

Governor Knowles State Forest

HIKING ON THE GOVERNOR KNOWLES STATE FOREST

CAMPING

HIKING TRAILS

Two hiking trails stretch along the St. Croix River, one on the north end and one on the south end of the property. The north segment is about 22 miles long. The south segment is about 16 miles long. Both have parking lots at major road intersections. Both trails pass through scenic wilderness areas along the bluffs of the St. Croix River.

Be aware that trails may vary in difficulty. Trails are not surfaced and may have uneven surfaces. Steep climbs or descents, short foot bridges and stairways may be encountered. Trail surfaces can become slippery when wet or leaf covered. Branches or trees may temporarily obstruct the trail. You may encounter wet areas where your shoes will become soaked.

Contact the State Forest Headquarters if you have concerns.

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**BENSON BROOK ROUTE**  
North Benson Parking Lot to County Trunk 'O' Parking Lot 9 miles

**LAGOO CREEK ROUTE**  
County Trunk 'O' Parking Lot to Evergreen Parking Lot 7 miles

Primitive camping by backpackers who are hiking and carrying their supplies will be allowed at designated sites only. If camping on National Park Service land along the St. Croix River, you may only camp at developed sites. Campfires must be totally extinguished before being left.

A free Special Camp Registration Permit is required to camp on the Governor Knowles State Forest and can be obtained by contacting the State Forest Headquarters.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday  
7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The active forest management program on the Governor Knowles State Forest will help ensure the Forests' future for generations to come.

In case of emergency call 911 or 715-349-2112.



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**LEGEND**

- County Trunk Highway
- Township Roads
- Forest Access Roads
- Hiking Trail
- Escarpment (Ridge Top)
- Parking Lot
- Designated Campsites

