

MAP AND GUIDE: GOOSEBERRY FALLS STATE PARK

3206 HIGHWAY 61 EAST
TWO HARBORS, MN 55616
LAKE COUNTY
218-595-7100



VISITOR TIPS

- Trails can be icy. Ice cleats are recommended for hikers.
- Keep trails in good shape. No hikers or dogs on groomed ski trails or snowmobile trails.
- Fat bikes are not allowed on trails. Travel 6 miles north to Split Rock Lighthouse State Park for groomed fat bike trails.
- Drones are not allowed in park.
- River ice is never safe, stay on trails.
- In an emergency call 911 and alert park staff. Non-emergency sheriff's number: 218-834-8385.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Park at the visitor center and walk a short accessible trail to the Upper Falls area. View winter waterfalls or watch ice climbers.
- Drive to the Lakeview Shelter to see ice formations on the lakeshore.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE?
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ABOUT THE PARK

Park trails wind through 1,700 acres of mixed evergreen, aspen and birch forests bordering Lake Superior. You can step along ancient lava flows eroded by water at the Upper, Middle and Lower Falls. The land has a history of drawing people. Early explorers met native residents, fishermen made their living from the lake, logging transformed the landscape in the early 1900s, and tourism expanded in the 1920s. In 1933, the state authorized the preservation of this area and soon the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) arrived to create Gooseberry Falls State Park. View the lasting legacy of these young men in the log and stone features they built here.



Snow blankets the Gooseberry River.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Lakeshore Loop

2-mile loop

Groomed classic ski trail • Easy

Travel this beginner-friendly loop from the visitor center, along the lakeshore, and past the Gooseberry River. Stop by the Lakeview Shelter and look over the confluence of the Gooseberry River and Lake Superior.

Interior Ski Trails

Varies

Groomed ski trail • More difficult • Moderate hills

Ski north from the visitor center to the Fifth Falls overlook. At the bridge, head west for a skate ski trail loop or travel east for a network of forested ski trails. This area offers plenty of wildlife viewing opportunities.

Fifth Falls Trail

2-mile loop

Snowshoe • Hiking • Hilly • Boardwalks

Travel this rugged path up the river to the Fifth Falls and back. Stop to look for caves or view CCC features.

Gitchi Gummi Hiking Trail

2.5-mile loop

Hilly • Boardwalks • Snowshoe • Hiking

Grab your snowshoes and experience incredible views of the Gooseberry River Valley and Lake Superior.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Warm up by the fire at the visitor center, check out exhibits, or stop by the gift shop.
- Take your snowshoes off-trail and explore the park.
- Try skate skiing the 2.6-mile loop on the west side of the Gooseberry River.
- Join a naturalist program year-round.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT MNDNR.GOV.



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.

DOT Wayside open 24 hrs.



VEHICLE PERMITS

Permits required in park, EXCEPT at the Visitor Center/DOT Wayside parking lot; purchase at park office or entrance kiosk.



PETS WELCOME

Keep on leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings or beaches.



CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS

10 p.m.– 8 a.m.; only registered campers may be in campground during quiet hours.



FIREWOOD

Must be purchased at this park or from vendors who sell wood approved for this park; no gathering firewood in the park.

? MORE INFORMATION



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WINTER RECREATION ON THE NORTH SHORE STATE TRAIL? VISIT MNDNR.GOV/TRAILS

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Information Center
500 Lafayette Rd. , St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
888-646-6367 or mndnr.gov/parks

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