

## Enjoy the River Safely and Responsibly

### Regulations

#### Boating and Paddling (36CFR 3)

- Wear your life jacket! Approved life jackets for each person are required on your vessel.
- Children under 13 are required to wear a life jacket.
- 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.
- Use of personal watercraft is prohibited. (Defined in 36CFR 1.4)

#### Camping (36CFR 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.

#### Fishing (36CFR 2.3)

- Dumping or release of live bait is prohibited.
- Use of live crayfish as bait is prohibited.
- Help prevent the introduction of

invasive species. Never release bait, bait water, or water from live bait wells into the river.

#### Campfires & Firewood (36CFR 2.1)

- 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.
- 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.
- Campfires must be out and cold before you leave the area.

#### Sanitation and Refuse (36CFR 2.14)

- 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.
- Carry out all trash.
- Littering is not allowed.
- Please do not put trash in toilets.

#### Resource Protection (36CFR 2.1)

- Collecting live or dead mussels, empty mussel shells, historical artifacts, or wildflowers is prohibited.

### General

- Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pet waste must be removed from the park or buried. (36CFR 2.15(a)(1))
- Possession or shooting of fireworks are prohibited. (36CFR 1.5)
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. (36CFR 2.10(b)(4))
- Do not jump or dive from cliffs, trees, swing ropes, or bridges. (36CFR 1.5)

### Safety Tips

- Check river conditions before launching [www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions).
- Know your paddling ability. Not all stretches of the Riverway are suitable for beginners.
- 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.

For COVID-19 updates, see [www.nps.gov/sacn](http://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](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/learn/management/lawsandpolicies).

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## St. Croix River Map 6: Sand Creek Landing to Highway 70



common merganser

*Hundreds of baby mergansers are raised on the river every summer. Look for babysitter females with lots of babies following along.*

### In This Stretch

- Rapids begin downstream of **Nelsons Landing**.
- Stay to the left if you want to be in the deeper main channel at the place where the river splits around large islands.
- To paddle the **Kettle River Slough**, take the right channel at the split and then go right again near the first big island. Near the Kettle River confluence with the St. Croix there is a ledge and a series of fast and steep rapids that are regularly Class II. You will miss **Fox Landing** when taking this route.
- Wide, shallow and easy rapids characterize the St. Croix after the Kettle River joins it.
- The **Sandrock Cliffs** channel is two miles past **Soderbeck Landing** on the left. It can dry up in low water.

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#### St. Croix River Visitor Center

401 N. Hamilton Street  
St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin  
715-483-2274

For Current River Conditions  
Visit [www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions.htm)  
Call 715-483-2274

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