

## 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

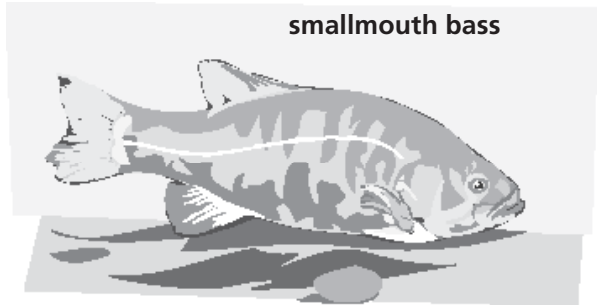
- Check river conditions before launching [www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions).
- Know your paddling ability. Not all stretches of the Riverway are suitable for beginners.
- Avoid trees that have fallen into the river. They can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



## St. Croix River Map 7: Highway 70 to Highway 8



*The renowned smallmouth bass fishery on the upper part of this river stretch reflects the quality of the habitat and the clean water. The slower water behind the dam adds lake fish to the diversity of species in the park.*

### In This Stretch

- Shallow waters create sandbars in summer in some areas of this stretch. Careful reading of the river will help you avoid walking.
- A short series of rapids exists in the area of **Stevens Creek Landing**.
- The uneven river bottom at **Old Railroad Landing** can make currents erratic.
- The river narrows at the old **Nevers Dam site**, and it can be deceptively turbulent in this area.
- The 10-mile section upstream of the hydroelectric dam near the **St. Croix River Visitor Center** is lake-like and called the **Indian Head Flowage**. This is commonly used by houseboats, fishing boats, and pontoons.
- There is a 1.3 mile portage around the dam through Taylors Falls, Minnesota.

