

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 steering, is in effect within 100 feet of:
 - A downed water skier;
 - A person swimming, wading, fishing from shore or floating with the aid of a flotation device;
 - A designated launch site;
 - A manually propelled, anchored or drifting vessel;
 - Shore (including the shores of islands) from sandbars located approximately at mile 31.0 to the confluence of the St. Croix and the Mississippi River (MN 6105.033.2; WI NR 5.33(1)); or
 - Whenever the water level reaches or exceeds 683.0 feet mean sea level as measured at the Stillwater gauge. (MN 6105.033.2; WI NR 5.33(1))
- Use of personal watercraft and airboats is prohibited. (Defined in 26CFR 1.4)
- Towing skiers, tubes, or similar devices is prohibited:
 1. north of the High Bridge (29.5) at any time,
 2. between Stillwater and the High Bridge after noon on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, and
 3. between sunset and sunrise river wide.

Camping (36CFR 2.10)

- Open camping on islands only. Areas suitable for camping are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Camping stay limit is 7 consecutive nights at a campsite.

Campfires and Firewood (36CFR 2.1)

- Collection of dead and downed wood from all islands and shorelines is prohibited between the Soo Line High Bridge and Boom Site Landing. 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.

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.

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.
- Portable toilets are required to be possessed and used by campers from Franconia Landing to the Boom Site Landing. Floating toilets may be available between the High Bridge and the Boom Site Landing.
- Carry out all trash.
- Thank you for not littering.
- 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 2.38(b))
- 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. River 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/compendium.htm

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St. Croix River Map 10: High Bridge to Boom Site Landing

wood duck



Male wood ducks are some of the most colorful birds in North America. Despite the riot of color, their plumage provides incredible camouflage.

In This Stretch

- This 4.5 miles of lake-like water is used extensively by powerboats. There is a slow-no wake rule. (See map)
- Paddlers should consider headwinds and that the river current is generally slow when planning trip times.
- Canoers and kayakers should paddle near the shore and head into boat wakes to avoid capsizing.
- The **Boom Site Landing** and the northern city limits of Stillwater, Minnesota, mark the boundary of the federally managed St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.
- Upstream travel past the High Bridge is prohibited to prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species.

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St. Croix River Visitor Center

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For more park-specific regulations
Visit www.nps.gov/sacn/learn/compendium.htm



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Call 715-483-2274

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

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