

# Amazing Places to **CAMP** in the St. Croix Valley

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO ESCAPE CITY LIFE, or just everyday life, look no further than the St. Croix Valley's campgrounds and parks.

## State Parks

### 1 WILD RIVER STATE PARK

Located along 18 miles of the beautiful St. Croix River, the park offers camping, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, interpretive programs, self-guided trails, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Day visitors can enjoy a leisurely paddle down the St. Croix River from the Sunrise river access to the Southern park river access.

Take advantage of opportunities for semi-modern camping, group camping, equestrian camping, backpack camping, and canoe camping. Visitors wanting modern amenities can reserve the guest house with a living room, dining room, kitchen, and fireplace. Six camping cabins with bunk beds, a table, and benches, are also available. Learn more: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) or call 651-583-2125.

### 2 INTERSTATE PARKS

For more than 100 years, the rock faces, scenic trails, cliff climbing, riverside camping, and canoeing/kayaking have kept visitors coming back to the twin Interstate Parks in Taylors Falls, MN and St. Croix Falls, WI.

### MINNESOTA

Interstate State Park is located just outside Taylors Falls, MN, on the beautiful St. Croix River. Pick from a variety of campsites – 37 drive in sites (available year round), 22 electric sites and 4 group camp sites. Campers and visitors can climb the cliffs of the St. Croix River Dalles, canoe the flat-water, and watch kayakers' rush through the rapids, or relax on an excursion boat. During the summer, hike the trails and explore the glacial potholes, lava flows, and traces of old streams, which make this park unique. Learn more: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) or call 651-465-5711.

### WISCONSIN

Interstate is Wisconsin's oldest State Park. Located near St. Croix Falls, WI, Interstate Park has two campgrounds with 82 family campsites and 2 primitive campsites. At scenic, glacial-formed Lake O'The Dalles, there are picnic areas, shelters, swimming beach and beach house. Scenic overlooks and nine miles of trails provide spots to watch wildlife and explore the river bottom. Learn more: [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us) or call 715-483-3747.

### 3 WILLIAM O' BRIEN STATE PARK

Near Marine-on-St. Croix, MN, the park has two campgrounds with a variety of sites, including 77 electric sites and 120 drive-in sites, along with 4 group camp sites. Hiking trails offer quiet exploration of the park's rolling, wooded hills. For anglers, the river's channels have northern, walleye, bass and trout. Ideal for canoeing, the river is also a migratory pathway and perfect for birders. In the winter, the park has 10 miles of ski trail which is groomed for both classic and skate skiers. Walkers, snowshoers, and skijorers can use the 2.5 miles of packed River Trail. Learn more: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) or call 651-433-0500.

### 4 WILLOW RIVER STATE PARK

Located in Hudson, WI, the park offers a trout stream, sand beach, prairie remnants and a nature center on almost 3,000 acres of rolling countryside with the Willow Falls and Willow River Gorge. A campground and remote camping provide a variety of popular sites. Sites include – 4 group tent sites, 55 standard electric sites and 95 non-electric sites. Learn more: [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us) or call 715-386-5931.

### 5 AFTON STATE PARK

Grand oaks and delicate prairie flowers grace the rugged, rolling landscape of Afton State Park. Campsites include - 28 rustic back pack sites, 1 canoe site, 2 group camp sites and 4 year round camper cabins with heat and electric. Trails, in Afton State Park, traverse remnant and restored prairies, wind down deep ravines and rise up to the grassy ridge tops and bluffs overlooking the scenic St. Croix River. The trails are perfect for hikers, horseback riders and cross-country skiers. Learn more: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us) or call 651-436-5391.

### 6 KINNICKINNIC STATE PARK

Located south of Hudson, WI, the park offers an overlook of the sandy delta where the "Kinni" river, a world-class trout stream, meets the St. Croix. Boat camping on the river is very popular as is the stretch of sandy beach. Learn more: [www.dnr.state.wi.us](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us) or call 715-425-1129.

## Regional Parks

### 7 LAKE ELMO PARK PRESERVE

Offering 2,200 acres of rolling prairie and forest, the park has 80 campsites suitable for tents, trailers, and RVs plus equestrian and group campgrounds and primitive campsites. Enjoy 20 miles of trails groomed for Cross-country skiing, hiking, equestrian use and biking. The park also offers a beach and picnic area. Learn more: [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) or call 651-430-8370.

### 8 ST. CROIX RIVER BLUFFS

Nestled between Afton and Hastings with expansive valley views, the park offers campgrounds, picnic shelters, trails, playground, boat launch and a fishing pier on the river. Learn more: call 651-430-8240. or visit: [www.co.washinton.mn.us](http://www.co.washinton.mn.us)

## Private Campground

### 9 THE APPLE RIVER

The Apple River, tributary of the St. Croix in Somerset, WI, is known for river tubing and camping. Spend a night camping under the stars, at Apple River Family Campground after a day traversing the rushing rapids or floating the quiet reaches of the river. Learn more: [www.appleriverfamilycampground.com](http://www.appleriverfamilycampground.com). For more information on camping in the St. Croix Valley visit: [www.saintcroixriver.com](http://www.saintcroixriver.com)

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