

MAP AND GUIDE: GOOSEBERRY FALLS STATE PARK

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



VISITOR TIPS

- Keep children close in the falls area. There are slippery rocks, cliffs and many people.
- Wear good hiking shoes (not flip flops) and stay on trails.
- Drones are not allowed in the park.
- Swimming is prohibited at the Upper Falls. Deep pools and a strong current exist.
- Leave a clean park. Use bins for pet waste, trash and recycling.
- 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 the falls area. Take a short accessible trail to the Upper and Middle Falls or hike the longer 1-mile Falls Loop Trail.
- Drive to the Picnic Flow Area to explore the basalt rock shore and pebble beaches of beautiful Lake Superior. Pack a picnic to enjoy.



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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.



A landscape of basalt rock, formed by lava over a billion years ago, awaits you.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Fifth Falls Trail Hilly • Gravel • Boardwalks Travel this rugged path up the river to the Fifth Falls and back. Stop to wade in the water, look for caves, or view CCC features along the way.	2-mile loop
Gitchi Gummi Hiking Trail Hilly • Gravel • Boardwalks Experience incredible views of the Gooseberry River Valley and Lake Superior.	2.5-mile loop
River View Trail Hilly • Gravel • Boardwalks Hike past the falls and downstream to the river mouth and Picnic Flow Area along the lake.	1.25 miles one-way
Gitchi-Gami State Trail Paved • Shared with bicycles Access this paved bike trail from the Picnic Flow Trailhead and travel as far as Split Rock Lighthouse State Park (8 miles one-way) or the town of Beaver Bay (15 miles one-way).	8-15 miles one-way

MORE TO EXPLORE

- Join a naturalist program year-round.
- Explore visitor center exhibits and the gift shop.
- Check out a GPS unit or birding kit.
- Bring your bike and pedal the Gitchi-Gami State Trail through the park and towards Beaver Bay.
- Fish for salmon in the Gooseberry River. (Trout Stamp needed)

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THE PARK OFFICE OR 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.

BE OUR GUEST

- Stay awhile in a non-electric campsite or group camp site. Make your reservation by visiting mndnr.gov/reservations or calling 866-857-2757.
- Rent the historic log and stone Lakeview Shelter or Lady Slipper Lodge for your next event.



MORE INFORMATION



CURIOUS ABOUT THE GITCHI-GAMI STATE TRAIL?
GO TO MNDNR.GOV/TRAILS

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

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