pass 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. After an extensive public planning effort, new 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

-  Primitive shoreline campsite Limit 8 people
-  Primitive shoreline group campsite Limit 9-16 people

Visitors must camp in designated campsites. In addition to the existing campground of 7 sites at Eagle's Nest, 10 primitive and 2 primitive group campsites have been established. Their locations are indicated on the "St. Croix River Map 7: Highway 8 to Marine on St. Croix."

The map 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

equipment to paddle or float on the St. Croix.

Campsites are first-come, first serve.

Brown signs with white campsite symbols indicate the locations of the new 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, however, it cannot be collected from islands. Possession of firewood that originates more than 50 miles from the Riverway is prohibited.

Campsite Capacity and Limit of Stay

Up to 8 people will be allowed at individual designated campsites on the main channel of the St. Croix. Group sites are indicated on maps and will accommodate 9 to 16 people. Larger groups will need to split up or make arrangements to camp in one of the state parks.

The 7 clustered individual sites established at Eagle's Nest (a NPS boat-in campground south of Franconia Landing) will

also accommodate larger groups; up to a total of 56 people (8 per site). Possession of alcohol is no longer 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

To preserve water quality and protect public health, campers will be required to bring in their own portable camp toilets or use onboard facilities on self-contained boats. All human waste must be disposed of properly away from the Riverway.

Inexpensive portable camp toilets are available for purchase at most outdoor recreation equipment stores. All trash must be carried out at the end of your stay. Glass containers are prohibited on land and waters within the Riverway.

Examples of portable camp toilets



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