

Park Information

The Rapidan Dam Park is located off of County Road 9, next to the Rapidan Dam. The 32 acres of riverfront property provides public access to the Blue Earth River at the Dam. This stretch of river is one of the most natural and scenic areas in Southern Minnesota, including views of rock bluffs, wooded hills, rapids and waterfalls on side streams. It is a largely undisturbed remnant of the "Big Woods" of Southern Minnesota.

Part of the land is used as a canoe launch, while the rest remains undeveloped conservation land. The land is ideal for fishing, hiking and primitive camping with tents. The new park also provides a unique destination for the Red Jacket Trail.

Park Rules

- Glass beverage containers and beer in containers larger than one quart are not allowed. It is against the law to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors.
- It is against the law to possess drugs or to be under the influence of drugs.
- No firearms or hunting is permitted within the park.
- Pets are allowed, provided they are on a leash no longer than six feet.
- Campsites 7-18 are open to registered campers and their vehicles.
- Campsites 1-6 cannot be accessed by motorized vehicles.

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- The park is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 1st to November 1st. Overnight tent camping sites are available for \$9 per night.
- Night fishing is allowed. Please park in Lot A, the existing paved lot. Please stay on the main hiking trail to your fishing destination and respect the environment and privacy of tent campers.
- Lot B, canoe access parking lot will be closed after 10 p.m.
- Firewood, ice, bait and food are available at the Rapidan Dam Cafe, which also serves as the caretaker office for the park.
- Red Jacket Trail users can easily travel to the Rapidan Dam Park by following the paved shoulders on County Road 9.

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Office/Rapidan Dam Store	Parking Lot A
Privy	Parking Lot B
Camping	Parking Lot C
Play Area	Picnic Shelter
Main Trail	Canoe Landing
Trail/Path	
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Non Motorized Vehicle	

* Main gate is locked from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

