



Camp Amnicon

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NAMEKAGON SCENIC RIVERWAY TRIP

The Northland Scenic River Trip on the Namekagon/St. Croix River offers you the chance to relax, escape the crowds and immerse yourself in the beauty of God's creation. The Namekagon/St. Croix Riverway is noted for being one of the most scenic waterways in the state of Wisconsin. Canoeists will enjoy paddling through the clear sparkling waters of the Namekagon and upper St. Croix Rivers and find themselves camping on the historic sites of early settlers and Native Americans along the way.



The current on the river ranges from steady to sometimes quite fast, but rarely with any whitewater. Shorelines are wild and beautiful, varying from heavily wooded, steep banks to cedar swamps, low wetlands, and wild rice beds. Deer, waterfowl, songbirds, bald eagles, vultures, heron and osprey are among the variety of abundant wildlife observed along the way. Fisher folk will delight at the chance to hook bass, northern pike or musky commonly found

here. A pristine habitat, the river is known for its 40 species of water-filtering mussels—several of them endangered species. The word "Namekagon" is Ojibwe for "sturgeon" and the river certainly boasts this magnificent fish!



Your trip typically begins at the town of Trego, and end near Danbury. Experienced staff will make your trip one of enjoyment and safety, so you can concentrate on learning new skills, worshiping God, building lasting friendships, and celebrating community life together!

EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY

Safety is a prime concern for Amnicon. Each trip is led by mature guides who are certified in Lifeguarding, CPR and Wilderness First Aid. Guides also have extensive training in all aspects of camping, canoeing, and wilderness tripping. Amnicon has 50 years of experience of safe wilderness tripping and meets the high standards of the American Camping Association for accreditation. In the event of an emergency, help can be obtained at several roadways that cross the river. These roadways are always within 5 hours travel by canoe or foot from where the group will be at anytime. All Amnicon guides carry an emergency communication device that they may use to communicate with Camp Amnicon or EMS in an emergency.

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Typical Schedule

Day One

Arrive at Amnicon between 2-4 pm
Meet your guides!
Swim assessment and canoe safety
Sauna, volleyball, or relax
Dinner
Health and Safety orientation
Go over the specifics of your trip with your guide
Campfire, singing, devotions

Day Two

Breakfast and First Word
Pack your Duluth packs and load the canoes
Depart for the Namekagon River

Days Two -Four (traveling days)

Breakfast and First Word
Break camp
Canoe through clear river waters, spot wildlife and enjoy peaceful scenery!
Set up camp
Relax, swim, explore, games, theme study, learn about the ecosystem
Cook dinner over an open fire
Campfire and discussions, singing, stargazing, stories, Last Word
Fall asleep to the lullaby of the wilderness

Day Five**

Breakfast and First Word
Break camp and paddle to take-out point
Travel back to Amnicon
Unpack and clean up gear
Dinner in the Amnicon Dining Hall
Head down to the Lake Superior Beach
Campfire, devotions, Last Word
Sleep under the stars!

Day Six

Breakfast and First Word
Shower and pack up
Evaluation and farewells
Depart from Amnicon around 11 am

**Senior high groups have the option to spend a fourth night on the river, which includes extra time to paddle further or enjoy more free time along the trail.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why should I come?

Camp Amnicon offers amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Our trips are high in adventure, discovery, and community building. By the end of the week, you will have learned new skills like how to steer a canoe or build a fire in the rain. You will also have a unique opportunity to build relationships with the people in your community. Being in the wilderness together, sharing experiences with each other, and overcoming obstacles as a team are some of the best ways to build lasting friendships and grow closer to God.

What do I need to bring?

You'll get a detailed packing list before you come to camp. Camp Amnicon provides all the food, gear, and experienced staff you'll need to enjoy your trip. You are only responsible for bringing your clothes and sleeping bag (and Camp Amnicon has extra if you need to borrow them).

What if I've never been camping?

That's totally fine! LOTS of people who come to Amnicon have never been camping before. Each group gets sent with two experienced and highly trained guides. These guides will help you pack, do all the navigation, cook all the meals, take care of any first aid, and lead the Bible discussion time. They will also teach you anything you might need to know, like how to set up a tent or how to steer your canoe. You are in good hands!

Are the bugs bad?

Each group has such a different experience with the bugs based on which trip they are taking, what time of summer it is, and what the campsite is like. You are more than welcome to bring bug spray if you like, and Camp Amnicon will provide some bug spray to share as well. That said, we've found that the one thing that makes the biggest difference in your experience with the bugs is your attitude. We recommend choosing at the beginning of your trip that the bugs aren't important enough to ruin your whole experience.