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## Chapter 1 : Explore the Heritage of Minnesotaâ€™s State Parks : Explore Minnesota

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Since most of our trips have been made in our newly acquired RV, a Winnebago Rialta. So we are acquainted with both styles of camping. Clicking on the heading will take you to the detailed links and info page for each region. So we try to cover noteworthy campgrounds in all categories from more primitive to modern. Our profiled campgrounds include village parks, county parks, state parks, national parks and national forest campgrounds, and a few privately operated campgrounds. A number offer scenic and recreational amenities that make them suitable for a day visit. For tent campers who want showers and flush toilets, we like the two lakeshore municipal campgrounds in Washburn, Wisconsin. All sites have views of the lake, level parking pads with a decent bed of gravel, paved roads thru the park, and well-maintained. About 20 miles south of Ashland is Copper Falls State Park - nice hiking trails, swimming beach, washrooms, and campsites. Two nice full service campgrounds exist on Madeline Island: For Campgrounds near Superior, Wisconsin. Amnicon Falls State Park is a nice little park with spacious campsites, attractive waterfalls and hiking trails, but the washroom facilities are rustic and no RV facilities. Those who want more amenities should look at Pattison State Park south of Superior on Highway 35 or cross the border into Duluth and check out Indian Point or Spirit Mountain municipal campgrounds. For Campgrounds near Hurley, Wisconsin. Their hiking trails, scenery and recreational amenities make them a popular destination. For tent camping, our favorite is Split Rock State Park. In the peak season June - September, reservations are recommended at most of the parks south of Grand Marais. There are some national forest campgrounds away from the lake a few miles. Most are tent sites with vault toilets but some have adequate space for RVs willing to dry camp. Two municipal lakeside campgrounds with showers and flush toilets we like are at Two Harbors and Grand Marais. It is also within walking distance of downtown and convenient to the Sonju Lakewalk. Louis river, has 70 spacious sites, from tent to full-hook-ups. A second city-owned campground is located at the top of Spirit Mountain. It has a number of wooded tent sites as well as RV sites suitable for smaller units. Neither has showers, but they do have flush toilets and RV dump sites. The main camping choices in the Keweenaw Peninsula are three state parks. Most of the Pictured Rocks campgrounds are rustic and primarily for tenting. Those wanting showers and modern facilities should look at the Munising Tourist Campground. Although more expensive, the campground at Tahquamenon Falls is a good choice if you have time to enjoy the recreational amenities. We believe the best value, for both tent and RV camping with showers, is the Grand Marais municipal campground on the shores of Lake Superior. If your main interest is a decent spot for an overnight stay, we found the KOA campground north of Thunder Bay quite well maintained - 5 stars for their washroom-shower facility.

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## Chapter 2 : Minnesota State Park Campgrounds

*Minnesota State Parks offer a half-price camping rate for disabled campers, Sunday through Thursday nights. Activities within the park are generally free of charge. Fishing requires a Minnesota license and any applicable trout stamps.*

This vast forest between two popular resort towns has 21 campgrounds. Crystal Lake, one of four modern campgrounds, is very popular. From the campground, paved bicycle trails head north to Boulder Junction and east to Sayner. I liked shady and also , near the pier. Tribal Campground in Lac du Flambeau. Tent sites are mixed with RV sites, though tent campers also can choose grassy spots next to the lake. There are docks, a swimming area and a nice bathhouse. For more about Lac du Flambeau, see Carrying the torch. This is the most popular campground in Wisconsin. Because this Door County park is like a little resort. If you want to be on the beach, try for a site in North Nicolet Bay or South Nicolet Bay, which has 25 first-come, first-served sites. This well-tended private campground is a short walk from Rowleys Bay on the Lake Michigan side of Door County, close to excellent paddling, swimming, hiking and even zip-lining. I liked the cedar-lined campsites in the s, closest to the lodge and between the two bathhouses. But in the busy season, I might pick the most secluded tent-only sites, , or tent sites , next to the six yurts. There are beautiful camper cabins, too. Nature-loving owners Cheri Ault and Dick Bartlett make sure guests know about the quiet policy. Reserve with Iron County, , or Harbor Lights bar, However, the park is closed in because of floods in July It is scheduled to reopen in May Apostle Islands National Lakeshore near Bayfield. The really great campsites are on the islands, which are accessible only by launch, kayak or sailboat. Hiking along Europe Bay on a warm day in August, I saw a tent pitched just off the trail, on the sandy edge of Lake Michigan. As at all Wisconsin state-park sites, sites can be reserved up to 11 months in advance. For more, see Outdoors in Door County. Namekagon River west of Trego in northwest Wisconsin. Late one August afternoon, our group of increasingly anxious paddlers came upon N3. It was a haven that, by then, seemed like heaven. There are more than primitive campsites along the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, all first-come, first-served. Croix National Scenic Riverway near St. I was hiking on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail when I came across this sweet little campsite with its own sand beach. The trail starts in town and winds north along the St. Being close to water, all of the river sites are great in summer. Camping is first-come, first-served, but a free permit is required to camp on the lower stretch of the river, between St. Croix Falls and Stillwater. For more information, stop by the new visitors center in St. For more about St. Croix Falls, see Trail mix. For more about river towns, see Sightseeing on the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway near Grantsburg. The very scenic Sandrock Cliffs Trail goes past another great site along the St. Croix, the rustic Sandrock Cliffs Campground north of Wisconsin Red pines on a hillside create a room-like atmosphere for tent campers, who will sleep on a thick bed of fragrant needles. Mondeaux Recreation Area near Medford. It even holds a bluegrass festival in July. For more, see Tracing the Ice Age Trail. Croix, group campsite N3. Minnesota Old Barn Resort near Lanesboro. I was riding along the Root River State Trail, four miles west of Lanesboro, when I spotted some tents through the trees. A bit of paved trail led to the campground at Old Barn Resort, where a pack of bicyclists was heading toward me from the tents. Then I realized those sites were pretty but too exposed to the sun, and I saw the really good site: PM28, right next to the trail but shaded at the foot of a little rise. PM27 is good, too. But the Riverview campground just across Parkway Avenue is flatter and less-known; sites are on the edge of the river and have a beautiful view of the town over the dam. Both campgrounds are first-come, first-served. For more, see The belle of bluff country. Gull Lake Recreation Area near Brainerd. I saw this U. For more about the area, see The buzz on Brainerd. Crosslake Recreation Area near Crosslake. But kids love it. It takes reservations only for stays of seven days or more, starting Jan. Shorter stays are available for walk-ups; call in advance to gauge availability. For more, see Camping in Kandiyohi. It had two raised sand tent pads, a grove of white pine, a picnic table, a privy and a lot of privacy. One August, we set off from the end of the Gunflint Trail, paddling three lakes and portaging our canoe and gear nearly two

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miles to get to Tuscarora Lake. The first eight campsites we saw were occupied, and we were getting worried. We had a swimming pool at our toes, wildlife at our elbows and an orchestra hall for our ears. I was staying at a lake resort on Bad Axe Lake and was on a run when I discovered this beautiful lake campground northeast of Park Rapids. As in all Minnesota state forests, sites are inexpensive and first-come, first-served. The campground is near Itasca State Park, where campsites are prized but a lot harder to get. Site 16 could be the most scenic camping site in Minnesota, with a dead-on view of the lighthouse from your own bench perched at the edge of the cliff and from the door of your tent. I found this rustic campground while bicycling on the paved Migizi Trail. There are 24 first-come, first-served rustic sites, all shaded by red pines and half with their own little stretch of beach. The mile trail winds around the lake to Norway Beach Recreation Area, which has a more luxurious campground and some sites that can be reserved. Walker is the nearest resort town. For more, see *Fishing in Walker*. This wooded cart-in tent campground has a great location on Lake Pepin. Sites overlooking the lake a wide spot on the Mississippi River book up first, especially B, G0 and G2. Trains are nearly a mile away, but they run all night and blow their whistles a dozen times as they pass. Mosquitoes can be a problem, but the park sprays weekly. One is on the lake, and one is in a maple grove that overlooks it. Both have four tent pads and a vault toilet, and your water comes from the lake, so bring a filter. For more, see *Trekking the Superior Hiking Trail*. Whitewater State Park near St. This park in southeast Minnesota is famous for its wide variety of spring ephemerals. When you go to the park office for a map of the trails, and you ask about wildflowers, rangers often will send you to the trail through the walk-in campsites "because it has everything. Michigan Michigan state parks along the east coast of Lake Michigan: There are 15 beach parks with campgrounds between Mackinaw City and the Indiana border, all very popular. Ludington State Park is like a resort, with a beach on an inland lake as well as Lake Michigan, river tubing, bike trails, concerts and a lighthouse that can be climbed. It has three campgrounds. North of Manistee, Orchard Beach State Park is small, but many of its blufftop campsites have views of Lake Michigan, and its beach, reached by stairs, is less crowded than many. Tent campers stay in a more wooded Lake Macatawa campground a short walk away. Campsites can and should be reserved six months in advance, because nearly all the beach parks are percent reservable. If you want to travel at the last minute, head for the Upper Peninsula. Campgrounds there are much less likely to be full. We came upon this rustic six-site campground while hiking the Lakeshore Trail atop sandstone cliffs. Tents are tucked amid pines, and there are wooden steps down the cliff that lead to that rare thing: The Chapel and Mosquito sites are most popular; reserve at least two weeks in advance or as early as Jan.

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## Chapter 3 : Sled the Sparkling Scenery : Explore Minnesota

*State forests provide more than 2, miles of forest roads and thousands of logging trails, including 46 campgrounds with 1, campsites. State parks offer more than 5, campsites or a variety of cabins, guesthouses and other lodging.*

Read reviews of the best things to see and do in Minnesota find the best Minnesota deals, compare prices, and read what other travelers have to say about the places to go and things to do in Minnesota The forests in these national parks offer the wilderness experience many campers seek. If you are looking for solitude, you can find it here. There are also group camp sites for those who seek a place for family and friends to enjoy Minnesota camping together. The eastern parts of the forest surround the iconic Gunflint Trail. You will also be on the edge of Voyageurs National Park. These areas are acknowledged as some of the most beautiful places on earth. Almost all of the twenty-three campgrounds within the Superior National Forest are situated on lakes. Expect rustic, "no frills" camping in this boreal forest ecosystem. Representatives of almost all Minnesota wildlife inhabit the forest including about grey wolves. At least bird species are found here. In winter, miles of trail are groomed for cross-country skiing and miles are groomed for snowmobiling. Superior National Forest Campgrounds: Twenty-one campgrounds are located on, or near, the shores of these lakes. Many of these are rustic campsites with a tent pad, fire grate, picnic table and parking spot. Amenities vary in other Chippewa Forest campgrounds. Read more about what you will enjoy in Minnesota RV campgrounds. Back country camping is popular in the Chippewa National Forest. There are approximately backpacking sites within the forest, and a number of "hike and canoe in" sites. You are permitted to camp on any public lands however must set up camp at least feet away from water sources and trails. Chippewa National Forest Campgrounds: National Forest campgrounds are beautiful however you can find campgrounds in Minnesota in all parts of the state. Some of the best are in our Minnesota State Parks.

## Chapter 4 : Best Trails in Superior National Forest - Minnesota | AllTrails

*The Minnesota State Parks system includes 66 state parks and 6 Minnesota recreation areas as well as 56 campgrounds within our Minnesota National Parks and forests. Our Minnesota State Parks Reviews page is a growing archive of our reports on individual state parks and the reviews of others who have visited them.*

## Chapter 5 : Minnesota RV Parks, RV Campgrounds, RV Resorts

*Most are on lakes or rivers with opportunities for boating, canoeing, fishing and swimming, with hundreds of miles of hiking trails through forests, bogs, grasslands, and along riverbanks and lakeshores.*

## Chapter 6 : List of Minnesota state parks - Wikipedia

*Discover Minnesota's State Parks and Trails Whatever you enjoy doing outdoors, Minnesota state parks and trails are a great place to start. Find fun things to do, activities to try, and places to go exploring!*

## Chapter 7 : North Shore Campgrounds - on Lake Superior and Inland

*With questionable cell service and no chance for over the air or satellite T.V., camping at Maidstone is all about the forest, the lake, and the wildlife. Wandering Watsons There are no hookups in any of Vermont's State Parks.*

## Chapter 8 : Lake Superior Camping and Campgrounds | Lake Superior Travel

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*The forest is also home to more than lakes, miles of streams and , acres of wetlands. A portion of the Edge of the Wilderness National Scenic Byway runs through its boundaries. Suomi Hills features miles of hiking, biking and Nordic skiing trails running through rolling forests and calm lakes.*

## Chapter 9 : 8 Spectacular Wisconsin State Parks | ACTIVE

*In northern Minnesota, and even moreso in northwest Wisconsin, the states have set up trail systems granting access to many thousands of acres of forest land to the public for use by offroad vehicles.*