

Explore, Enjoy and Learn about God's Creation

Nature Centers nearby

Westwood Hills, St. Louis Park
Wood Lake, Richfield
Lowry Nature Center, Victoria
Richardson, Bloomington – part of Hyland Lake Park Reserve

Parks and Trails

Three Rivers Park District

- 27,000 acres of park reserves, parks, trails, in 7 county metro area

Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge (National Park Service)

- In Bloomington

State Parks of Minnesota

- Closest to metro area are: Afton, William O'Brien, Interstate. Wild River, Lake Maria, Nerstrand Big Woods, Frontenac, Fort Snelling, MN Valley Recreation Area

Wood-Rill Scientific and Natural Area (example of "big woods" forest), Wayzata

- DNR managed

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

- Manages, protects, and enhances water resources
- Bloomington, Eden Prairie Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Richfield

Minnehaha Falls Watershed District (*St. Stephen's Church is in this watershed!*)

- Manages and protects water resources
- Encompasses huge area from St. Bonifacius to south Minneapolis, including Lake Minnetonka, Mpls Chain of Lakes Minnehaha Creek, Minnehaha Falls, 8 major creeks, 129 lakes, thousands of wetlands, 27 cities.

Other Places of Interest

University of MN Landscape Arboretum, Chaska
The Raptor Center, Univ. MN, St. Paul
National Eagle Center, Wabasha
National Loon Center. Crosslake
Sax-Zim Bog, Meadowlands (1 hour NW of Duluth) – winter birding