Whitewater State Park

19041 Highway 74, Altura, MN 55910



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HOURS: Whitewater State Park is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Visitor Center hours vary throughout the year.

ACCESS POINTS:

19041 Highway 74, Altura MN 55910

GENERAL INFO:

Park Type: State Park

Overall Size: Larger than a

football field

Special Features/Comments: Picturesque limestone bluffs and deep ravines make

Whitewater a very popular southeastern state park. The 2,700 acre park is an angler's paradise with brown, brook, and rainbow trout swimming in the spring-fed Whitewater River and Trout Run Creek. Visitors enjoy a sandy swimming beach, a year-round visitor center, easy-to-challenging hiking trails, camping, a group camp, and a modern group center. Come in the winter to enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and stay at the group center in rustic, winterized cabins. All through the year, discover the natural and human history of the area at one of the many interpretive programs, visitor center exhibits or selfguided trails.







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SPORTS:

Sports Facilities/Activities: Mixed Use Field, Open Space, Trails, Birdwatching, Fishing

AMENITIES:

General Park Amenities: Restrooms, Drinking Fountains, Seating, Picnic Tables, Grills

Pets: Allowed On-Leash

Additional Features: Visitor Center, Nature Center, Historic Site, Gift Shop, Picnic Shelter, Amphitheater, Bath House, Rental Equipment, Foot Bridge

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Trash Cans: Yes

Food for Sale Type: Vending Machine, Gift Shop

Camping: Tent, RV, Groups, Primitive, Youth Groups

Camping Amenities: Running Water, Overnight Camping, Fires Allowed, Fire Rings, Firewood Available, Grills, RV Hookups

TRAILS:

A combination of easy, moderate and challenging trails that take you from bottom land along the river, to the bluffs and valley overlooks.

GETTING THERE:

Parking

Priving Directions: From
Rochester, take Highway 14 east to St.
Charles. At St. Charles, take Highway 74
north to Whitewater State Park. (30 minutes
from Rochester)

From Winona, take Highway 14 west to St. Charles. At St. Charles, take Highway 74 north to Whitewater State Park. (30 minutes from Winona)

Parking Instructions: Parking lots are located throughout the park. Please park in designated parking areas only.



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Trail Surface: Unpaved

Trail Activities: Walking, Hiking, Dog Walking,

Birdwatching

Trail Difficulty: Easy, Moderate, Difficult

Trail Layout: Loop & Linear (network)

Trail Length: 5 to 10 miles

OTHER:

Programming Available: Education/Ranger

Programs

Park Information: Maps, Brochures,

Information Kiosk

Staffing & Safety: Employee/Ranger Present,

Police Patrol

Open Space Activities: Play frisbee or catch, Go for a walk or jog, Have a picnic, Do Yoga

Trail Shade: Lots

Trail Surface Type: Sand/Dirt, Grass,

Boardwalk

Trail Slope: Flat/Gentle, Moderate, Steep

Trail Width: 2-4 ft, 4-8 ft

Trail Extras: Kiosk with trail maps, Benches/Rest Areas, Panoramic Views

Open Space Size: Larger than one football

field in size

Open Space Shade: Lots

Natural Water Feature : Pond/Lake,

Creek/Stream, River/Channel,

Shoreline/Beach, Natural Springs, Wetlands