

# TEMPERANCE RIVER STATE PARK

## FACILITIES AND FEATURES

- 55 semi-modern campsites (18 with electricity)
- 3 cart-in camping sites
- Modern sanitation building
- Picnic grounds
- 8 miles of hiking trails
- 12 miles of ski trails
- 8 miles of snowmobile trails

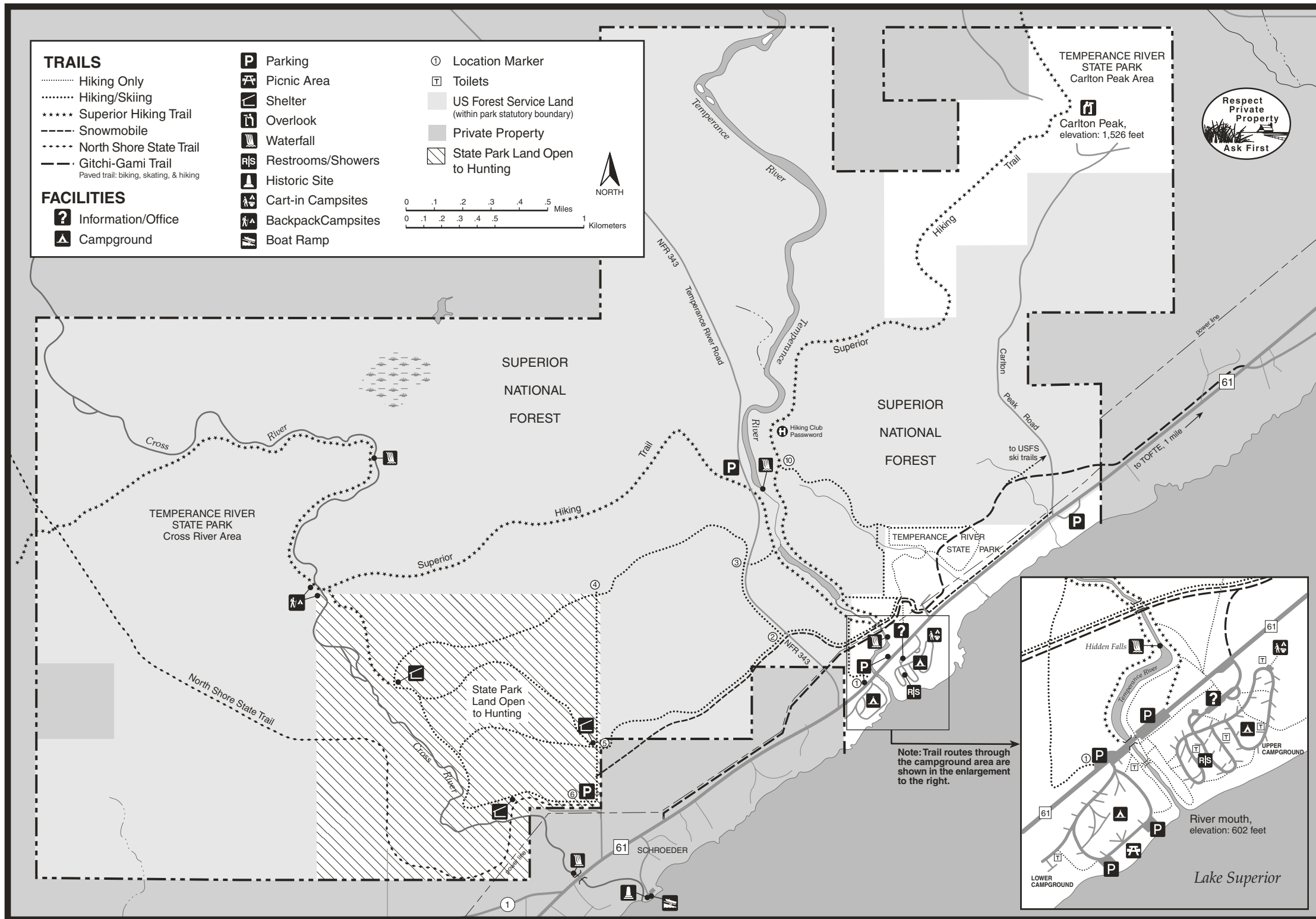
## VISITOR FAVORITES

- Hiking the river gorge trails
- Fishing for trout and steelhead
- Camping along Lake Superior
- Scenic sites
- Picnic grounds on Lake Superior shore
- Major trail head to the Superior Hiking Trail

### LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ?

The DNR has mapped the state showing federal, state and county lands with their recreational facilities. Public Recreation Information Maps (PRIM) are available for purchase from the DNR gift shop, DNR regional offices, Minnesota state parks and major sporting and map stores.

Check it out - you'll be glad you did.





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 DNR Web Site: [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)  
 State Parks page: [www.mnstateparks.info](http://www.mnstateparks.info)

**TEMPERANCE RIVER STATE PARK** and Cross River State Wayside are located on State Highway 61 in southern Cook County, 81 miles northeast of Duluth. Both are located just north of Schroeder. Highway map index: P-7.

The 200 acres of Temperance River State Park and the 2,520 acres of Cross River State Wayside are located in a region fa-

mous for its bare rock cliffs along the Lake Superior shore. The park receives warming breezes off the lake in the winter and cooling breezes in the summer. Attractions include camping adjacent to Lake Superior and the spectacular geologic formations along the narrow Temperance River gorge.

**GEOLOGY:** One of the most interesting geologic features in the park is the Temperance River gorge with its many waterfalls. The rapidly falling river cut deep potholes in the soft lava of the river bed. Potholes are formed by swirling water carrying sand and gravel which wears away the soft lava. Over thousands of years these potholes were dug deeper and wider, eventually connecting and creating the deep narrow gorge of today. Some dry potholes can be seen adjacent to the river. These were formed under the river and then left dry when the river moved to a different course, or became smaller.

**HISTORY:** Pierre Esprit Radisson and Medard Chouart, Sieur des Groselliers were probably the first white visitors to the North Shore when they traveled up the shore of Lake Superior during 1660. Along with the Ojibwa Indian tribe, the French controlled the North Shore area until 1763. The first white residents to the area were probably clerks at American Fur Company posts located along the shore in the 1830s. The Ojibwa called the Cross River the "Tchibaiatigo zibi" or "Wood of the Soul (or Spirit) River". In 1843, Father Baraga, a missionary priest, crossed Lake Superior from the Wisconsin shore and landed safely at the mouth of the river despite a storm. In gratitude, Father Baraga erected a cross at the river, hence the name Cross River. The Ojibwa name for the Temperance River was "kawimbash" or "Deep Hollow River". In an 1864 report Thomas Clark called the stream the Temperance River because unlike other North Shore streams, this river had no bar at its mouth.

**VEGETATION:** The vegetation seen in the park today is very similar to that of pre-settlement time. Common forest trees include white and yellow birch, white pine, spruce, fir and cedar. Topography in the

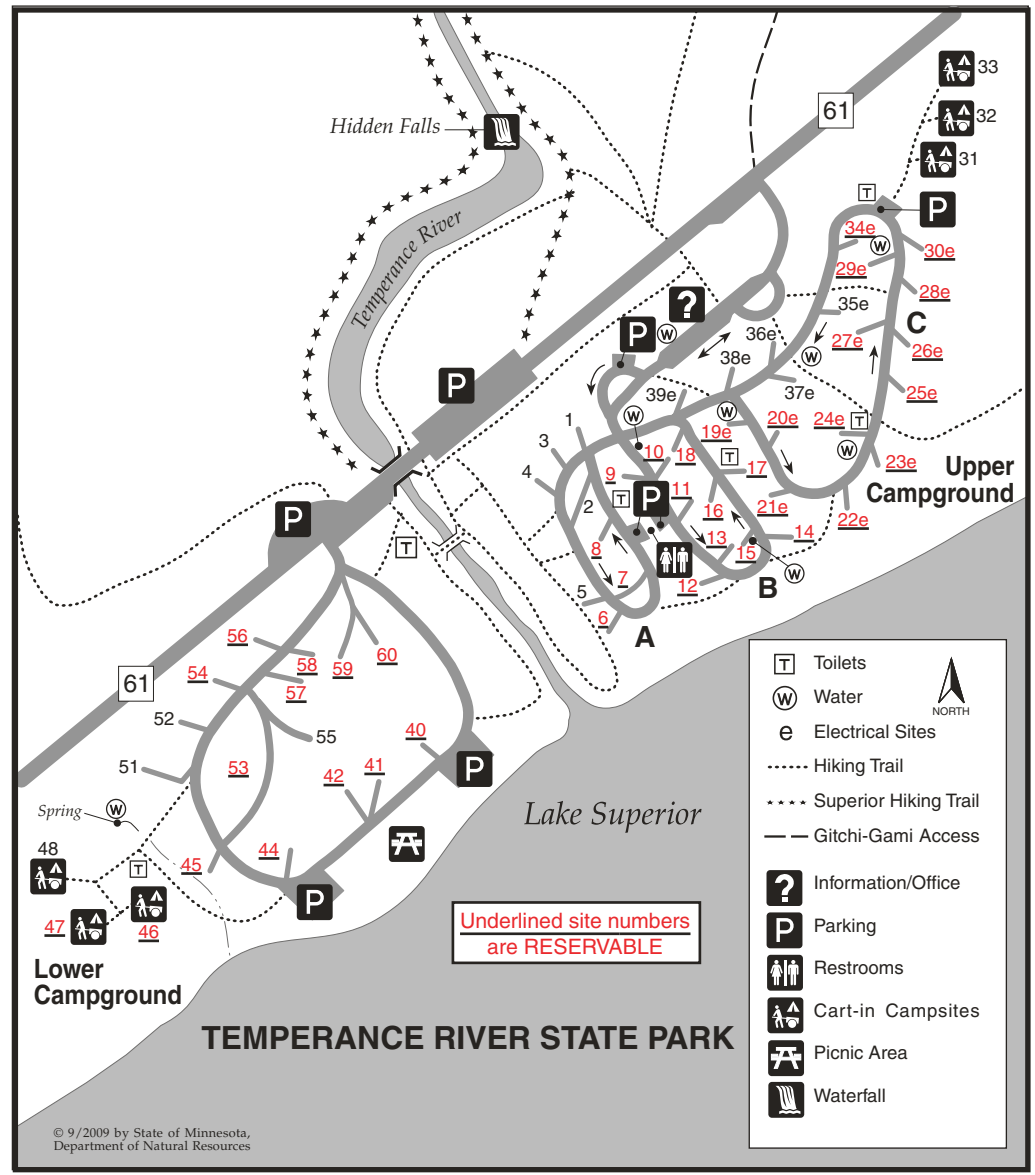
park varies from wet lowland areas to dry uplands sites, and is reflected in variety of vegetation.

**WILDLIFE:** The variety of plant communities in the park provide habitat for many different types of wildlife species. Wildlife sightings are common in the park.

Both the Temperance and Cross Rivers are designated trout streams. Brook, brown and rainbow trout have been stocked in the Temperance over the years, and the brook and brown have established natural populations. Chinook salmon and steelhead have also been introduced into the vicinity of the Temperance.

**SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK . . .**

- The park belongs to all Minnesotans. Please treat it with respect and help us protect it by following the rules.
- The park is open year-round. On a daily basis, the park gate is closed at 10:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. the following morning except to registered campers.
- Camp only in designated locations.
- The use of firearms, explosives, air guns, slingshots, traps, seines, nets, bows and arrows, and all other weapons is prohibited in state parks.
- Pets must be restrained on a leash no longer than six feet. Pets are not allowed in park buildings.
- Park in designated areas only.
- Motor bikes and other licensed vehicles are allowed only on park roads, not on trails.
- Enjoy the park wildlife and plants but please respect them. Do not pick or dig up plants, disturb or feed animals, or scavenge dead wood.
- Build fires in designated locations—fire rings or fireplaces. Wood is available for purchase from park staff. Portable stoves or grills are permitted.



- Daily or annual permits are required for all vehicles entering a state park. They may be purchased at the park headquarters or the Information Center in St. Paul (see "FOR MORE INFORMATION" to left).

*This information is available in alternative format upon request.*

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