

# Celebrate *YOUR* Croix Challenge

## About this challenge:

This challenge celebrates the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and all of its trails; biking, hiking and river. Earn points by exploring the parks and sharing your **LOVE** for these places as a park steward. **Earn 20 points** or more to complete this challenge.



**Who can participate?** Everyone! Individuals, families, friends groups, kids of all ages, seasoned outdoors people, new to the outdoors people.

## How to participate:

- Explore the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway by completing a variety of activities from the challenge list on the following pages.
- Check off activities upon completion; add up your points as you go
- Build a total of **20 points**.
- One form per person (individual) or team (family, couple, friends, etc.).
- Return this completed challenge form to the St. Croix River Association and be entered into drawing for some outdoor gear.
- Deadlines and awards:** Earn 20 points by **National Public Lands Day on September 28, 2019** to earn a **Celebrate YOUR Croix** challenge sticker and get your name included in a drawing for several grand prizes, sponsored by the St. Croix River Association.
  - \* **First 10 finishers:** receive a Explore Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers Dry Bag

**When:** National Trails Day on Saturday, June 1 to National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 28

**Where:** All bike, hiking and water trails in the St. Croix River Valley (learn more here: <https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/learn-explore/scra-outside/celebrate-your-croix-challenge/>)

**Cost:** FREE! (Recreation at state and some county parks will require a small admission fee)

## Celebrate Your Croix Challenge Resources

- Riverway maps and recreation information available at <https://www.nps.gov/sacn/index.htm>
- Celebrate Your Croix Challenge** information and recreation resources available at <https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/learn-explore/scra-outside/celebrate-your-croix-challenge/>
- Learn and follow all park regulations. Always respect the rights of private property owners.
- Think safety first!** Check the Riverway website for updates on current river conditions.
- Current news will be announced on the SCRA website and social media.
- Help protect park resources by practicing Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics. ([LNT.org](http://LNT.org))



## How to share challenge experiences on social media:



<https://www.facebook.com/stcroixriverassociation/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/stcroixriverassociation/>

**Use Hashtags:** #CelebrateYourCroix #DiscoverYourCroix

**Questions:** Call 715-483-3300 or email [info@scramail.com](mailto:info@scramail.com) for more information

# CELEBRATE *YOUR CROIX* Challenge Activity List

## EXPLORE

Activity	Challenge Activity (Examples)	Points	Completed (check box)
Bike	Bike on one of the many awesome trails in the St. Croix River Valley. <b>Examples:</b> Browns Creek Trail and Gateway Trail (Stillwater, MN) Sunrise Trail (North Branch, MN) Gandy Dancer Trail (St. Croix Falls, WI)	6 (per ride)	
Paddle	Take a canoe or kayaking trip on the St. Croix River or one of its tributaries, such as the Apple, Willow or Kinnickinnic Rivers	6 (per paddle)	
Backpack	Pack your backpack for an overnight adventure and hike at one of the state parks in the St. Croix River Valley (Afton, William O'Brien, MN Interstate, WI Interstate, Wild River, or Willow River State Parks) or in the Governor Knowles State Forest (Grantsburg, WI)	4 (per backpack)	
Hike	Hike or travel one of the amazing and scenic trails in the St. Croix River Valley, including ADA Accessible trails, such as paved paths at William State Park, Wild River State Park, St. Croix National Scenic River Visitor Center Overlook Trail, and many more! (See recommendations here <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/learn-explore/scra-outside/celebrate-your-croix-challenge/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/learn-explore/scra-outside/celebrate-your-croix-challenge/</a> )	2 (per hike)	
Trail Run	Run one of the scenic and rugged trails in the St. Croix River Valley, such as state park trails listed above and National Park Trails at this link: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/upload/2016-hiking.pdf">https://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/upload/2016-hiking.pdf</a>	2	
<b>Add additional hikes, bikes, runs and paddles below</b>			

			<b>Total Points</b>

## GUIDED EXPERIENCES

### ☐ SCRA Outside Guided Activities

Date	Earn <b>MORE</b> points by participating in the following guided SCRA Outside events!	Location	Points	Completed (check box)
<b>Challenge LAUNCH</b>	Attend <b>CELEBRATE YOUR CROIX</b> Challenge launch event: Learn to Paddle, June 1, 1 -4pm, Wisconsin Interstate Park <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/learn-to-paddle/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/learn-to-paddle/</a>	New	8	
June 21	Summer Solstice Picnic Paddle Landing, 5 - 9pm, <b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/summer-solstice-picnic-paddle/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/summer-solstice-picnic-paddle/</a>	MN Interstate to Osceola Landing	6	
June 29	Ahoy! St. Croix Paddle, 10am – 2pm, <b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/st-croix-ahoy-lunch-learn-paddle/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/st-croix-ahoy-lunch-learn-paddle/</a>	MN Interstate to Osceola Landing	6	
July 6	Learn to Paddle, 1 – 4pm, <b>Learn more here:</b> <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/learn-to-paddle-2/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/learn-to-paddle-2/</a>	WI Interstate Park	4	
July 10	<b>Wednesdays on the Water:</b> Fish Hatchery Hike, 5:30 – 7pm, <b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/fish-hatchery-hike/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/fish-hatchery-hike/</a>	St. Croix Falls, WI Public Library	4	
July 17	<b>Wednesdays on the Water:</b> Birds and Blooms Summer Stroll (ADA Accessible Event), 5:30 – 7:00pm, <b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/birds-and-blooms-summer-stroll/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/birds-and-blooms-summer-stroll/</a>	St. Croix River Visitor Center, St. Croix Falls, WI	4	
July 24	<b>Wednesdays on the Water:</b> Learn to Paddle, 5:30 – 7pm, <b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/learn-to-paddle-4/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/learn-to-paddle-4/</a>	WI Interstate Park	4	
July 31	<b>Wednesdays on the Water:</b> Ice Age Trail Hike (Flat, gravel trail, wheelchair friendly), 5:30 – 7pm, <b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/ice-age-trail-hike/">https://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/event/ice-age-trail-hike/</a>	Lions Park, St. Croix Falls, WI	4	
<b>Total Points</b>				

Participant name	Participant email
Total <b>LOVE YOUR PARK</b> challenge points earned	<b>Administrative use:</b> Ranger signature and date

Participant Address:

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Participant Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_