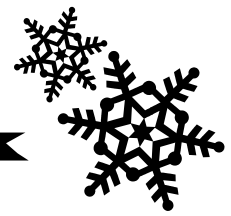


2012 Fall & Winter Activities at

Wild River State Park

Visit mndnr.gov/wildriver for more details and activities



October – November

October 13 Registration: 7:30am, Race: 9am at Picnic Shelter

Wild River Run 5K

Take a run, walk, or jog along the scenic St. Croix River and under the fall colors of Wild River State Park! Early bird registration discount if register before October 1. Download a registration form at www.friendsofwildriver.org or email kacie.carlson@state.mn.us

October 13 9 am – 4 pm at the Visitor Center

Landscape Photography Workshop

Spend a day learning the tips and tricks to outdoor landscape photography with professional photographer Gary Nelson. Cost \$45. Bring a lunch and register by calling 651-583-2125 x227.

October 18-20 Ongoing Throughout the Park

Wild "Shiver" Weekend

Celebrate this MEA weekend with a variety of fun fall activities including cauldron-caching, creepy crawlies, skeletons uncovered, snakes alive, and luminary & mask making! Campers, bring costumes and decorations for the All Camp Trick-or-Treat! Visit mndnr.gov/wildriver for more details.

October 20 10am-12pm & 1-3pm at the Picnic Shelter

Archery in the Park

Bows and arrows provided, join certified archery instructors for a hands-on shot at archery. Equipment is provided and designed for ages 8 and up; beginners welcome! Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Personal archery equipment not allowed.

November 17, 18 (2 day workshop) 10 am–3 pm at Visitor Center

Snowshoe Lacing Workshop

Start to finish, make your own Ojibwe-style snowshoes with face-to-face instruction. Limited to 30 people ages 10 and up. Registration required by 10/12 by calling 651-583-2125 x227. Cost \$75/pair. A second workshop will take place if waiting list exceeds 10 people.

Wild River State Park is open 365 days/year!

- 30 miles of cross-country ski trails
- 5 miles of packed walking/snowshoe trails
- Woodstove-Heated Trail and Visitor Centers
- 6 heated camper cabins (\$50/night)
- 1 fully furnished guest house (\$110/night)
-Call 866-857-2757 to reserve-
- Ski rental (\$12-\$18/day + ski pass)
- Snowshoe rental (\$8-\$12/day)
-651-257-0685 to reserve-

For more details on winter programs, other activities, or to request a Naturalist-led activity, find us at:
www.mndnr.gov/wildriver, 651-583-2125 x227

December

December 15 12-2 pm at the Visitor Center

Snowshoe Along the St. Croix

Topic of the Trek: Animal Tracks

Join the Naturalist for a leisurely walk along the St. Croix River on snowshoes. Designed for ages 8 and up; we'll explore a different topic each day on this 1-mile trek. Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 x227. Program and snowshoes are free - limited to 30 people. Cancelled if temp below -15 or snow depth inadequate.

December 22 11-1 pm at the Trail Center

Cross-country Skiing for Beginners

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing during this leisurely program for beginners. After a quick introduction, hit the trails for a morning of exploration and fun. Must bring own equipment, or rent it (\$12-\$18/day) by calling 651-257-0685. Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 x227. Limited to 20 participants ages 10 and older. Cancelled if temperature is below -15 or snow depth inadequate.

December 27 – January 6

Winter Break at Wild River

School's out for winter break, so what fun can you get into? Join us for a variety of school-age oriented this week! Bring a picnic lunch, crock-pots, or hot chocolate, and spend the day outdoors at Wild River State Park. Snowshoes and cross-country skis are available to rent, and the fires will be stoked at the Visitor and Trail Centers.

December 27 12-1 pm at the Visitor Center

Winter Geocaching

Find details at mndnr.gov/wildriver

December 28 12-1 pm at the Visitor Center

Snow Science & Ice Cream Making

Find details at mndnr.gov/wildriver

December 28 5-7 pm at the Visitor Center

Full Moon & Folklore Snowshoe

Enjoy an evening of snowshoeing under the full moon as the Naturalist tells tales along the way! Hot chocolate and marshmallow roasting over a warm fire will take place after the 1-mile walk. Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 – limited to 25 participants ages 8 and older. Program and snowshoes are free. Cancelled if temperature below -15 or snow conditions inadequate.

December 29 12-2 pm at the Visitor Center

Snowshoe Along the St. Croix

Topic of the Trek: Owls of Minnesota

See December 15 description for details

December 30 12-1 pm at the Visitor Center

Where for Winter & Pinecone Birdfeeders

Find details at mndnr.gov/wildriver

December 31 12-1 pm at the Visitor Center

Winter Survival & Solar Ovens

Find details at mndnr.gov/wildriver

2013 Winter & Spring Activities at **Wild River State Park**

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January

January 3 12-2 pm at the Visitor Center

Scavenging by Snowshoe

Registration required - find details at mndnr.gov/wildriver

January 4 12-2 pm at the Trail Center

Cross-country Skiing for Kids

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing during this leisurely program for kids. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend. After a quick introduction, hit the trails for a morning of exploration and fun.

Participants must bring their own equipment, or rent it (\$12-\$18/day) by calling 651-257-0685. Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 x227. Limited to 20 participants ages 8 and older.

Cancelled if temp below -15 or snow conditions inadequate.

January 5 12-3 pm at the Visitor Center

Winter Recreation Day & Archery in the Park

Get out for this Winter Break finale of outdoor fun including winter archery this day only! Join a guided snowshoe walk or journey out on your own, make and take your own ice cream, build a quinzee (if enough snow available), treasure hunt with a GPS unit, hit the trails on cross-country skis (reserve skis by calling 651-257-0685), roast a marshmallow over a warm fire, and more! Snowshoes available for free during this event. Registration not required.

January 6 12-2 pm at the Visitor Center

Snowshoe Along the St. Croix

Topic of the Trek: Mammals of Minnesota

Join the Naturalist for a leisurely walk along the St. Croix River on snowshoes. Designed for ages 8 and up; we'll explore a different topic each day on this 1-mile trek. Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 x227. Program and snowshoes are free - limited to 30 people. Cancelled if temp below -15 or snow depth inadequate.

January 19 11-1 pm at the Trail Center

Cross-country Skiing for Beginners

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Cancelled if temp below -15 or snow depth inadequate.

January 20 12-2 pm at the Visitor Center

Snowshoe Along the St. Croix

Topic of the Trek: Area History and Geology

See January 6 description for details

January 26 6-9 pm Throughout Park

21st Annual Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe/Walk Event

Visit www.friendsofwildriver.org for more details

Illuminating 6 miles of trails, candles will guide you through one of once-in-a-winter opportunity at Wild River State Park. Snowshoers, skiers, and walkers are welcome to take the trails to the largest bonfire in Minnesota, live musical entertainment, star gazing, raffles, cookies, cider, and more! Call 651-257-0685 to reserve skis and snowshoes. Event cancelled if temperature is below -20

February - March

February 16 12-2 pm at the Visitor Center

Snowshoe Along the St. Croix

Topic of the Trek: Birding for Beginners

See January 6 description for details

February 16 6-8 pm at the Visitor Center

Full Moon & Folklore Snowshoe

Enjoy an evening of snowshoeing under the full moon as the Naturalist tells tales along the way! Hot chocolate and marshmallow roasting over a warm fire will take place after the 1-mile walk. Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 - limited to 25 participants ages 8 and older. Program is free and snowshoes are provided. Cancelled if temp below -15 or snow inadequate.

February 24 12-2 pm at the Visitor Center

Snowshoe Along the St. Croix

Topic of the Trek: Winter Insects

See January 6 description for details

March 9 11 am -2 pm at the Visitor Center

Maple Syruping Workshop

As the warmer days and cooler nights begin to make the sap run, it's time to tap the trees! A limited 30 participants are welcome to learn in-depth and hands-on about the basics of maple syruping through this small-group workshop-style experience. Bring a lunch and enjoy the afternoon! Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 x227.

March 10 11 am -2 pm at the Visitor Center

Maple Syruping Workshop

See March 9 description for details

March 16 9 am -12 pm at the Visitor Center

Pancake Breakfast & FWRSP Annual Meeting

Support the Friends who support the park to support future generations of natural resources and stewards of our parks. All are welcome to join the Friends of Wild River State Park for their annual meeting, inspiring guest presentations, and pancake breakfast. Wake up to home-made pancakes, pure Wild River State Park-made maple syrup, coffee, juice, and the best eggs around. Cost is the purchase of a FWRSP membership (\$5-\$25). Visit www.friendsofwildriver.org for more details.

March 17, 23, 24 11 am -2 pm at the Visitor Center

Maple Syruping Workshop

See March 9 description for details

Stay Warm - Think Summer!

The Friends of Wild River State Park have lined up a unique variety of guest presenters for summer 2013. Visit us online for the dates and times for storytelling, live music, mushrooming, telescopic star viewing, live frogs, archery in the park, and more!