Recreation Opportunities



Fishing and Boating

With its 29 miles of meandering shoreline, the 1,900 acre St. Croix Flowage is one of the most pristine and quiet lakes remaining in Northwestern Wisconsin. The Flowage is a relatively shallow body of water with a mean depth of 7 feet and maximum depth of 28 feet. The bottom type is primarily muck, with lesser amounts of sand, gravel and rock. Aquatic vegetation is abundant, with pondweed, coontail, bulrushes, and wild rice being common. At times, heavy aquatic vegetation can impede navigation. The Flowage also contains many bottom obstructions in the form of stumps, logs, rock piles, and others. Boaters should exercise caution when traveling through unknown areas and keep speeds down to reduce the chances of contacting any of these submersed

The Flowage offers exceptional fishing with a true northwoods experience. Anglers are frequently rewarded with excellent catches of bluegills, sunfish, crappies, perch, largemouth bass, and northern pike. The Flowage also has muskellunge, smallmouth bass, bullheads, suckers and carp. It is most well known for its crappie, bluegill, sunfish, northern pike, and big largemouth bass fishing both during the summer and winter months. Recreational boating pressure is typically very low due to the abundant structure and aquatic vegetation. Anglers must be sure to comply with all State of Wisconsin fishing laws and rules.

For shore anglers, the park offers ample fishing access above and below the dam. Depending on time of year some of the best fishing in the Flowage can be found in these areas and experienced by shore

For additional Flowage fishing information or a WDNR lake map, please visit www.dnr. are encouraged to check the WDNR webwi.gov or contact the WDNR Brule Ranger Station, 6250 South Ranger Road, Brule WI 54820 or (715) 372-4866.



Boat Launch

For boat anglers, an improved hoat launch with concrete pad and 24-foot dock is available in the park near the dam. Another improved public launch is located on the north side of the Flowage at the dead end of North Flowage Lane Town Road. Use of these launches is free to the public. Docks are typically removed during the fall of the year before ice formation and installed during the spring of the year after ice out. Users are encouraged to review any posted information at these sites to educate themselves on rules and regulations and im-

portant current issues facing the Flowage. No overnight docking of boats is allowed at the launches but registered campers can leave boats overnight tied or anchored to the shoreline to the east of the launch area. Campers should be aware that there are no docks in this area and any unattended boat is left at the owner's own risk.

Power Loading Boats

Established 1938

7201 East County Highway Y, Gordon,

Located 7 miles west of Highway 53 at the

County Highway Y turn off in the Town of

Gordon. Take County Highway Y west for 7

miles until you enter the park approximate-

ly 3/4 miles beyond the Chief Kabemabe

Nearest Municipality: Towns of Gordon

SE¼ of the NE¼ Section 36, Township 44

North - Range 13 West, Town of Gordon,

Park Address

Getting There

Scenic Overlook.

and Wascott

Douglas County, Wisconsin Longitude: 91° 55' 40.4342" W Latitude: 46° 15' 9.7024" N Driving distance from regional metropolitan

Chicago, IL - 430 miles

Duluth, MN - 50 miles

Des Moines, IA – 400 miles

Eau Claire, WI - 120 miles Milwaukee, WI - 365 miles

Wausau, WI – 210 miles

Park Size

Park Hours

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN – 155 miles

The park is open to the public daily from

6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., 365 days a year.

Registered campers and individuals using the boat launch are excluded from these

Location



Fish Cleaning House The park also offers a fish cleaning house that is handicap accessible for those anglers that would like to enjoy a fresh meal from their successful outing. This house is fully enclosed and complete with garbage cans. All users are reminded to dispose of all fish carcasses and related

waste at the fish cleaning house whether fish were cleaned there or not. All anglers site at www.dnr.wi.gov or contact the WDNR Brule Ranger Station, 6250 South Ranger Road, Brule WI 54820 or (715) 372-4866 for any fish consumption advisories.

Minimize your impact!



With over 29 miles of mean-

dering, undeveloped shoreline, the Flowage offers almost limitless exploring possibilities for those paddling through the back bays in a canoe or kayak. As users meander along one of the many inlets and secluded bays or around one of the several islands, they stand a great chance of glimpsing some of the abundant wildlife in the area including deer, bear, otter, beaver, eagle, osprey, kingfisher, ducks, swans, turtles, and great blue herons. Quietly paddling the Flowage is the best way to see the pristine beauty of the



insulas within the 1,900 acre Flowage that offer rare opportunities for exploration and leisure. Most of the islands are located on public Douglas County Forest land but visitors are asked to double check ownership before venturing out for an island visit by referencing a Douglas County Plat Book. The islands range in size from over 100 acres to less than an acre and they all have their own unique character. Island access is by boat, canoe, or kayak and all users are reminded to exercise good judgment during their visit to help preserve the natural beauty. Fragile island plants are destroyed when trampled under-foot and unstable shorelines are eroded with frequent wakes.

others to enjoy. Please don't cut or mar any habitat, which provides many opportunities trees, plants, or animals during your visit.



ming is not recommended above or below or diving off the dam is prohibited.

Swim at your own risk! Dangerous currents and hazards exist above and below the dam.

NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY!

Never swim alone!



Gordon Dam

County Park

Power loading is prohibited at all County boat launches. Power loading can cause damage to the launch ramps that may not be visible from the surface of the water. "Power loading" is a term used to describe using the motor to load and unload the boat onto and off the trailer. The County's public launch ramps were not designed to sustain the forces generated by today's larger and

more powerful boats or the practice of power loading. Repairs are time consuming, frustrating for the public, and expensive.

Propeller wash creates a significant force that can erode the lakebed and create a large hole at the end of the ramp. Eroded material is often deposited beyond the ramp to create a mound, which can result in a barrier for launching and loading. Boats and equipment can incur damage if the boat or lower unit runs aground on the mound or if the trailer becomes stuck in the hole. In the worse cases, the end of the ramp could collapse, resulting in an unusable launch ramp. In low water conditions the mound created from propeller wash can obstruct launching and loading all together.

The County recognizes that some boaters are accustomed to power loading. However, all boaters are encouraged to NOT race their engines while on the boat ramp. Slightly more than idle speed should be all that is necessary to load and/or unload the boat with proper trailer depth. The BEST practice is for boaters to refrain from using the motor at all and use the winch to load and unload their boat. **Enjoy boating without power loading!**

During the off-season when the full-service

campground is closed (from one week after Labor Day to two Fridays before Memo-

rial Day) the park is minimally maintained.

Lower restrooms and fish cleaning house

are closed, no electrical service, no garbage

disposal or trash collection, and no snow

removal in the park or along the service road is provided. See "Off-Season Camping"

Day-use admission to the park is free.

Camping rates are included in the

section for further information.

Park Admission

"Seasonal Camping" section.

Off Season

Gordon Dam County Park

Island Exploration

There are several scenic islands and pen-

The most popular island activities are exploration, picnicking, and primitive camping. All persons wishing to camp on an island are reguired to obtain a Recreational Use – Special Camping Permit from the Forestry Department. Please be sure to take all your trash with you when you leave to help do your part in keeping the islands clean and beautiful for



Swimming

The park does not offer a designated swimming area. Although not prohibited, swimthe dam. No lifeguards are provided and individuals who choose to venture into the available in the park just beneath the dam. turbulent water beneath the dam should Besides paddling and fishing, the riverway exercise caution with footing on the rocks, as is a popular destination for camping, tubing, they can be very slippery at times. Jumping and hunting.

The riverway is managed overall by the National Park Service in close cooperation with the Forestry Department. The riverway headquarters and main visitor's center are located in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, with additional visitor center in Trego, Wisconsin operated

> For maps and additional information, please visit www.nps.gov or contact

Scenic Riverway

otters, beavers, raccoons, fox, deer, and bear may be seen. A glimpse of the River's past can also be seen on the landscape. Discrete

features still existing today recall earlier times when Dakota, Ojibwe, voyageurs, timbermen and settlers all used the River.

A variety of recreational activities can be

enjoyed in this picturesque northwoods set-

ting. The stretch beneath the dam in the park

is ideal for canoeists and kayaks, the River is

relatively shallow here with a good mix of

rapids and calmer areas. This stretch is a na-

tionally-renowned smallmouth bass fishery.

Other fish species present include walleye,

northern pike, sturgeon, muskellunge, and

catfish. An unimproved canoe put-in site is

National Park Service, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, River Visitor Center, Highway 63, Trego, WI 54888 or (715) 635-8346. National Park Service, St. Croix National North Hamilton Street, Saint Croix Falls, WI

Access for People with Disabilities

54024 or (715) 483-2274.

modation to participate in park activities due to a isability, please contact the Forestry Department before you

Report all violations! (715) 394-4432

Park safety is

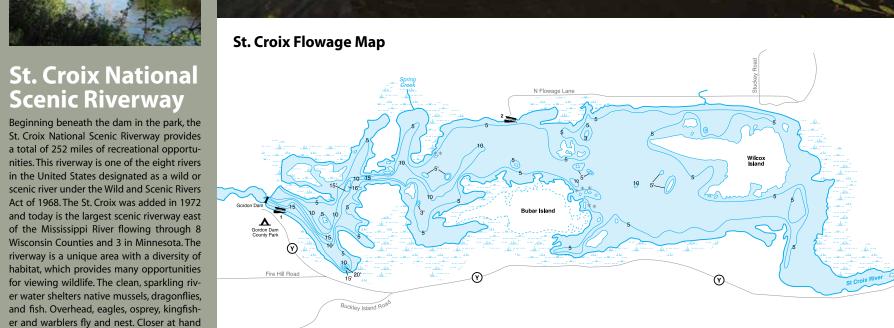
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URN IN VIOLATORS

(715) 394-4432

everyone's





More to See and Do...

Unique Douglas County attractions include: Fairawn Mansion, Fairlawn Gardens, SS Meteor Maritime Museum, A World of Accordions Museum and Harrington ARTS Center, Douglas County Historical Society, Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center, Gordon-Wascott Historical Museum & Depot, Solon Springs Historical Museum, Barker's Island Marina, Osaugie Waterfront Trail, Lucius Woods Performing Arts Center, Superior Speedway, Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds, Superior/Duluth twinports area, several golf courses, numerous restaurants and taverns, and many businesses offering a multitude of shopping

Unique Duluth, Minnesota attractions include: Canal Park, Aerial Lift Bridge, Art in the Alley, Duluth Art nstitute, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Duluth Playhouse Theater, Glensheen Mansion, Great Lake Aguarium, Lakewalk, Lake Superior Maritime Vistor Center, Lake Superior Zoo, Leif Erickson Park, Procor Speedway, North Shore Scenic Drive, Northshore Scenic Railroad, Park Point, Tweed Museum of Art, SS William A. Irvin Museum, and the Vista Fleet.

Nearby Douglas County Park campgrounds County Park.

Nearby day-use Douglas County Parks include: Bass Lake County Park, Long Lake County Park, Anna Gene County Park, Lake Minnesuing County Park, and

include: Pattison State Park, Amnicon Falls State Park, Bois Brule River, Brule River State Forest & State Fish Hatchery, City of Superior Parks, Douglas County Forest, Douglas County Wildlife Management Area, and the Chief Kabemabe Scenic Overlook.

Contact the Superior-Douglas County Chamber of or toll-free at (800) 942-5313 or visit www.superior-

Douglas County communities include:

land, Gordon, Hawthorne, Highland, Lakeside, Maple Oakland, Parkland, Solon Springs, Summit, Superior and Wascott; Villages of Lake Nebagamon, Oliver Poplar, Solon Springs, and Superior; and the City of

Please let wild animals remain wild

Feeding of wildlife and waterfowl (ducks

& geese) can result in harm to both an-

imals and people. Animals that depend

on handouts become a nuisance to park

visitors and a danger to themselves. If

you care about animals, please don't

feed them... allow them to remain wild

Driving distance to other communities in the area Barnes, WI – 27 miles Danbury, WI – 46 miles Gordon, WI – 7 miles Havward, WI - 39 miles Hinckley, MN - 52 miles Minong, WI – 17 miles Solon Springs, WI – 15 miles

Spooner, WI – 37 miles

Superior, WI - 45 miles

Safety First!

Minimize your Impact!

Reporting Violations

To make a report, users are encouraged to use the violation reporting form available online at

State violations (including violations of fish and game laws) can be reported

Together, we can keep our parks friendly and beautiful. Enough is Enough

Violations can be reported 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by:

www.douglascountywi.org/forestry or by contacting the Forestry Department.

For all violations requiring immediate attention call (715) 394-4432.

• Calling the Douglas County Sheriff's Department at (715) 394-4432

Emailing a report to forestry@douglascountywi.org

24 hours a day, 7 days a week by:

• Emailing a report to le.hotline@wisconsin.gov

• Calling the Douglas County Forestry Department at (715) 378-2219

• Calling the WDNR Violation Hotline at (800) TIP-WDNR (800-847-9367)

• Texting TIPWDNR [space] followed by the tip to TIP-411 (847-411)

Report all violations. Take responsibility. Make the call.

Together we can keep out parks friendly and beautiful.

imited law enforcement patrol is provided by Douglas County Sheriff's Department personnel depending on the day and time. More frequent patrol is provided by the daily park attendants. Round the clock patrol within the park is not currently provided. Please be sure to secure all valuables before leaving your vehicle or

Warm spring and summer weather in the park can often bring with it a variety of sucking or biting insects such as ticks, biting flies, gnats, no-see-ums, and mosquitoes. Dawn and dusk are peak mosquito and no-see-ums times, but flies, ticks, and gnats are active throughout the day. During peak population periods, cover up with light, long-sleeved clothing and wear a hat or cap to reduce exposed skin.

Applying insect repellent to exposed skin or clothing will provide added protection and can help make time spent outdoors more enjoyable during these periods.

Ticks & Lyme Disease







(deer ticks). To the right of

the postage stamp are two

stages of the black-legged

mediate). The two small

specimens on the stamp

in the nymph stage. The

two ticks to the left are

itself are black-legged ticks

The black-legged (or deer) tick can be found at the park and throughout the region. This insect can carry a bacterium which causes Lyme disease. Lyme disease can cause serious health problems if left untreated. To ensure that your risk of infection is minimized, make sure you and your pet remain on main- 🧂 tained surface areas and stay away from long grasses and other

This photo features American vegetation. In addition, examine your clothing and body after can Dog Ticks (wood ticks) spending time outdoors. An infected tick can transmit Lyme and Black-Legged Ticks

disease if not removed from your skin within 24 to 48 hours.

The park and other outdoor recreational areas which carry the risk of this disease continued to be frequently enjoyed by many people each year. Play it safe when visiting the park and any (largest) and male (interother outdoor area by simply using common sense.

The black-legged (or deer) tick that can carry the bacterium which causes Lyme disease is NOT to be confused with the more common American dog tick (or wood tick).

For additional information on Lyme disease, please contact male and female your local Health and Human Services Department, local Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office, or your healthcare provider. Get tick smart... Know the bug. Know the bite. Know what to do.

This plant is common throughout the park in two growth forms; a ground-level plant and a climbing woody vine. Poison ivy is very irritating to those Poison Ivy who are sensitive to it. It can be easily avoided by staying on maintained surfaced areas and avoiding "off-trail" areas in the park. Poison ivy can grow in many different forms and appear in many colors making it difficult to accurately identify at times.

Remember... "Leaves of three, let it be."





RECYCLE

Please place metal, glass, and paper products in the Park's recycling stations.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST

Gordon Dam County Park





Come discover the beauty... where the River runs wild!

Wildlife

Using your legs and feet is a great For trail maps and additional information, please vis-

way to get out and explore the scenic it www.nps.gov or www.northcountrytrail.org or

to North Dakota, traversing seven states in-between. St. Croix Chapter of the North Country Trail Associ-

National Park Service, North Country Trail, 700

Rayovac Drive, Suite 100 Madison, WI 53711 or (608)

North Country Trail Association, 229 East Main

For additional information on the local Brule

ation, please visit www.northcountrytrail.org/bsc/

In addition to the North Country Trail, the Douglas

County Forest lands nearby to the park contain many

miles of quiet woods roads and old logging trails that

serve as excellent hiking trails. So lace up your hiking

boots and explore the spectacular County Forest by

way of its many trails deep in the woods or along one

of its many rivers, lakes, or streams.

Street, Lowell, MI 49331 or (866) 445-3628.

Visitors and campers can expect to see abundant wildlife during their stay at the park. Whether driving, biking, boating, or hiking, the area provides tremendous opportunities for viewing many species of wildlife. bears, and bald eagles. Beavers, muskrats, cottontail rabbits,,raccoons, turtles, ospreys, owls, loons, wood peckers, and seagulls are common. Red fox, coyotes, fishers, bobcats, timber wolves, snowshoe hares, mink, otters, and hundreds of other bird species are also found in the area and waterfowl, including mallards. wood ducks, black ducks, ring-necked ducks, blue winged teal, and Canada geese nest along the banks of the River and Flowage. Wading birds such as the great blue heron and American bittern are commonly observed and trumpeter swans are also known Flowage residents. Mornings and evenings are typically the best time of day to catch a glimpse of active wildlife.

While some critters will pass through the park, others call it home and have become accustomed to human activity. Most commonly, you can expect to see many squirrels, chipmunks, and birds that frequent the campsites and other park areas looking for easy handouts. Users are reminded not to feed wildlife and keep garbage picked up and disposed of properly.

KEEP WILDLIFE HEALTHY & WILD -















Please observe

and regulations

all park rules











Trails for Hiking

area. The park itself does not contain contact:

maintained hiking trails but the **North**

Country National Scenic Hiking Trail is located a

short distance away and offers hikers countless op-

portunities to experience varied terrain, scenic vistas

and peaceful solitude. When completed, the 4,600

mile trail will be the longest continuous hiking trail in

the Unites States linking communities from New York

Wisconsin has the highest percentage of completed

trail and Douglas County contains 2 of its premier

segments. From high bluffs overlooking the famous

Bois Brule River to the wide-open pine barrens of the

Douglas County Wildlife Management Area and ev-

erything in-between, something for everyone can be

found along the North Country Trail.

The Douglas County Forestry Department welcomes you to visit Gordon Dam County Park where you can relax and "get away from it all" while enjoying nature at its best. Venture into the rugged natural beauty of the true northwoods. Let the sweet smells of our clean air and water surround you. Walk upon hallowed Native American ground. Fish the rich waters of the renowned St. Croix Flowage. Take in the spectacular views of the River from a top the historic dam. Explore the seemingly endless acreage of the largest and one of the finest County Forests in the State. Relax with family and friends around a warm campfire under starlit skies. Create your next adventure where the River runs wild! We look forward to your

The St. Croix Flowage Dam is rich in history The Flowage is part of the original river route which first occupied this area, through the ear-

dating back to the Native American tribes, used by early explorers, traders, and missionaries. In the early 1600's, a French explorer ly traders and missionaries, the logging boom and cartographer by the name of Samuel de of the late 1800's, the Work Progress Adminis-Champlain claimed to have discovered and explored the Bois Brule and the St. Croix Rivers. In tration (WPA) workforce of the 1930's, to the on-going development of the Gordon Dam 1680, Sieur Du Lhut and his voyagers traveled County Park of today. the waterway in birch bark canoes from Lake

Culture & Dam History

Superior to the Mississippi River. It was Perrot, A large Chippewa village occupied one of the most beautiful spots on the St. Croix River just man to officially proclaim the River as the "St. above the present dam Croix" in 1689, when he site. Chief Kabemabe a peaceful and friendly chief and one of the

claimed all of interior North America for France. The French kept the St. signers of the 1837 trea-Croix trading route open ty document, presided until 1760 when the over this village that was French war ended and located about one-half England began to take mile upstream from Napossession of the French In 1837, Nicollet mapped

mai Kowagon (Sturgeon Fish Dam) on the east side of the River. This dam showed evidence of originally being conthe Mississippi headwaters and its tributaries structed by the Native Americans with rocks including the St. Croix River. His notes includ-

and sticks for the purpose of fishing. ed a very accurate history of Native American life along the River. He wrote of the flourishing The village was located near the heavily village of Chief Kabemabe (He that sits to the wooded islands, which today can be clearly side), and Kabemabe's son, Nodin (The wind), seen from the high "over-look" area on the who had his own Chippewa band downriver. south side of Curly Franks Bay. All traces of He described the extenthe village have long dis-

sive wild rice beds found appeared under water. along the River and the however, the Douglas large village garden County Forestry Departwhich contained potament, with the help of the toes, squash, pumpkins, Wisconsin Conservation and even a scalp pole. Corps, erected a histori-In the late 1800's, the cal marker at this "over-St. Croix River territory was surrounded by vast Chief Kabemabe and his

> rior size and grade, making this an extremely attractive and profitable area for timbering were located at St. Croix Falls, WI and Marine on St. Croix, MN, but as the 1850's progressed

the dam. It was not unusual for one logging destination. With these large sawmills being located downstream, the only means of transportation for the logs was to float them logs during a drive. down the River. It became necessary to pro-After the vast stands of virgin White and Red vide reservoirs and boom sites to hold large volumes of water used to store and sort the

In 1884, a logging dam was built out of rocks and logs at the same site the present dam is located. This dam formed what became and s now known as the St. Croix Flowage, which played an integral role in providing the water supply for all of the timbering operations along the upper St. Croix River and its tributaries. The original dam had five 18 foot gates, which were 11 feet 8 inches in height, n the half-moon structure style.

timber floating downstream and also pro-

vide the extra water capacity needed for

Log jam on the St. Croix River

each spring logging drive.

The spring logging drive always started as soon as the ice went out on the Flowage, usually the beginning of April, and lasted until early July. 300 to 400 men would raft the

camp to put in 4 to 6 million board feet of

(Norway) Pine were eventually depleted through the great harvests spanning many decades, the Jack Pine was taken, with the last and final drive being made during the spring of 1912. Sometime after 1914, the log dam burned. After the fire, a plank board walkway was roughly constructed to gain foot access from one side of the River to the In 1935, the WPA began construction of the

present dam structure which was completed in 1937 and officially dedicated on July 10, 1937, although no longer used for logging operations. The current structure, completey renovated in 1988, creates the 1,900 acre, 28 feet deep Flowage to the east and marks the headwaters of the over 200 mile long St. Croix National Scenic Riverway to the west. Today's dam is 106 feet long, 12 feet high and has a fenced, 8 foot wide boardwalk for easy foot access to the north side of the Flowage.

Cellular phone service many be limited.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

DIAL 911 Emergency Services For Emergencies. Douglas County Sheriff's Department . .(715) 394-4432 Wisconsin State Patrol (District 7). ..(715) 635-2141 To Report a Forest Fire . ..Dial 911 To Report a Hazardous Substance Spill . .(800) 943-0003

(800) 847-9367 or cell #367 To Report a Hunting or Fishing Violation. .(608) 262-3702 or (800) 222-1222 Poison Control Center **Non-Emergency Services** WDNR General Information .(888) 936-7463 Douglas County Forestry Departmen .(715) 378-2219

.(715) 395-1404 Douglas County Dept of Public Health. **Emergency Weather Awareness** .(800) 943-0003 ..511 or (800) 762-3947 You are at Gordon Dam County Park, Fire #7201 East County Highway Y,

Gordon, Wisconsin 54838. Medical facilities are located in Superior – WI, Minong – WI, Hayward – WI, and Spooner – WI.

your park and recreation experience a good one! The Forestry Department is committed to making all Dougfor all who visit. It's through the valuable information provided by patrons, residents and visitors alike, that our park system continues to grow, change and imor the cost of daily operations and special projects monetary donations are graciously accepted and also prove its programs and services. If you would like to of fer any comments and/or suggestions on ways we can make the park better or how much you enjoyed your

Join us in the Parks. The Forestry Department offers competitive seasonal employment opportunities in the County Park system. Job applications are typically due by the end of March annually. Please contact the

outdoors and being part of a high-spirited and enthu-siastic team sounds attractive to you... then you just might be who we are looking for!

SAFETY FIRST

in the secure donation box located in the park or by visit, please contact us (see the "For More Information or visitor services and safety, education programs, and projects that protect natural and cultural park resource

For more information about the Douglas County Park System or the Douglas County Forest please visit



atmosphere for everybody

the campsite or area you leave behind.

Douglas County Forestry Department 9182 East Hughes Avenue • P.O. Box 211 • Solon Springs, WI 54873 Phone (715) 378-2219 • Fax (715) 378-2807

information in this brochure applies only to Douglas County Parks. Individuals are asked to contact appropriat

Leaving a Good Impression...

The following are seven simple things, but they can go a long way toward making the park enjoyable and safe for all of those who use it. They will protect our park resources and

improve park experiences for all users. Following these simple guidelines called the 7C's will reduce the need for more stringent regulations and help retain a fun, family friendly

CARE Care about how you camp by being considerate of others in the park.

ment. Handle fire and flammable fuels so as not to endanger yourself or others.

AUTION Use caution in the use of all camping and recreational equip-

COURTESY Practice politeness to enhance the park experience for all us-

ers. Respect the privacy of others, control your children, leash and pick up after your

CLEANLINESS Be clean in your camping habits and teach your children

the importance of cleanliness. Pick up litter no matter who left it and be proud of

COOPERATION Observe the letter and spirit of park regulations and

the rules established to protect everyone's enjoyment of the park. Work coopera-

pets. Always be extra sensitive to others while camping or visiting the park.

State of Wisconsin DNR Brule River State Forest State of Wisconsin DNR Pattison State Park. . (715) 399-3111 State of Wisconsin DNR Amnicon Falls State Park City of Superior Parks and Recreation Department (Municipal Forest).. (715) 395-7270 Douglas County Wildlife Area (Bird Sanctuary) . . (715) 372-4866

Discover Douglas County Parks...escape back to nature! FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS BROCHURE, please con-Select photos courtesy of Catherine Khalar. Publication DCF-GDP-2015



Activities and Facilities



able for future generations to enjoy.

Seasonal Camping

The Gordon Dam County Park Campground

Once paid, no refunds will

Visitors (non-registered campers) are wel-

come in the park and campground daily from

Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

daily. Creating excessive noise, causing a dis-

turbance, or use of any device including but

Fires are only allowed in the met-

al fire rings or grills provided or in

a self provided container specif-

ically designed to contain a fire.

Cutting live or dead standing

trees is prohibited. You are al-

Keep campfires small and burn only wood

and clean paper. Gas and propane camp

stoves and grills are permitted. Never leave

fires or coals unattended. Fires must be ex-

in the park during the summer months for a

not limited to radios, televisions, generators,

Please be considerate of

your fellow campers.

Campfires

tinguished complete-

ly before leaving the

campsite/park or re-

tiring for the evening.

Firewood is available

fee (see "Firewood" section).

Quiet Hours & Noise

be issued.

Visitors

Campground offerings include...

• 12 drive-in electrical sites with 50-amp service (sites are located in both shaded and open areas).

• 21 drive-in non-electrical sites (sites are located in both shaded and open areas). Gravel parking, picnic table, bench, garbage can, and fire ring provided at all sites. • 2 gender specific restroom facilities are provided with vault toilets.

The following are NOT available...

• No individual site water or sewer hookups. No sanitary dump station.

No showers or flush toilets No garbage dumpster.

• No pull through sites. No tent or camper pads. • No paved or concrete parking aprons.

No group sites.

Rates

• \$15.00 per night non-electric site (+ \$1.00 per night for each additional person above 5). • \$18.00 per night electric site (+ \$1.00 per night for each additional person above 5). NOTE: Rates are subject to change. You can find

up-to-date information by visiting www.doug- etc. that can be heard from a distance of more lascountywi.org or contacting the Forestry De-

Registration • All sites are on a first-come first-served

self-registration basis, NO reservations are

• All campers must register at the park when they arrive. Registrations **CANNOT** be taken in advance or over the phone. • Registration slips and the deposit box are

located at the caretaker shed (see map). No advance reservation available.

To Self-Register:

1. Pick up a self-registration camping permit at the caretaker shed (see map).

2. Completely fill out the form and carefully remove the top slip copy and clip it to any untagged site number post. DO NOT set up on any campsite before paying.

3. Immediately return to the caretaker shed

Please remember that you are sharing this space with plants, animals, campers, and other park visitors. Please thoroughly review the information contained in this brochure to help enhance your enjoyment and to further assist with the preservation and protection of your County Park.

tomorrow. These efforts help ensure that the best of Douglas County's natural resources will be sustainably managed and avail-

St. Croix River

[1]

Headwaters of the

A Natural Legacy — Douglas County Parks provide a natural legacy of outdoor activities and recreation. They are an important

Protect and preserve our parks... do your part!

village. The "over look" is located on the north side of County Highway approximately 3/4 miles east from the park entrance near the intersection of County Highage from this vantage point is one of the most

panoramic vistas in Douglas County

stands of virgin timber

logs and take them by steamboat down to

Picnic and Play Area



relaxing and spending time with family and friends while taking in the beautiful park sur-



Additional Park Rules & Regulations

ost any sign, advertiseme



Be considerate. Pass it on!

Firewood Advisory

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD

firewood that was gathered within the County or purchased from a local vendor. Do not leave firewood in a park or in the Forest, do not transport locally purchased firewood out of the County - BURN IT!

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD PERIOD!

States Department of Agriculture (USDA) quarantine for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). All firewood use, collection, and transport is highly regulated. For additional information on the quarantine, including firewood rules and regulations, please contact DATCP at 608-224-4573 and/or the USDA-APHIS at 608-231-9553.

ithin the park it is prohibited to.

espect the area by not trenching



Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into Douglas County from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten the health of the County Forest. Visitors should use

Emerald Ash Borer

Douglas County is currently under Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and United

FOREST At over 278,000 acres, the Douglas County Forest is the largest and one of the finest County Forests in the State of Wisconsin. With hundreds of miles of well-groomed recreational trails, over 100 pristine lakes to fish, swim, and boat, and vast acreages of wild forest land open to all sorts of outdoor recreational

experiences, it's no surprise that the County Forest is one of the true gems of Douglas County. Big woods, clean water, and spectacular wildlife...

adventure starts here!



The County Forest is the

tively with others to make the park better for everyone. CONSERVATION Protect the environment in which all users enjoy the park and help those whose job it is to guard and wisely manage the park. Leave a

better park for those who follow. COMMON SENSE Apply common sense and good judgment to

and all others.

Please be considerate and pass it on! Responsible behavior is ethical behavior... help spread the word!

large RV and pull behind camper train

lianning on staying in the campgroun

or for your current site on a day-by-day base on not register and pay for the whole week) are pitor the site that you would like to have if the

r was taken by another camper who

A: Please call the Forestry Department at (715) 378-2219 and ask to speak with the Parks Super-visor who will investigate the issue and resolve

ng trip to the park and would like oring our ATV's with us to ride the Dou as County Forest Summer ATV Trail S on during our stay. Can we bring o

nem out of the park to the trail system via trail

e dam but extreme caution should be ex sed at all times with footing on the slipp cks and turbulent water. No lifeguards

: Friends, family and I are going to be pending the 4th of July Holiday week-nd camping at the park. Can we bring nd ignite fireworks in the park to join in

A: No. The use or possession of fireworks or any other similar type of device is prohibited in the park at any time for any purpose. Individuals found possessing or igniting fireworks anywhere in the park will be cited accordingly.

Firewood

and place your full payment (cash or check) in the envelope portion of the permit and

lowed to gather wood in the immediate area of your site that is **Off-Season Camping**

provided, upper restrooms are open but not stocked or serviced, no garbage pickup is provided (100% carry-in carry-out), no firewood delivery provided, and the fish cleaning provided (100% carry-in carry-out), no firewood delivery pi house is closed. Water hand pumps are available for use. ring the winter months and is actively groomed for snowmobile use. Use of the road

Off-Season Camping Rates: \$10.00 per night at any site.

Please be familiar with the following campground rules and regulations:

amper, RV, or other similar type of shelter) per site

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Leave your

During your visit...

part of the Forestry Department's efforts to promote and pass on a strong conservation ethic to the generations of today and

Gordon Dam County Park

St. Croix Flowage Seasonal Campsites: 1 Campsite locations Campsites with electricity are circled. Site #7 is accessible.

deposit it into the deposit box. Credit cards are NOT an accepted method of payment. • Campers **CANNOT** prepay and/or register for a site in advance of arriving at the park. Upon arrival, campers can choose to pay day by-day rather than all at one time. 25 26 27 28 • A site is not considered "taken" until a registration slip is filled out and clipped to the site post and payment has been deposited. There are no requirements for occupying a site for it to be considered "taken". • In the event you plan to register and pay for a site prior to locating your tent, camping unit, or other belongings on the site, please be sure to inform one of the park attendants.

"DEAD AND DOWN" for your fire; however, available dead and down wood is typically scarce. You should consider purchasing locally harvested firewood (see the Firewood Advisory). Pre-cut firewood sold for \$3.00 per bundle and delivered to your site is available by contacting

one of the park attendants. There are also sevthan 20 feet is prohibited during this time eral local businesses that sell bundled campfire wood in the immediate area as well. Help keep pests out.

Don't bring firewood in!

Two well handpumps are available for water. This water is potable (approved for drinking) and can be used to fill containers that can be

No water hookups available at any individual sites.

Food Storage & Wildlife **DO NOT** attract wildlife! Keep a

clean camp. This is Bear Country! Deer, squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, and skunks are also yearround campground residents. Store your food, pet food, cooking utensils, and scented items (toiletries, insect repellent, etc.) in your hard-sided vehicle or in a secure food storage container. These items should remain stored when not in use. Keep garbage picked up and disposed of in the designated receptacles located in the park (be sure to securely close lids). Remember, feeding wildlife is strongly discouraged and harass-

ing wildlife is illegal! Sanitation

Littering or disposing of garbage anywhere other than in the designated receptacles located in the park is prohibited. Each site is provided its own garbage can and on-site trash collection is provided daily during the summer camping season. Please keep garbage picked up. Discarding garbage or waste that was generated outside the park is prohibited.

Dishwater service stations are available for washing dishes or disposing of waste/gray water if dishes are washed at your site. There is NO sanitary dump station for trailers and other recreational vehicles. Stored sewage and wastewater (black and gray) must be removed from the park and should be properly disposed of at a designated facility. There are NO showers or laundry facilities in the park. Portable showers are permitted. Two

is open. **Keep your park clean! Treasure it! Don't Trash it!**

restrooms are available with vault toilets and no

running water. Both facilities are handicapped

accessible and are open when the campground

Recycling 2 recycling stations are provided to properly dispose of metal, glass, and paper products. Be sure to review important information posted at these stations before depositing items and please keep all non-recyclables out of these containers. The parks recycling program is one of the ways Douglas County is working towards encouraging residents and visitors to recycle where they live, work and play. All park users are

encouraged to recycle. Help keep the park beautiful. Recycle today for a better

park tomorrow! **Motor Vehicles and Bicycles**

ers on paved or designated travel/ rollerblades, and push scooters is permitted on paved or designated travel areas only. Please contact the Forestry Department to inquire on the rules and regulations for other types of transportation devices. Operating a motor vehicle or bicycle off paved or designated travel areas is prohibited!

Remember to SLOW DOWN

Other Similar Vehicles Operation of any off-highway ve-

Designated Summer ATV trails are available nearby to the park. However ATV's CANNOT be operated in the park. They can be stored at your site but MUST BE transported to the trail sys-



Pick up after your pet!

Be sure to keep all motorized vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, and trail-

parking areas. Use of skateboards,

ATV's, UTV's, Dirt Bikes, &

hicle, including all-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility-terrain vehicles (UTV) motor bikes (dirt bike), mopeds, mini-bikes, motorized scooters, specialized fourwheel drive units, tractors, dune buggies, gocarts, golf carts, and other similar vehicle types is **PROHIBITED** in the park. These types of vehicles can be stored in the park at your site but



PROHIBITED

You MAY NOT operate an ATV or any othe ff-highway vehicle in the park at any time for any purpose. See the "ATV's, UTV's, Dirt Bikes, & Other

Similar Vehicles" section for further information

Pets Pets are permitted in the park and campground. When outside of a vehicle or camping unit, all pets must be on leashes. Please promptly clean up all pet waste and deposit into designated garbage receptacles. Store pet food in vehicle or camping unit when not

Horses Riding horses or having horses or other types of livestock in the

park is prohibited. Alcoholic Beverages Alcoholic beverages are permitted at designated sites and picnic

areas. Public intoxication, underaged drinking and/or disorderly conduct will not be tolerated. **Keep alcohol away** from minors.

Fireworks & Firearms

The use or possession of fireworks is prohibited in the park. The use or possession of any non-cased (outside of vehicle) or loaded firearm, including rifle, shotgun, pistol, BB gun, pellet

gun, air gun, CO2 gun, paintball gun, slingshot, or nocked bow and arrow, crossbow, or spear gun is prohib-Hunting & Trapping Hunting and trapping activities are prohibited in the park.

Park Use Privileges These regulations promote a friendly family atmosphere that is enjoyable for you and ther visitors. Visitors who do not comply may

Douglas County



NORTHWOODS at its best!

FREQUENTLY ASKED

Looking for an out-of-the-way camping destination?