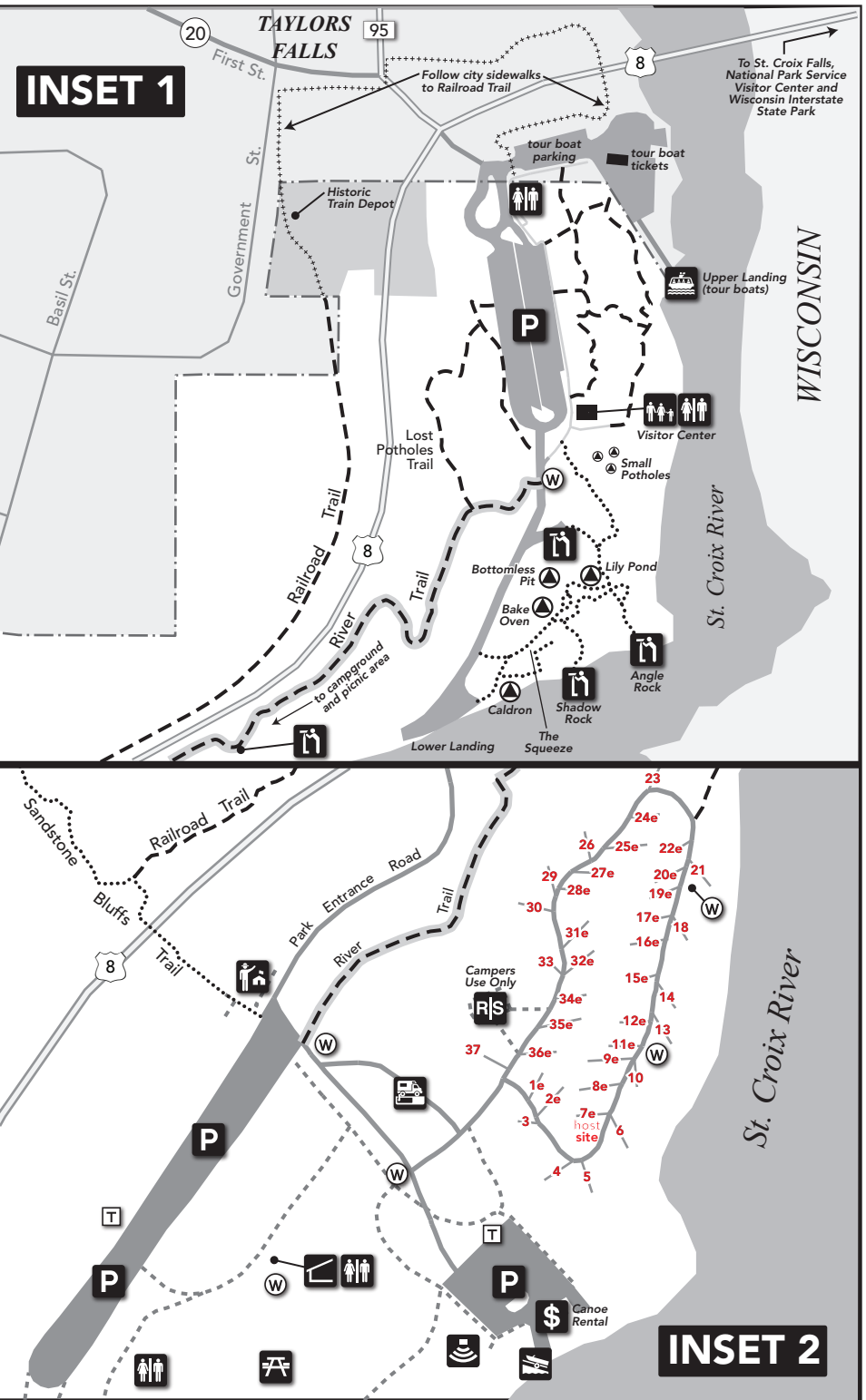
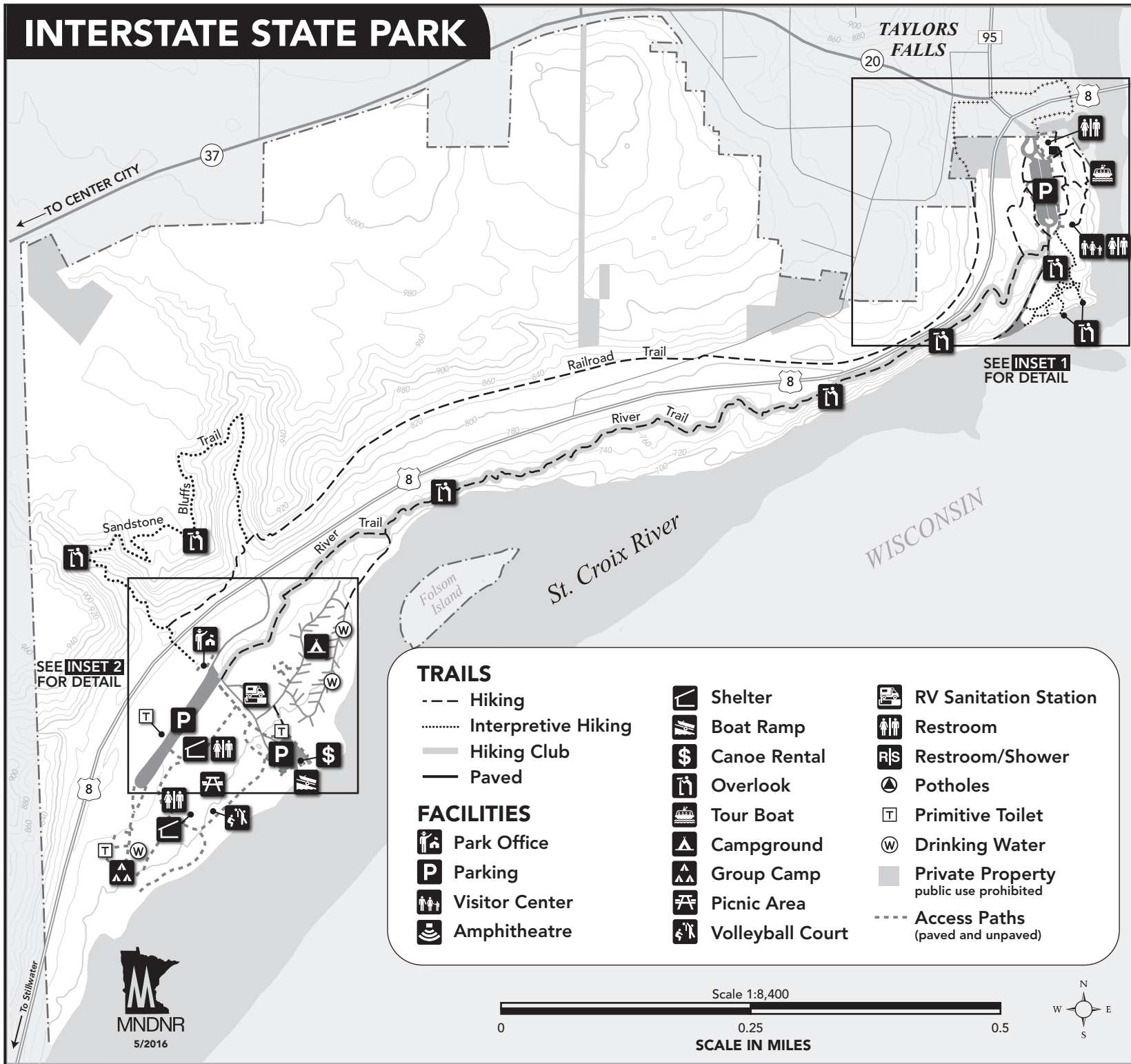


INTERSTATE STATE PARK



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Welcome



VISITOR TIPS

- Wear good hiking shoes (not flip-flops).
- There are cliffs, keep small children close.
- Cliff jumping and swimming are prohibited.
- Please stay on trails.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Chicago County's non-emergency sheriff's number: 651-257-4100.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Park by the visitor center and head to the Glacial Potholes Area, an experience not to be missed.
- Peer into the world's deepest explored pothole, walk down into the Bake Oven Pothole, and explore potholes of all sizes along the river gorge.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE
DURING YOUR STAY?
VISIT MNDNR.GOV/INTERSTATE

ABOUT THE PARK

Interstate State Park includes 293 acres of diverse plant and wildlife habitat. Established in 1895, it protects a unique landscape and globally-significant geology along the St. Croix River. A billion years ago, dark basalt rock formed here when lava escaped from a crack in the earth's crust. Just ten thousand years ago, water from melting glaciers carved the river valley. Within that water were fast moving whirlpools of swirling sand and water that wore deep holes into the rock. Today, we call these holes glacial potholes and you can see more than 400 examples of them at the park.



Walk along cliffs of ancient lava.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Glacial Potholes Area

Asphalt • Bare rock • Gravel • Short stairs

Explore the unique glacial potholes, walk on top of ancient lava, and walk down stairs into the Bake Oven Pothole. How many of the potholes can you find?

0.5 miles one-way (or 8 city blocks)

River Trail

Bare rock • Gravel • Short stairs • Up and downhill trail

Visit scenic overlooks of the St. Croix River and watch for great blue herons, turkey vultures and bald eagles.

1.25 miles one-way (or 21 city blocks)

Railroad Trail

Gravel • Some stairs • Eastern mile is flat

Walk the route of the old Northern Pacific Railroad and view sandstone cliffs formed on top of the older basalt.

1.5 miles one-way (or 25 city blocks)

Sandstone Bluffs Trail

Packed dirt • Over 200 stairs • Steep • Switchbacks

Enjoy spring wildflowers, a small intermittent waterfall, and a stunning overlook of the valley.

1 mile loop (or 17 city blocks)

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Join a free naturalist program.
- Borrow GPS units or fishing equipment from park office.
- Look for a geocache.
- Rent a canoe or kayak and paddle the St. Croix River.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THE PARK OFFICE.



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



VEHICLE PERMITS

Required; purchase at park office.



PETS WELCOME

Keep on 6-foot leash; pick up after; only service animals allowed in park buildings.



FIREWOOD

Use only from approved vendors.



CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS

10 p.m.–8 a.m.



NO ALCOHOL

? MORE INFORMATION



CURIOUS ABOUT THE ST. CROIX RIVER
STATE WATER TRAIL? GO TO
MNDNR.GOV/WATERTRAILS/STCROIXRIVER

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