

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

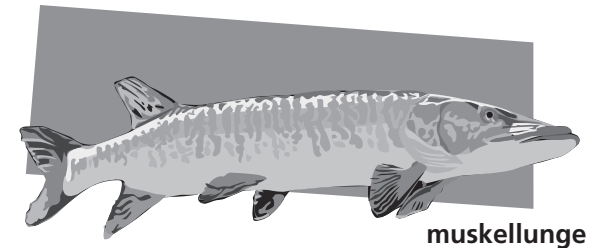
- Check river conditions before launching www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions.
- Know your paddling ability. Not all stretches of the Riverway are suitable for beginners.
- Avoid trees that have fallen into the river. They can catch and overturn your vessel.
- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, 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.

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



St. Croix River Map 5: Riverside Landing to Sand Creek Landing



muskellunge

A top aquatic predator, the muskie is also the “king” of fish for many anglers. It hides in the darkness, darting out with sharp teeth to eat most anything, including ducklings.

In This Stretch

- Keep right of the islands a few miles downriver from **Riverside Landing**. The river becomes the border of the two states (Minnesota - Wisconsin) just past these islands.
- The river slows then, and paddling is easy for the next 10 miles.
- Large groups of people on tubes may be encountered upstream of the Highway 48/77 bridge. Stay to the left at the rock ledge.
- Continue staying left as **Thayers Landing** is located immediately downstream of the bridge.
- The main landing for **St. Croix State Park**, Minnesota, is located behind an island on the right side of the river. Don't miss it!

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

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Namekagon River Visitor Center

Highway 63, half mile east of Highway 53
Trego, Wisconsin
715-635-8346

St. Croix River Visitor Center

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

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Emergencies call 911

See a problem? 1-800-PARKTIP

For Current River Conditions

Visit www.nps.gov/sacn/playourvisit/current-conditions.htm
Call 715-483-2274

FIND YOUR PARK

