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# Fairy Falls Day Use Area St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Virtual Public Meetings  
October 19 & 21, 2021

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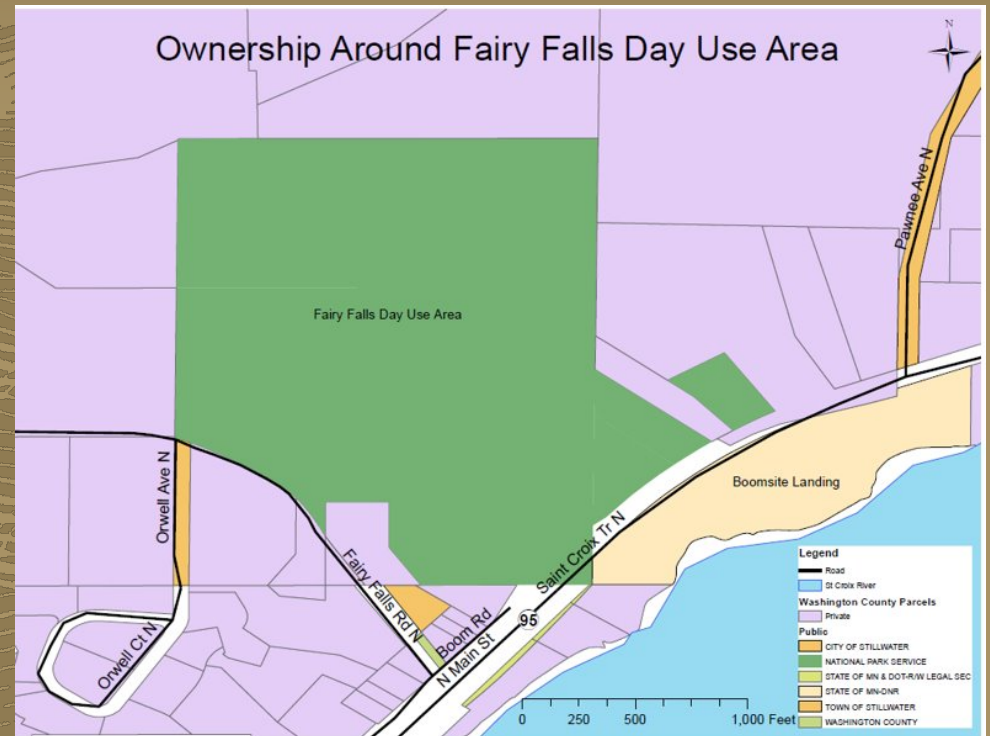
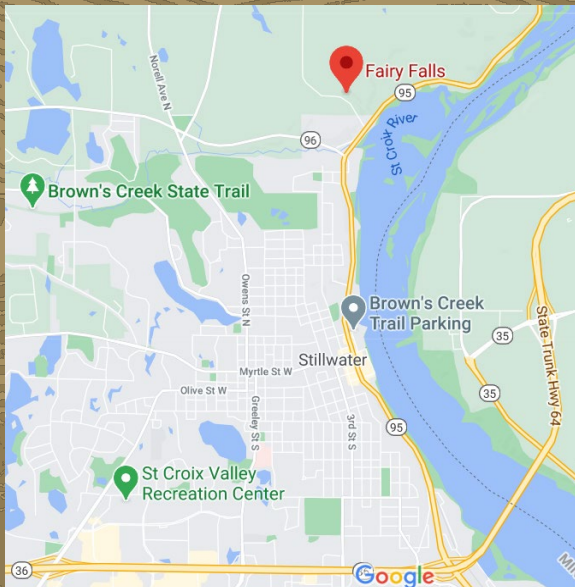
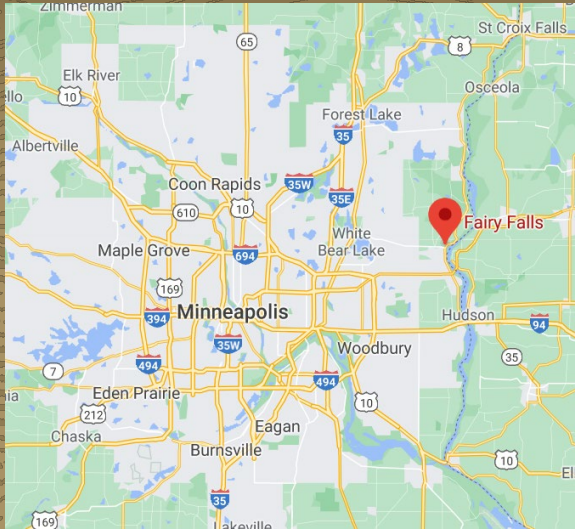
# Meeting Objectives

- Introduction to Fairy Falls Day Use Area
- Challenges and opportunities
- Current status
- What's next for Fairy Falls Day Use Area
- How to get involved





# Location of Fairy Falls Day Use Area



# Introduction to Fairy Falls Day Use Area

- 54 acres
- Silver Creek creates a 50-foot waterfall into the gorge below
- Largely undeveloped
- National Park Service acquired in 1980 as part of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway



Fairy Falls, 1901 (MNHS photo)



# Challenges and Opportunities

- Identifying safe access and designated parking
- Improving or rerouting trails
- Enhancing visitor experience
- Protection of natural environment



# Current Status

- Fairy Falls Day Use Area closed until further notice due to the lack of safe visitor access and deteriorating social trails along steep slopes.
- A site plan will identify options for future management at Fairy Falls.
- The planning process will result in a preferred alternative and a process for implementation.



Fairy Falls, 1888 (MNHS photo)

# Next Steps

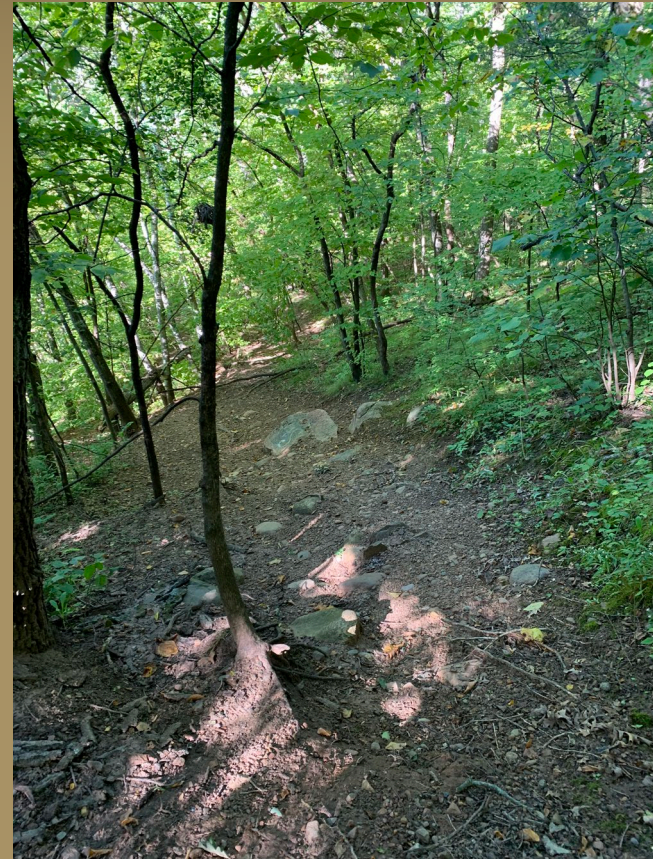
Approximate Schedule	Step in Planning Process
Ongoing	Information gathering; consultations
Fall 2021	Public Meetings and comment
Winter 2021 – Spring 2022	Comments reviewed; Alternatives developed
Summer 2022	Public meetings and public comment period regarding alternatives
Fall 2022	Planning and environmental documentation complete
Late 2022 and beyond	Seek funding to implement plan



# How to Get Involved

- We want to hear from you!
- Comments period open October 19 - November 21, 2021
- How to share:
  - <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/fairyfalls>
  - Verbal in Zoom meeting
  - Chat feature in Zoom
  - In writing to:


St. Croix National Scenic Riverway  
Attn: Lisa Yager/Fairy Falls  
401 N. Hamilton Street  
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# How to Comment Online

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/fairyfalls>

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## Fairy Falls Day Use Area Site Planning Process

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The National Park Service would like to hear from you as we explore opportunities for improving safety, protecting the natural environment, and enhancing visitor experiences at the Fairy Falls Day Use Area, located near Stillwater, Minnesota.

The Fairy Falls Day Use Area is a 54-acre natural area located in Stillwater Township. Deep ravines and steep bluffs surround Silver Creek as it passes through a marsh on its way to the St. Croix River. The area has a long history of human use and its ecological diversity provides habitat for a variety of plants and animals. Fairy Falls Day Use Area is currently closed to the public due to lack of safe visitor access and deteriorating social trails along steep slopes.

We are inviting public comment and input before concepts or ideas for the future of Fairy Falls Day Use Area are formally developed. Public comments are being accepted online from October 19 to November 21, 2021.



# Facilitated Discussion - Agreements

- Focus on solutions and ideas, not problems
- Remember this is the first step in a process
- Share time with your fellow community members
- Listen with an open mind
- Trust in each others' good intentions