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Explore the Namekagon Barrens on Guided Hikes

ST. CROIX FALLS, Wisconsin: Think a “barrens” is void of life? On the contrary! The Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area, a globally rare habitat, has a diversity of vegetation and wildlife. Join the National Park Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on guided hikes to explore this rare gem.

Hikes will be offered on the following dates:

- Saturday, September 13, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

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- Saturday, September 27, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

The Namekagon Barrens are located west of Minong, in Burnett County, Wisconsin. Meet at the intersection of St. Croix Trail Road and Dry Landing Road. (For a map go to <http://www.fnbwa.org/p30> and scroll down)

Hikes are free to the public. Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Bring water, snacks or other items as needed.

Hikes may be cancelled in the event of threatening or inclement weather. For more information, please call the Namekagon River Visitor Center at 715-635-8346.

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The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, a unit of the National Park System, was established by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 1968. It is one of a group of eight rivers in the country which first received this recognition. For 255 miles, the St. Croix and its tributary, the Namekagon, flow through some of the most scenic and least developed country in the Upper Midwest.

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