

## Enjoy the River Safely

- Wear your life jacket. Make sure your child wears a life jacket!
- Use alcohol responsibly. Many river accidents involve alcohol.
- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat to prevent sunburn. Water reflects the rays of the sun giving you a double dose of ultraviolet light.
- Avoid trees that have fallen in the river. They can catch and overturn your vessel.
- Don't jump from cliffs, bridges, or trees.
- Protect your feet with river shoes, water sandals, or old shoes. Fish hooks, glass, and rocks can injure your feet.
- Bring your own drinking water. Treat river water before drinking to avoid giardiasis, a serious stomach irritant.
- Blastomycosis is a fungal infection that is commonly contracted by dogs and sometimes by humans. Avoid digging in moist soils.
- Check for ticks often and know the symptoms of Lyme disease. Deer ticks are common along the Riverway and some carry the bacteria that cause the disease.
- Know how to identify poison ivy and avoid contact.



deer tick

wood tick

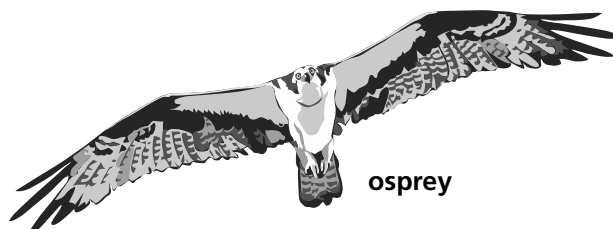


poison ivy

## National Park Service St. Croix National Scenic Riverway



### St. Croix River Map 8: Highway 8 to Osceola Landing



osprey

*Watching the rivalry between osprey and bald eagles can be spectacular. Eagle bullies steal fish and nest sites from the slightly smaller osprey. The osprey manage well enough to be considered common on this stretch of river.*

#### In This Stretch

- A 1.3 mile **portage** through Taylors Falls, Minnesota, to the next access downstream in **Minnesota Interstate State Park** is required around the **hydroelectric dam**. Outfitters will assist with this portage.
- The river just below the hydroelectric dam is not navigable by watercraft as there is no public access and water levels can be unpredictable.
- When the river flow drops below 3,000 cubic feet per second, stay in the main channel and avoid the side sloughs.
- A camping permit is required in this area. [www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/camping.htm).
- Stay to the right as you approach the Highway 243 bridge. **Osceola Landing** is located just beyond it on the Minnesota side of the river.

## Top Riverway Regulations

- Approved life jackets for each person are required on your vessel. Children under 13 are required to wear a life jacket.
- Please do not bring glass containers to the Riverway. Broken glass cuts bare feet.
- Disposing human waste into the river is prohibited.
- Jumping from cliffs, bridges, or trees is illegal and dangerous.
- Open campfires are allowed only in metal fire rings. Campfires must be out and cold before you leave the area.
- The cutting of live vegetation is strictly prohibited. Dead and down wood may be collected for campfires from shoreline areas, but not from islands.
- To prevent the spread of emerald ash borer, possession of firewood that originates more than 25 miles from the location where it will be used is prohibited.
- Individual campsites accommodate a maximum of 8 people and 3 tents. Group sites accommodate a maximum of 16 people and 6 tents.
- Littering is not allowed. Carry out all trash.
- It is illegal to shoot or possess fireworks on lands and waters within the Riverway.
- Collecting freshwater mussels, mussel shells, wildflowers, and historical artifacts is prohibited.
- Quiet hours are 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.



