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Update: Public Comment Period Opens for Proposed Site Plan at Fairy Falls Day Use Area

ST. CROIX FALLS, Wis. — The National Park Service is seeking public comments on the proposed site plan for the Fairy Falls Day Use Area to address resource degradation and safety concerns.

The Fairy Falls Day Use Area is a 54-acre natural area located in Stillwater Township of Washington County, Minnesota. Deep ravines and steep bluffs surround Silver Creek as it passes through a marsh on its way to the St. Croix River. The site features abundant ecological diversity and culturally significant history.

To minimize resource damage and provide for visitor safety, NPS has developed a site management plan with input from public and partner comments. The draft plan Environmental Assessment will be available for review beginning June 17, 2024, through July 16, 2024. Visitors and neighbors are encouraged to submit comments online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/fairyfalls>, or by sending comments to Allissa Reynolds, St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, 401 N. Hamilton Street, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024. A public meeting will be held at the Stillwater Public Library on June 25, from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. The meeting will have an open house format, with a short presentation delivered at 6:30 p.m.

Project updates and public meeting materials can be found at the "Planning for Fairy Falls" link at <https://www.nps.gov/sacn> or by calling the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Headquarters at 715-483-2274.

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