

Enjoy the River Safely and Responsibly

Follow these regulations and safety tips.

Boating and Paddling

- Wear your life jacket! Approved life jackets for each person are required on your vessel. (3.7)
- Children under 13 are required to wear a life jacket. (3.7)
- Check river conditions before launching www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions.
- Know your paddling ability. Not all stretches of the Riverway are suitable for beginners.
- Slow-no wake, which is operation of a motorboat at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage, is in effect within 100 feet of
 - o A downed water skier;
 - o A person swimming, wading, fishing from shore or floating with the aid of a flotation device;
 - o A designated launch site; or
 - o A manually propelled, anchored or drifting vessel. (3.8(b)(4))
- Use of personal watercraft is prohibited. (Defined in 1.4)

Camping (2.10):

- Camping is only allowed at designated sites on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Camping stay limit is 3 consecutive nights at a campsite.
- Individual campsites accommodate a maximum of 8 people and 3 tents. Group sites accommodate a maximum of 16 people and 6 tents.*
- Tents must be occupied on the first night of stay. Equipment left unattended to hold a site will be treated as abandoned.

Campfires & Firewood

- Open campfires are allowed only in metal campfire rings.
- Dead and down wood may be collected for campfires from shoreline areas but not from islands. (2.1(a)(4))
- The cutting of live vegetation is strictly prohibited.
- To prevent the spread of emerald ash borer, only use firewood that is kiln dried or collected within 25 miles of where it will be used. (2.1(a)(4))
- Campfires must be out and cold before you leave the area.

Fishing

- Dumping or release of live bait is prohibited. (2.3d2)
- Use of live crayfish as bait is prohibited. (2.3d2)
- Help prevent the introduction of invasive species. Never release bait, bait water, or water from live bait wells into the river.

Sanitation and Refuse

- Where a pit toilet is not available, human waste and pet waste must be removed from the park or be buried at least 6 inches underground and a minimum of 100 feet from any water source, high water mark, trail, or facility. (2.14b; 2.15a5)
- Carry out all trash. (2.14a2)
- Littering is not allowed.
- Please do not put trash in toilets.

General

- Collecting live or dead mussels, empty mussel shells, historical artifacts, or wildflowers is prohibited. (2.1 c; ARPA)
- Do not jump or dive from cliffs, trees, swing rope, or bridges. (3.16)
- Avoid trees that have fallen into the river. They can catch and overturn your vessel.
- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat to prevent sunburn.
- Use alcohol responsibly.
- Do not bring glass containers to the Riverway. Broken glass cuts bare feet.
- Protect your feet with river shoes or sandals.
- Bring your own drinking water. The water is not safe to drink unless purified.
- Check for ticks.
- Watch for poison ivy.
- Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pet waste must be removed from the park or buried. (See Refuse Section; 2.15a1)
- Possession or shooting of fireworks are prohibited.
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. (2.10b4)

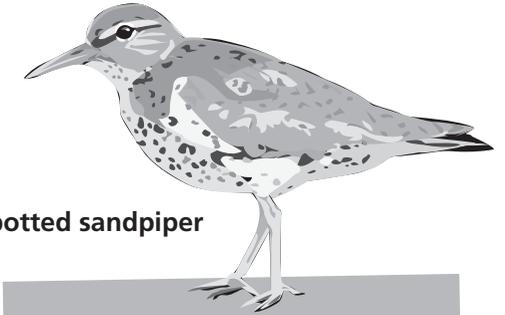
* For more information and updates due to COVID-19, please see www.nps.gov/sacn.

Codes: Superintendent's Compendium, park specific rules under 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36CFR), www.nps.gov/sacn/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.

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St. Croix River Map 4: Gordon Dam to Riverside Landing



spotted sandpiper

Often seen making short flights ahead of vessels, spotted sandpipers are the most common shorebird on the rivers.

In This Stretch

- This stretch can be very challenging in low water conditions causing paddlers to continually dodge large rocks and boulders.
- Approximately 300 yards of boulders, plus Class I and II rapids come up suddenly before the **Scott Bridge**. It is best to paddle to the left.
- You can sometimes run the chute of **Coppermine Dam**, but make sure you scout it first or use the portage on the right.
- Winding Class I and II rapids at **Fish Trap Rapids** are considered the most challenging on the Riverway, and no portage exists.
- A smaller set of Class I rapids called **Little Fish Trap Rapids** exists right before the **CCC Bridge Landing**.
- There are more rapids around **Big Island** and as you approach **Riverside Landing**.

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Gordon Dam to Riverside Landing

Namekagon River Visitor Center
Highway 63, half mile east of Highway 53
Trego, Wisconsin
715-635-8346

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Emergencies call 911
See a problem? 1-800-PARKTIP

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Call 715-483-2274



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