GOOSEBERRY FALLS STATE PARK

Overnight Parking Information

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You must register and pay to have your vehicle parked within any Minnesota state park if your vehicle will be within the park after 10:00 p.m.

There are two types of Minnesota State Park parking permits:

- A **current yearly** Minnesota State Park permit (affixed to the lower passenger side of the front window). The cost is \$35.00 for a full year from the month of purchase.
- A **daily parking pass** for each night your vehicle will be in the park past 10:00 p.m. The daily cost is \$7.00.

The easiest way to pay is <u>online</u>, or to arrive during the day while the park staff is available. If you arrive after hours, or find that there are no state park staff available to assist you, please follow these instructions.

Self-Service Instructions for Parking at Gooseberry Falls State Park

1. Find the self-service kiosk building where campers register:

At Hwy. 61 (mile post 38.9), turn right and go into the main park entrance. You can register at the main Visitor Center. If they are closed, the park has a camper registration building for overnight parking. After entering off of Hwy. 61, take the first right heading toward the campground and you will see the registration building about 200 yards down the road. There is a stop sign right in front of it.

2. Fill out the Minnesota State Parks payment envelope:

Envelopes are available at the registration building. If you purchase a year-round permit, they will mail it to you. You can pay by cash, check, or credit card (fill out the credit card information on the envelope).

Fill out your mailing address in the space provided. Write your vehicle license plate number on both the envelope and the rip-off tab. Put the rip-off tab (proof of purchase) on the dashboard of your vehicle. Put your payment in the envelope and place it in the night deposit box at the self-service kiosk building.

3. What to do if you already have a yearly state park permit:

You **must still** fill out your vehicle information on the envelope. Put the rip-off tab receipt on the dashboard of your vehicle and put the envelope in the night deposit box at the registration building. No additional payment is due.

4. Where to park and wait for us to pick you up:

For **day hikes only**, you can park in the Visitor Center parking lot. No parking sticker is needed. For **overnight parking**, continue past the camper registration building and drive straight in (**not** a right into the campground) to a very big oval parking lot that can hold about 100 cars. This is also where the Bike Trail terminates (by a handicapped parking sign). **You need to have made a reservation with us to be picked up here.** Should any park staff tell you we don't pick up here, they are mistaken. This lot is called the "Picnic Flow Lot" on the SP maps. See you there! Please be ready to board prior to our departure time.

For more information, visit the Minnesota State Park website's <u>Gooseberry Falls State Park</u> page.