

JUDGE C.R. MAGNEY STATE PARK

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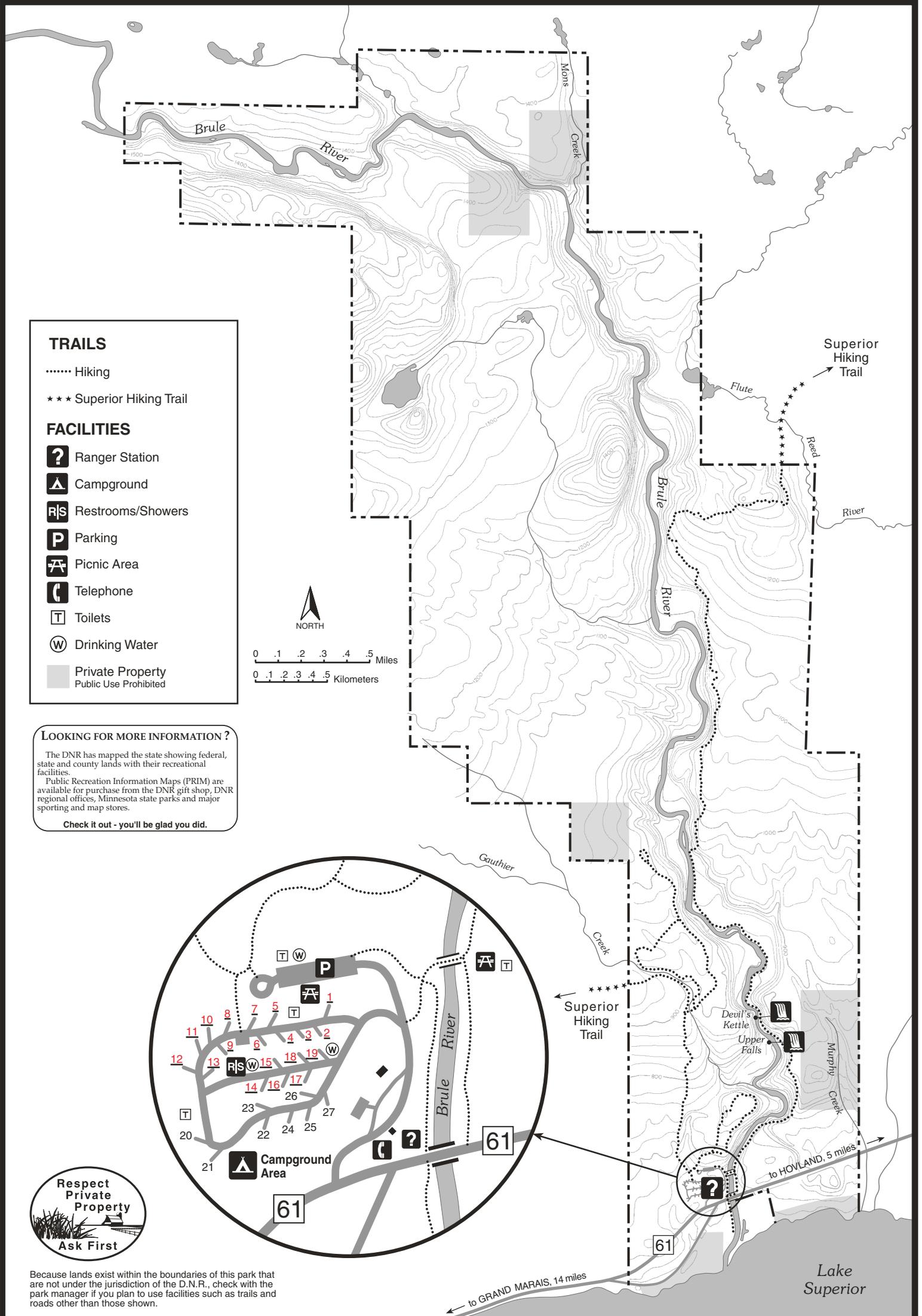
- Semi-modern campground with 27 sites
- Picnic area on the Brule River
- 9 miles of hiking trail

VISITOR FAVORITES:

- The Devil's Kettle of the Brule River
- Superior Hiking Trail
- Camping
- Hiking
- Trout fishing
- Birdwatching
- Picnicking



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JUDGE C.R. MAGNEY STATE PARK is located in Cook County, 14 miles northeast of Grand Marais on MN Highway 61. Highway map index: R-6. The Brule River of the Arrowhead Region of northeastern Minnesota runs through this park.

LANDSCAPE: The vast open waters of Lake Superior moderate the area climate. Summers are generally cool; winters are usually mild with abundant snowfall. The scenic Brule River races through the park, forming whitewater rapids and waterfalls on its way to Lake Superior. Along the lower stretches of the river, within two miles of Lake Superior, are a series of spectacular waterfalls. Here you can find the mysterious Devil's Kettle Falls. Above the Devil's Kettle a jutting rock mass divides the river into two sections. The eastern section drops about 50 feet to a pool below, while the western portion plunges into a huge pothole and, according to local legend, disappears forever.

HISTORY: Concrete foundations in the campground and picnic areas of the park are remnants of a transient work camp built there in 1934 by the state. The camp provided work and lodging for men displaced during the Depression years. In addition to building trails, logging, and completing public service projects, these men helped fight a fire in 1935 that burned more than 10,000 acres in the area. Later the men set up a sawmill and began to salvage fire-damaged wood.

In 1957 a 940-acre parcel of forest along the Brule River was set aside as Brule River State Park. The park became Judge C. R. Magney State Park in 1963 when the Minnesota State Legislature selected this park as a memorial to the late Judge Magney, a lawyer, mayor of Duluth, justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, and a strong advocate of Minnesota State Parks, especially those along the North Shore. With his influence, he was instrumental in establishing 11 state parks and waysides along Lake Superior. Over the years, parcels of land have been added to the park to bring the total statutory boundary to include 4642 acres.

GEOLOGY: The bedrock exposed along Lake Superior's North Shore has a geologic history that goes back some 1.1 billion years. During the dramatic volcanic activity of that time, molten lava poured through great fissures that developed in the Earth's crust. One particular flow complex, the Devil's Kettle rhyolite flow, visible along the Brule River, is thought to be as much as 770 feet thick. As these flows accumulated, the land along the rift zone sank to form a great basin, into which huge volumes of sediment were deposited after volcanic activity ended. A long period of erosion followed. The local Sawtooth Mountains of the Grand Marais area are the remnants of these great, tilted lava flows. Much more recently, glaciers took their toll on the area as massive ice sheets gouged out the Lake Superior basin, mainly from the post-volcanic sediments, and scoured the bedrock surface. In Cook County, where the park is located, the glacial action eroded more earth and bedrock than it deposited.

WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION: Moose, white-tailed deer, black bears, and timber wolves are among the larger animals that inhabit the park. Smaller mammals that visitors may see include the woodchuck, snowshoe hare, red squirrel, and chipmunk. In the spring and summer, listen for the songs of warblers. All year round, chickadees, nuthatches, jays, woodpeckers, and ruffed grouse can be seen in the park. Early fall is a good time to observe migrating hawks as they congregate along the shore of Lake Superior.

The incredible variety of plant communities growing in Judge Magney State Park provides a lush environment for the area wildlife. The boreal, or northern, forest of the park is dominated by birch and aspen stands. Large white spruce grace the campground and other upland areas. There are several small, but impressive stands of

white pine within the park. White cedar can be found clinging to the canyon walls. Wildflowers begin to show in early spring with marsh marigold, wood anemone, and violet. In summer, look for rose, thimbleberry, moccasin flower, coral root, clintonia, wild sarsaparilla, and fireweed. Asters and golden rod add to the fiery colors of autumn.

Careful observation of plants and animals will reveal unsuspected relationships. Take time to explore the trails; be sensitive to changes in temperature, moisture and elevation. See how these changes affect the vegetation and the wildlife. Perhaps you may wish to relax under a magnificent white pine on a thick carpet of mosses and needles and marvel at how ferns can survive clinging to the side of a sheer cliff. Maybe you will find yourself admiring the unique beauty of Lake Superior from a high rock hilltop as you watch the sun rise over the misty form of Isle Royale far in the distance. However you decide to spend your time, be open to new things; a limitless number of discoveries are possible in a Minnesota State Park. Your visit may be brief, but memories of your discoveries can last forever.

FISHING: The angler will enjoy fishing for brook and rainbow trout in the Brule or its tributary, Gauthier Creek. The steelhead trout run in the spring and the salmon run in the fall provide excellent fishing opportunities.

NOTE: Special fishing regulations apply to North Shore streams—consult posted fishing regulations for details. A Minnesota fishing license and a state trout stamp are required when fishing in North Shore trout streams.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK: The park belongs to all Minnesotans. Please treat it with respect and help us to protect it by following the rules:

- The park is open year-round. On a daily basis, the park is closed from 10:00 P.M. to 8:00A.M. the following morning except to registered campers.
- Camp only in designated locations.
- The use of firearms, explosives, air guns, sling shots, 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.
- Motorbikes and other licensed vehicles are allowed only on park roads, not on trails.
- Enjoy 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 only in designated locations—fire rings or fireplaces. Approved 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).

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