

Enjoy the River Safely and Responsibly.

Regulations  
Boating and Paddling (36CFR 3)

- Wear your life jacket! Approved life jackets for each person are required on your vessel.
- Children under 13 are required to wear a life jacket.
- Slow-no wake, which is operation of a motorboat at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage, is in effect within 100 feet of
  - A downed water skier;
  - A person swimming, wading, fishing from shore or floating with the aid of a flotation device;
  - A designated launch site; or
  - A manually propelled, anchored or drifting vessel.
- Use of personal watercraft and airboats is prohibited. (Defined in 26CFR 1.4)

Camping (36CFR 2.10)

- Camping is only allowed at designated sites on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Camping stay limit is 3 consecutive nights at a campsite.
- Individual campsites accommodate a maximum of 8 people and 3 tents. Group sites accommodate a maximum of 16 people and 6 tents.
- Tents must be occupied on the first night of stay. Equipment left unattended to hold a site will be treated as abandoned.

Camping (36CFR 2.1)

- Campfires are allowed in designated areas with NPS-provided metal campfire rings.
- Dead and down wood may be collected for campfires from shoreline areas but not from islands.

- The cutting of live vegetation is strictly prohibited.
- To prevent the spread of emerald ashborer, only use firewood that is kiln dried or collected within 25 miles of where it will be used.
- Campfires must be out and cold before you leave the area.

Fishing (36CFR 2.3)

- Dumping or release of live bait is prohibited.
- Use of live crayfish as bait is prohibited.
- Help prevent the introduction of invasive species. Never release bait, bait water, or water from live bait wells into the river.

Sanitation and Refuse (36CFR 2.14)

- Where a pit toilet is not available, human waste and pet waste must be removed from the park or be buried at least 6 inches underground and a minimum of 100 feet from any water source, high water mark, trail, or facility.
- Carry out all trash.
- Littering is not allowed.
- Please do not put trash in toilets.

Resource Protection (36CFR 2.1)

- Collecting live or dead mussels, empty mussel shells, historical artifacts, or wildflowers is prohibited.

General

- Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pet waste must be removed from the park or buried. (36CFR 2.15(a)(1))
- Possession or shooting of fireworks are prohibited. (36CFR 2.38(b))
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. (36CFR 2.10(b)(4))
- Do not jump or dive from cliffs, trees, swing ropes, or bridges. (36CFR 1.5)

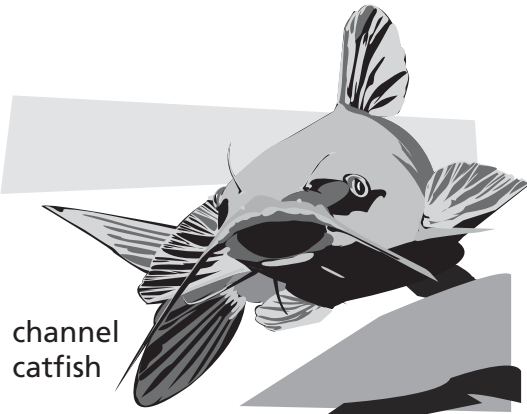
Safety Tips

- Check river conditions before launching [www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions).
- Know your paddling ability. Not all stretches of the Riverway are suitable for beginners.
- Avoid trees that have fallen into the river. They can catch and overturn your vessel.
- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat to prevent sunburn.
- Use alcohol responsibly.
- Do not bring glass containers to the Riverway. Broken glass cuts bare feet.
- Protect your feet with river shoes or sandals.
- Bring your own drinking water. River water is not safe to drink unless purified.
- Check for ticks.
- Watch for poison ivy.

Codes: Superintendent’s Compendium, park specific rules under 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36CFR), [www.nps.gov/sacn/learn/compendium.htm](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/learn/compendium.htm).



St. Croix River Map 9:  
Osceola Landing to the  
High Bridge



channel  
catfish

*Catfish are important host fish for many species of freshwater mussels.*

In This Stretch

- No rapids are found in this stretch, and powerboats are common.
- Much of the land in this section is private.
- A permit to camp is required in this stretch. See: [www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/camping](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/camping).
- The river becomes shallow and narrows at the **Arcola Sandbar** due to the Apple River flowing in and depositing sediment
- Upstream travel past the High Bridge is prohibited to prevent the spread of zebra mussels.

# St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

## St. Croix River Map 9:

### Osceola Landing to the High Bridge

#### St. Croix River Visitor Center

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For more park-specific regulations visit

[www.nps.gov/sacn/learn/compendium.htm](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/learn/compendium.htm)

**For Current River Conditions**  
Visit [www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/current-conditions.htm)  
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See a problem? 1-800-PARKTIP



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