

Directions to Zumbro Bottoms

From I-90 - - Either from the East – LaCrosse, WI. Or from the West – Rochester, MN.

Take the Dover, MN exit off of I-90 and take Olmsted County Hwy 10 to the North (right). Stay on Hwy 10 through Dover and go across US Hwy 14 – still on Hwy 10. Hwy 10 will change to Wabasha County Hwy 4 along the way. You will come to a stop sign...keep going straight, you will come into Plainview, at the stop sign turn right onto Hwy 42. This will take you around Plainview. Just outside of Plainview on the left you will see a large John Deere Equipment dealership, just past this you will take a left onto Hwy 4, and follow Hwy 4 all the way to Theilman. You will be up on the ridge, then drop down into a valley, passing the Whippoorwill Campground. When you cross the Zumbro river you will see Theilman on your right. Take the 2nd street into Theilman, onto Wabasha county Road #86 This will take you past the Catholic Church and out of town. The road turns to a gravel road just as you leave Theilman. Stay on this gravel road. - - **be careful as there are NO shoulders on this road and drops off sharply!!** Hwy #86 will turn and go up a steep hill - - **do not go up the hill**, keep going straight onto the township gravel road. There is a brown DNR sign about Zumbro Bottoms at that point. **Do not** take the farm driveway that goes off to the left, shortly you will be in the campground. Campground is a huge open area; follow the roads around to pick out a spot.

From Wabasha, MN - - (crossing the Mississippi from Wisconsin)

Take Hwy 60 out of Wabasha, go past Kruger Park and through the small village of Dumfries. Just a short distance after Dumfries take Wabasha County Road #86 (gravel road) to the left. It will turn to the right and then to the left and then go down a steep hill. Don't go too fast...because at the bottom of the steep hill you will take a left turn onto to a township gravel road. There is a brown DNR sign about Zumbro Bottoms at that point. **Do not** take the farm driveway that goes off to the left, shortly you will be in the campground. Campground is a huge open area; follow the roads around to pick out a

** We usually camp towards the back end, near the hand pump (horse water only) and outhouse. We drive a gray Ford F-350 dually and pull a Cimarron 4 horse live in trailer. Ruth's Cell# 507-951-1174 - - Roger's Cell# 507-459-0956

CELL PHONES DO NOT WORK WELL IN THE CAMPGROUND!

** Park office phone number: 651-345-3401
29223 County 28 Boulevard, Frontenac, Minnesota 55026.

**FRONTENAC STATE PARK MANAGES THE
DNR FORESTRY CAMPGROUNDS at Zumbro Bottoms.**

** This is remote camping...NO people water, no electricity, no showers, only outhouses.

** When on the trails...only water your horses at the TWO SAFE areas along the river, as horses have been lost in the river.

** MN horse trail pass is needed.

** Firewood must be purchased from MN DNR authorized dealer due to the emerald ash borer. (Roger and I will bring wood) see info below.

** Camping is first-come, first serve. \$16.00/night per sleeping unit at Zumbro Bottoms. The horse trails at Zumbro Bottoms are open from May 1-November 1, 2009.

Visitor Alert!

The Funk Ford Bridge at Zumbro Bottoms is completed and open for the season. We ask riders to be cautious around the landscaping near the bridge due to the netting that is overlaying the straw. The netting could catch hooves and shoes so it is best if horses and riders stay off.

Firewood restrictions

Don't move firewood —Buy it where you burn it!

• It is against the law ([M.S. 89.551 Sec. 2 Subd.3b](#)) to bring unapproved firewood into any [state park](#), [state forest](#) or [day-use area](#).

Why firewood restrictions?

In order to help prevent the introduction and spread of invasive pests such as emerald ash borer ([EAB](#)) into state lands, a statute was amended in May, 2007, banning all firewood in state-owned camping facilities unless approved by the DNR ([M.S. 89.551, Sec. 2, Approved Firewood Required](#)). In fact, not only EAB but many [different forest pests and diseases](#) can be accidentally transported in firewood.

In everyday language, it is now illegal to bring firewood into state parks, state forest campgrounds or day-use areas unless purchased from an approved vendor.

Approved firewood is:

- Wood that was harvested in Minnesota.
- Wood that was harvested not more than 100 miles from the state-administered lands where it will be burned.

- Kiln-dried, unpainted, unstained dimensional lumber is also approved for use on state lands.

The [Division of Forestry](#) handles the approval process and maintains the DNR website database that lists the vendors. By June 2008, more than 500 vendors throughout Minnesota were approved.