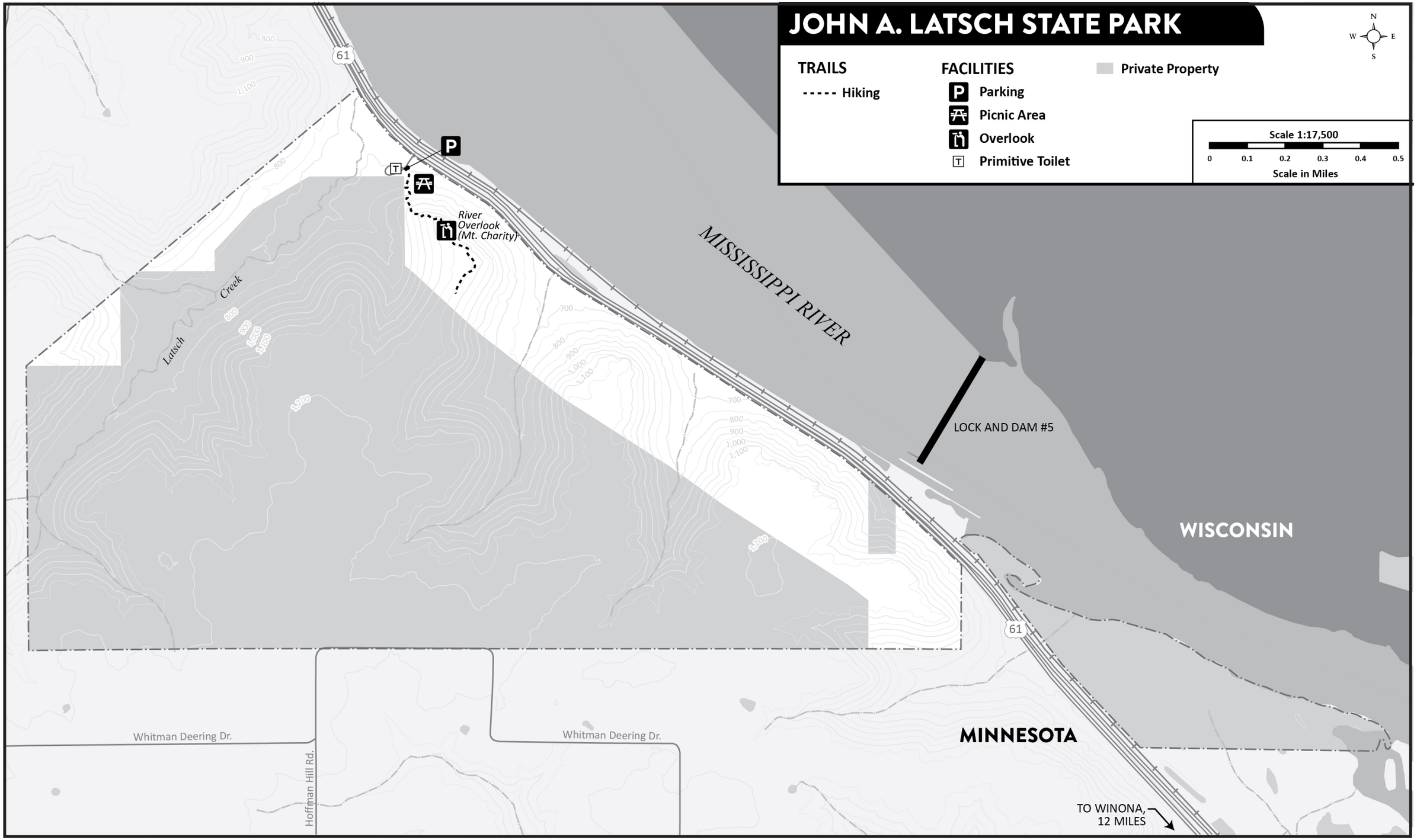

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MAP AND GUIDE: JOHN A. LATSCH STATE PARK

C/O WHITEWATER STATE PARK
19041 HIGHWAY 74
ALTURA, MN 55910
WINONA COUNTY
507-312-2300

VISITOR TIPS

- Steep slopes and tall cliffs make sturdy footwear essential.
- This is a day-use only park. See nearby Whitewater State Park for camping.
- Bring a camera and binoculars for the views at the top of the Riverview Trail.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 507-457-6368

ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Pack a lunch and enjoy river views, tables and grills in the picnic area.
- Hike the Riverview Trail for amazing vistas over the Mississippi River Valley.

LOOKING FOR MORE TO DISCOVER?
VISIT MNDNR.GOV/JOHNLATSCH

ABOUT THE PARK

Full of Mississippi River vistas, this park bears the name of the philanthropic Winona grocer who donated the land to the state in 1925. The park's convenient location and small footprint have made it a favorite stopping point for people traveling between La Crosse, Wisconsin and Red Wing, Minnesota. The park was once classified as a state scenic wayside and is unique in not requiring a state park permit today. The park's hiking trail was created by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933. Enjoy the beautiful views you will find there.

High above the Mississippi River.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Riverview Trail — 0.5 miles one-way

Steep terrain • Packed dirt • 300+ stairs
It is a workout to get to the top, but you will be rewarded with incredible vistas of the Mississippi River Valley, the Upper Mississippi Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Lock and Dam Number 5.

Steamboat captains on the Mississippi River relied on the three rocky-headed bluffs called Faith, Hope, and Charity to navigate their way up and down the Mississippi River. The bluffs tower more than 500 feet above the river. This trail climbs Charity Bluff.

MORE TO EXPLORE

- Return in fall for stunning, colorful views.
- Watch for migrating birds in spring and fall.
- Enjoy a visitor center and naturalist-led programming at nearby Whitewater State Park.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT MNDNR.GOV.

PARK OPEN
8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.

VEHICLE PERMITS
A permit is not required at this park.

PETS WELCOME
Keep on 6-foot leash; pick up after; attend at all times.

FIREWOOD
Must be purchased at this park or from vendors who sell wood approved for this park; no gathering firewood in the park.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE NEARBY MISSISSIPPI RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL? GO TO MNDNR.GOV/WATERTRAILS

MORE INFORMATION

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