

2013 Spring and Summer Activities* at **Wild River State Park**

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March – April – May

June – July

March 9, 10, 17, 23, 24

11 am -2 pm at the Visitor Center

Maple Syruping Workshops

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 16

9 am -12 pm at the Visitor Center

Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction & 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, unique silent auction, and pancake breakfast. Cost is the purchase of a FWRSP membership (\$5-\$25). Visit www.friendsofwildriver.org for more details.

April 28, May 5, 12, 19

12 – 1:30 pm at Visitor Center

Spring Wildflower Walks

Have fun discovering the blooming beauties of the forest with wildflower enthusiast and orchid surveyor, Rubin Stenseng, on these leisurely walks including the perfect treat to Mom on Mother's Day. Distances vary upon audience.

May 4

9 am – 1 pm Meet at main Landing

National Migratory Bird Day! Birding Paddle

Paddle nine miles of the St. Croix River with local bird enthusiasts to celebrate Migratory Bird Day and discover the often overlooked feathered friends along the way. Seven Canoes are available for free for the first registrants, but you are welcome to bring your own. The paddle will be limited to 10 canoes/kayaks. Registration required by calling (651)583-2125x227. Cost \$10 per person. Visit mndnr.gov/wildriver for more details.

May 19

9 am – 3 pm at Visitor Center

Native Plant Sale

Support Friends of Wild River State Park and Minnesota's wildlife with the purchase of these locally-grown native plants sold only twice per year.

May 19

Noon – 4 pm at the Visitor Center

Volunteer Rendezvous

All past, present, and interested volunteers of Wild River State Park are encouraged to attend this annual workshop and get-together. More details and information available online. Call 651-583-2125 x227 to register.

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May 24

6 – 10 pm Meet at main Boat Landing

Full Moon Paddle

See June 23 description for details.

May 25

1-2:30 pm at the Amphitheater

Monarch Magic!

Discover fascinating facts about the monarch butterfly with area Naturalist and butterfly gardener, Randy Korb, during this live, hands-on activity. Milkweed and other native plants to start your own butterfly garden will be available for \$5.

June 8

7 am – 8 pm throughout the Park

28th Annual Seegwan and Open House

Celebrate spring with Friends of Wild River and free admission to Wild River and all Minnesota State Parks! Many activities taking place throughout the day. See details at mndnr.gov/wildriver.

June 8

Overnight stay – Cost \$40/family

I Can Camp!

Try something new by spending a night in a tent with your family! An experienced crew will provide all you need to know, the tent, air mattresses, and all the cooking utensils for this workshop. Registration is required and space is limited. Workshops taking place around the state. More details at mndnr.gov/ICanCamp.

June 9

9 am – 3 pm throughout the Park

Fly Fishing Workshop

National Park Rangers will be at Wild River teaching fly fishing! 9am-12pm at the Visitor Center will consist of fundamentals, equipment, and fly tying. Casting demos will take place 1-3pm at the Picnic Grounds. Bring your own equipment or it will be provided. *Registration required by calling 651-583-2125 x227.

June 15

7:30-8:30 pm at the Amphitheater

Echos of Ecology: Live Animals with Chris Cold

Discover the importance of wildlife ecology with Chris Cold who will be visiting from the Wisconsin DNR. He will bring a variety of live animals, including a red-tailed hawk! His humor and style will make this fun for everyone.

June 23

6 – 10 pm Meet at the main Boat Landing

Full Moon Paddle

Hit the scenic St. Croix River under the light of the full moons this summer while hearing the tales of the seasons along the way. Each month, we'll paddle the 9 miles from the Sunrise Landing to the main park landing. 7 Canoes are available for free for first registrants, but you're welcome to bring your own. The paddle is limited to 10 canoes/kayaks. Visit www.mndnr.gov/wildriver for more details. Registration required by calling (651) 583-2125 x227. Cost \$10 per person.

July 6

7:30-8:30 pm at Amphitheater

Live Frogs and Other Amphibian Encounters!

Prepare to get slimy with this hands-on, fun evening for all ages with a variety of live amphibians released by area Naturalist Randy Korb.

July 13

1-2 pm at the Visitor Center

Bruce the Bug Guy

Bruce Giebink from The Bug Zone will provide entertainment and education about some of the world's smallest critters. See (and touch, if you dare) a giant millipede, hissing cockroach, tarantula, and more!

July 13

9 am – 2 pm at the Boat Landing

Friends of Wild River State Park Annual Canoe Cleanup Day

Kick off River Awareness Week by joining paddlers all along the St. Croix River in the annual cleanup! Join Friends at the boat landing at 9am or paddle on your own 10am – 4pm. Details online.

July 14

9 am – 1 pm Meet at the main Boat Landing

I Can Paddle

Try something new by learning how to paddle a canoe with your family! An experienced crew will provide all you need to know, a canoe, paddles and lifejackets during this 9-mile workshop. Limited to 7 canoes. Cost \$25 per canoe. Visit mndnr.gov/ICan or call 651-259-5577.

July 19

9-11 pm at Amphitheater/Sky Observation Area

Universe in the Park

Join the Institute of Astrophysics for Universe in the Park! After a short introduction to galaxies and nebulas, view the sky through 8-inch reflecting telescopes and make and take your own star wheel!

2013 Summer & Fall Activities* at **Wild River State Park**

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July - August

July 20 8 – 9 pm at the Amphitheater
Legends of a Lumber Baron! Characterization & Storytelling
Dwight Wilcox, local storyteller, will present a fun evening as Mr. Martin Mower, one of the first Lumber Barons of the St. Croix Valley while telling fun facts and local legends for all ages.

July 22 6 – 10 pm Meet at the main Boat Landing
Full Moon Paddle
See September 29 description for details.

July 27 10 am – 3 pm at Picnic Grounds
Archery in the Park
Bows and arrows provided, join certified instructors for a hands-on shot at archery. Equipment provided. Participants must be 8 years or older and ages 15 and under must be with an adult.

August 9 & 10 9–11 pm at Visitor Center/Sky Obs Area
Perseid Meteor Shower Watch
Join National Park Rangers and astronomy enthusiast Kenny Bahmer for evenings filled with some of the most spectacular star gazing of the year! Friday, learn about nebulas and galaxies before heading to the Sky Observation Area for telescopic gazing around 10pm. Saturday, discover the Dark Sky project before regrouping at the Sky Observation Area. Both nights make a star wheel!

August 17 1 – 2:30 pm location TBD
Wild Herbs with Dr. Kelley
Kelley A. Hagenbuch D.C., M.H. is a practicing herbalist in Taylors Falls, MN. Both adults and children would enjoy her lively presentation and short walk to find out surprisingly useful facts about the abundant plants in our area.

August 18 9 am – 1 pm Meet at the main Boat Landing
I Can Paddle
Try something new by learning how to paddle a canoe with your family! An experienced crew will provide all you need to know, a canoe, paddles and lifejackets during this 9-mile workshop. Limited to 7 canoes. Cost \$25 per canoe. Visit mndnr.gov/ICan or call 651-259-5577.

August 10, 18, 24, 31 Noon – 2 pm at Trail Center
Monarch Tagging
Grab a net and join us as we catch, explore, and tag monarch butterflies before their long trip to Mexico for the winter.

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August 31 9:30 am – 3 pm throughout the park
Autumn Harvest Day
Graze the tall-grass prairie to help collect native seed, unveil the mysteries of mushrooms with Leslie Jo Meyerhoff, and participate in a variety of other fun fall activities for all ages. Details online.

August 31 1 – 2:30 pm at Visitor Center
Incredible, Edible Mushrooms with Leslie Jo Meyerhoff
Whether you're an experienced mushroom hunter or just a curious bystander, it's time to unravel the mysteries of mushrooms!

September – October – November

September 19 5 – 9 pm Meet at the main Boat Landing
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September 29 9 am - 1 pm meet at main Boat Landing
Fall Colors Canoe Paddle
Don't miss the most colorful season on the St. Croix River. Offered once per year, this is leisurely 9-mile paddle from Sunrise to the main boat landing. even Canoes are available for free for the first registrants, but you are welcome to bring your own. The paddle will be limited to 10 canoes/kayaks. Visit www.mndnr.gov/wildriver for more details. Registration required by calling (651) 583-2125 x227. Cost \$10 per person.

October 12 Visit mndnr.gov/wildriver for details
Wild River Run 5K
Lace up your tennis shoes and gather your friends and family for a fun run (or walk!) along the St. Croix River and under the fall colors of Wild River State Park. This second annual 5K will take you on paved and non-paved surfaces and awards will be presented to the top finishers. All proceeds go to the Friends of Wild River State Park. Cost: \$15 if registered before October 1 (\$20 with a T-shirt), \$25 after October 1 or race day (\$35 with T-shirt). *Register by October 1 for discounts.

October 17-19 Visit mndnr.gov/wildriver for details
Wild "Shiver" Weekend
Celebrate this MEA weekend with a variety of fun fall activities including cauldron-caching, creepy crawlies, campsite decorating, and the All-Camp Trick-or-Treat. Campsites and cabins go fast so book your spot today!

November 16, 17 (2 days) 9 am – 2 pm at Visitor Center
Snowshoe Lacing Workshop
Start to finish, make your own Ojibwe-style snowshoes with face-to-face instruction. Limited to 20 people age 10 and up. Details online.
*Registration required by 10/20 by calling 651-583-2125 x227. Cost \$75. Additional \$25 for bindings.

December - February
Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, and Winter Break Activities
Visit the web for details on a variety of winter programs, including a whole weeks-worth during kid's winter break from school

22nd Annual Candlelight Ski, Snowshoe and Walk Event
Date TBD (January or February): 6-9 pm throughout the park
Illuminating 6 miles of trails, candles will guide you through one of once-in-a-winter opportunity at Wild River State Park. Take the trails to the largest bonfire in Minnesota, live musical entertainment, raffles, cookies, cider, and more!

* Programs like this are taking place year-round, and up to five days/week June – August.

Check out our online calendar for geocaching, river seining, fishing, and a variety of other activities being added to the calendar weekly!

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