



Minnesota's Best Ideas

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over large, grey, layered rock formations. The water is white and frothy as it falls. The surrounding area is rocky and has some sparse vegetation.

The National Park Service cares for five special places in Minnesota. These sites represent culturally, historically, and ecologically important features of our American landscape.

Pipestone National Monument

Home of the historic Pipestone quarries, beautiful tallgrass prairies, and the majestic Winnewissa Waterfall. *(photo above)*

Grand Portage National Monument

Explore the history of Ojibwe people and the North West Company of the North American fur trade. *(photo right)*



St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

The St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers offer over 200 miles of clean water flowing through a forested landscape. Paddle, boat, fish, and camp! *(photo left)*

Voyageurs National Park

Voyageurs is a water-based park. Travel to the 500 plus islands and 655 miles of shoreline by water craft.





Mississippi National River & Recreation Area

Following the Mississippi River through the bustling Twin Cities metropolitan area, this 72-mile river park offers quiet stretches for fishing, boating and canoeing, famous historic sites and scenic landscapes.
(photo above)

Plan Your Visit

National Parks in Minnesota are open year-round. Take advantage of the many special events and ranger-led programs or enjoy self-guided tours. For helpful trip planning information visit the web pages listed below or call to speak with a park ranger.

Grand Portage National Monument

www.nps.gov/grpo 218-475-0123

Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

www.nps.gov/miss 651-293-0200

Pipestone National Monument

www.nps.gov/pipe 507-825-5464

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

www.nps.gov/sacr 715-483-2274

Voyageurs National Park

www.nps.gov/voya 218-283-6600

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