

Saint Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

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Welcome to the official website of the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin! We hope you will find the information on the following pages helpful and insightful.

The St. Croix people were known as "The Lost Tribe" after the Treaty of LaPointe in 1854. St. Croix was not a federally recognized Tribe until the passing of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, when federal lands were finally established for St. Croix. The St. Croix people had endured over 200 years of struggle to reclaim their original homelands.

The St. Croix Chippewa Reservation in northwest Wisconsin is scattered in a checkerboard of 11 separate communities over a four-county area. Tribal headquarters is located in the Burnett County reservation community of Big Sand Lake, near the unincorporated village of Hertel.

Today, reservation boundaries include about 3,000 acres of forested land and part of what is known as the "northwoods" of Wisconsin. About 2,000 tribal people call the St. Croix Reservation home. They are spread out throughout Barron, Burnett, Polk and Washburn counties in Wisconsin and in Pine County in east central Minnesota. Numerous lakes touch the St. Croix Reservation, including Balsam, Bashaw, Big Sand, Sand, Big Round, Clam, Gaslyn, and Pike Lake. The St. Croix and Yellow rivers also flow through the reservation.

The Annual St. Croix Wild Rice Pow-wow has been in existence for more than 20 years. The three-day celebration takes place at the Tribal Center in Hertel in late August, and hosts drums and singers from all over North America. The celebration features drum and dance contests, huge feasts, as well as a large variety of food and craft vendors

The largest area employers are the county and St. Croix Tribal Enterprises which includes two casinos and government offices. St. Croix Casino in Turtle Lake employs more than 1,000 people and the Hole in the Wall Casino and Hotel in Danbury employs more than 200. The tribe also employs many members at the Tribal Center buildings, which include the health department, family resource center, housing authority, construction company, group home, tobacco shop, government offices and a bingo hall. They also have three bingo operations, a restaurant and another smoke shop.

Today, St. Croix is a strong sovereign nation and flourishing economic center. The Tribe is one of the largest employers in Northwest Wisconsin with over 2,000 employees in its Government center, casinos and enterprises. St. Croix is also a major contributor to the area's economy.

There are over 1,200 enrolled members in the St. Croix Chippewa Tribe. Several Tribal Members reside in one of the Tribe's communities: **Big Sand Lake, Danbury, Round Lake, Maple Plain, Gaslyn, Bashaw, Clam Lake, Balsam Lake**

However, just as many Tribal Members live in surrounding towns and villages. Other Members choose to reside in nearby major metropolitan areas. Still others live as far away as the Pacific Coast.

Take advantage of the many outdoor activities available in St. Croix. Enjoy fishing, boating, camping, sailing, golf and hiking; along with water-slide park, sidewalk sales, street dances, pow-wows and rodeos in the summer, and snowshoeing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing during the winter months by visiting <http://wistcroixarea.com>, the official website for the Governor's St. Croix Area Promotions Committee. For more information, call the tribal center at 1-800-236-2195.

Come and learn about our Tribe and join us as we journey into the future.

**St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
Behold Our Heritage. Share Our Future.**

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