



Friends of Wild River State Park

Newsletter

Fall 2022



Otter Trotter 2022 – October 8



Take a walk or run under the fall colors and along the St. Croix River at Wild River State Park, and on one of the most beautiful 5K courses in the state! This event will take you on both paved

and unpaved surfaces. Awards will be given to the top finishers, plus all those under 12 will receive a nice prize. Registration is available on the day of the race, but at a discounted price before Oct. 1. T-shirts are available for sale when you pre-register before Oct. 1; some will be available after Oct. 1 and on Race Day while supply lasts. Again in 2022, t-shirts are long sleeve and made from moisture-wicking material.

There are four legs to the route shown below. Here is a brief description of what you will see and enjoy on each while on this very beautiful course:

NORTH LEG (in red): just after the start/finish line in the Picnic Area, this follows the Nevers Dam trail through a colorful forest. For much of the way you will be on top of the man-made dike that extends to the St. Croix where the actual dam was located.

EAST LEG (in blue): this is an amazing section which follows right along the west bank of the St. Croix River with the pristine forest on your right. Watch for otters, deer, bald eagles and many other birds.

SOUTH LEG (in orange): following the boat ramp, the trail opens up to the small Amik's Pond and native prairie. Check out the many wildflowers and native grasses in the open area plus ducks and other waterfowl on the pond.

WEST LEG (in green): returning to the forest after a small uphill section on the boat access road, you will be on the Old Logging Trail – a remnant from Minnesota's past logging

industry. An upland woodland and wildflowers surround you until you get to the Finish Line back at the Picnic Area. Registration can be completed online at friendsofwildriver.org. Leashed dogs are welcome to join! Please join us on Oct. 8th and pass along this information to others so we have our biggest 5K Run/Walk ever! And if you have any questions at all, please contact the Friends of Wild River chairperson for this event: Jim McCarthy, camcreek@gmail.com, 651-336-0628.



Otter Trotter route.

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New Bike Repair Stations

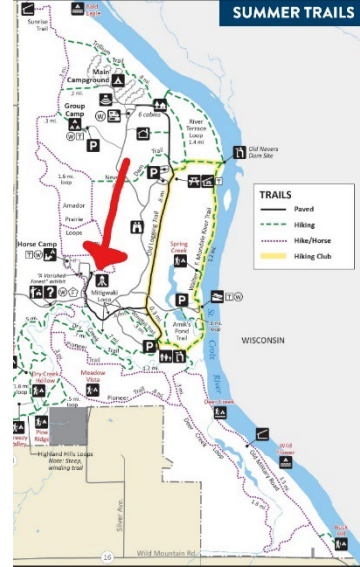
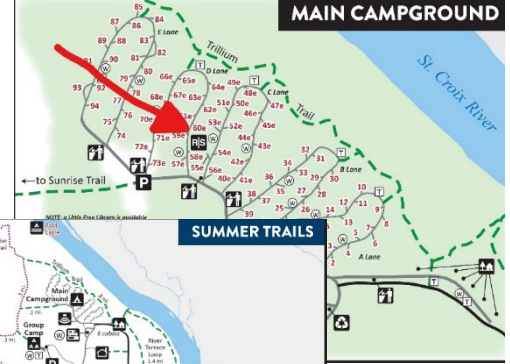
The Friends of Wild River State Park purchased and donated two bike repair stations that were installed at the state park this summer. These stations include screwdrivers, wrenches, hex keys, an air pump, and other tools to get your bike fixed on the go. One station is located near the shower house in the campground (see red arrow on campground map). The other is located next to the trail center (see red arrow on summer trails map).



Bike repair station at campground shower.



Bike repair station next to trail center.



July's River Clean Up

FWRSP spent a Saturday in July cleaning up trash in the St. Croix River between Sunrise Landing and the Wild River Boat Landing. Join us next year; River Clean Up takes place each year on the second Saturday in July.



Lunch break on the shore.



Found treasures.



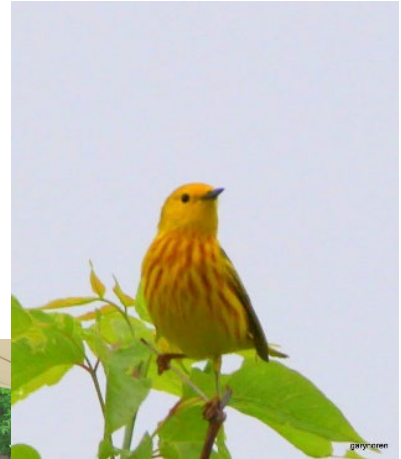
Finding a lost picnic table.

Seegwan Roundup

After a few years on hold due to COVID-19, Seegwan returned this June to kick off summer. Activities for the day included a bird hike with Joe Sausen, wildflower identification with Barb Delaney, a voyageur reenactment camp, and the very popular bug show with Bruce the Bug Guy. Seegwan also corresponded with the DNR's free park admission day. All photos courtesy of Gary Noren.



Wildflower hike.



Roughly 26 bird species were observed during Seegwan's bird hike.



La Compagnie Voyageur Encampment.



Bruce the Bug Guy's show was a hit in the visitor center (above and right).



Thank you for your
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FWRSP Membership Options

- Junior **Friend, 12 and under** – \$5 / year
Includes an "Action Guide" and other benefits
- Individual **Friend** – \$20 / year
- Family **Friend** – \$35 / year
- Silver **Friend** – \$50 / year
- Gold **Friend** – \$100 / year
- Platinum **Friend** – \$250+ / year



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Option 1: Mail above with check to:
 Jan Kozlovsky, FWRSP Treasurer
 (make check out to "Friends of Wild River State Park")
 17190 410th St.
 North Branch, MN 55056

Option 2: Sign-up Online and use your credit card:

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Get these dates on your calendar!

Candlelight Night Ski and Hike: February 11, 2023

Annual Meeting: March 11, 2023



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