

Nature History Our Community

Its creators had bold vision - over fifty miles of interconnected parks, parkways, paths and preserves for nature

Today, when you explore The Grand Rounds on foot, by bike or in a car you will also discover something grand. Peacefulness and solitude or excitement and adventure. Ancient landscapes to the latest in recreation fads. Foundations of the Twin Cities history or a child's dream for tomorrow. In the challenge of The Grand Rounds - a 50-mile ribbon of public open space - here lies its rewards for you to discover.

Since 1883, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has sustained an international resource that is at the same time natural and urban, historic and up-to-date. Designated as a National Scenic Byway in 1998, The Grand Rounds is the first national scenic byway totally located in a major urban area.

The Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway is also seven districts - each having its own special features and personality. Along the Byway, you can discover many historical sites, participate in a variety of recreational activities, and experience some of the city's unique natural and scenic beauty.

VICTORY MEMORIAL BYWAY DISTRICT

3.8 District Miles

- Tour the historic rows of trees and markers that commemorate the Hennepin County servicemen and women of World War I
- Reflect on world history at the memorials that line Memorial Parkway, then explore the natural resources along Shingle Creek and North Mississippi Regional Park
- Find where barge navigation begins on "old man river"

THEODORE WIRTH BYWAY DISTRICT

4.0 District Miles

- Relax and get away from it all in the "wild places" of the Theodore Wirth District
- Recreate in the beauty of Theodore Wirth Park, the largest regional park in Minneapolis
- Visit the quaking bog, search for wildlife at Birch Pond, or identify wildflowers at the Eloise Butler Garden and Sanctuary
- Play golf, go snowtubing or cross country skiing at the same place

CHAIN OF LAKES BYWAY DISTRICT

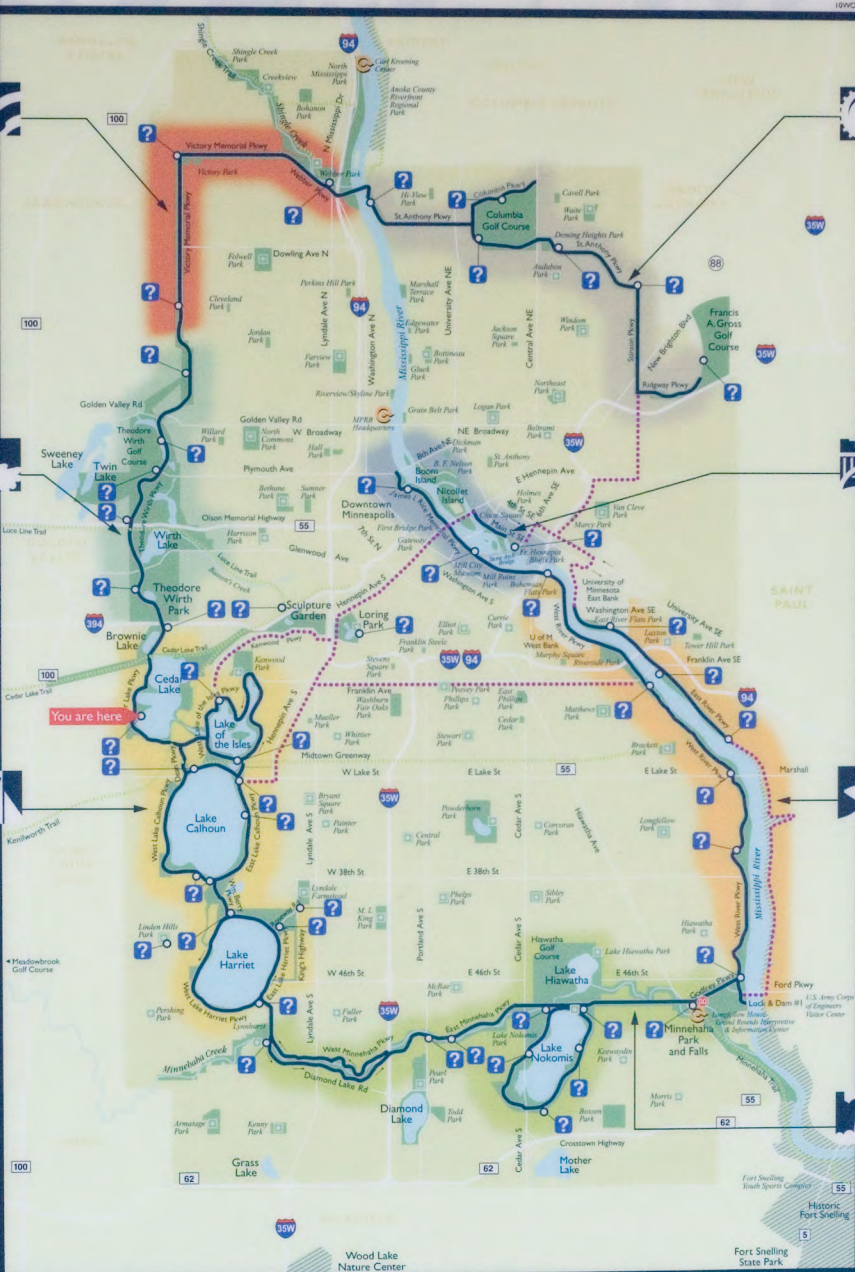
13.3 District Miles

- Take part in the excitement and action around the "Chain of Lakes"
- Canoe for nearly two miles from Lake Calhoun to Brownie Lake
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- Step back 50 years in time and ride the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line

GRAND ROUNDS



SCENIC BYWAY



NORTHEAST BYWAY DISTRICT

6.0 District Miles

- Visit where Minneapolis works and plays, side by side
- Stop for a dramatic downtown skyline view from Ridgway Parkway
- Golf at either the Columbia or Francis A. Gross Golf Courses
- See where barges, trains and trucks deliver the raw materials and finished products that make the Twin Cities a world class work place

DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT BYWAY DISTRICT

1.2 District Miles

- Investigate the history of Minneapolis including its cosmopolitan atmosphere on the Mississippi riverfront
- Visit Mill Ruins Park, explore Nicollet and Boom Islands
- Find out how St. Anthony Falls has moved up the Mississippi River
- From the Stone Arch Bridge, view today's lock and dam on the river or the old mill ruins of yesterday

MISSISSIPPI RIVER BYWAY DISTRICT

9.2 District Miles

- Examine a geological wonder: the Mississippi River Gorge along the West and East River Parkways
- View dramatic vistas from bluff tops and river flats
- Hike the Winchell Trail, an ancient Native American trail
- Observe the fall leaf color and the ever changing prairie color

MINNEHAHA BYWAY DISTRICT

12.6 District Miles

- Experience how recreation, history and nature blend together to create the Minnehaha District
- Picnic, explore the Minnehaha Falls, and take a historic walk through the Longfellow House and Stevens House at Minnehaha Park
- Wind your way along Minnehaha Creek
- Watch the spring bloom as the blossoms emerge along the parkway

MAP LEGEND

- The Grand Rounds
A National Scenic Byway
- Connecting streets
between Byway Districts
- Major Trails

- Information
Kiosks
- Hospitality
Center
- Look for these markers indicating
approximate mileage starting at the
Longfellow House and moving clockwise
around the Grand Rounds

- Minneapolis
Parks
- Recreation
Centers



For more information, event schedule or education programs on the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway, contact:

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SCALE: 0 1/4 1/2 1 mile

GRAND ROUNDS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY



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Wirth Lake

Theodore Wirth Park

Brownie Lake

Cedar Lake

Lake of the Isles

Lake Calhoun

Lake Harriet

Sculpture Garden

Loring Park

Kenwood Park

Stevens Square Park

Franklin Ave Washburn Fair Oaks Park

Mueller Park

Whittier Park

Midtown Greenway

W Lake St

Bryant Square Park

Painter Park

W 38th St

Lyndale Farmstead

M. L. King Park

Linden Hills Park

W 46th St

Pershing Park

Fuller Park

Lynnhurst

West M...aha Pkwy



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7th St N

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Glenwood Ave

Hennepin Ave S

Kenwood Pkwy

Hennepin Ave S

Lyndale Ave S

West Lake Calhoun Pkwy

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East Lake Calhoun Pkwy

Winn Berry Pkwy

King's Highway

West Lake Harriet Pkwy

Lyndale Ave S


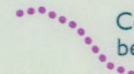

Luce Line Trail
Bassett's Creek


Cedar Lake Trail

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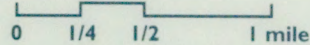
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SCENIC BYWAY



Chain of Lakes

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Scale: 1" = 300'
1" = 3600'

0 100 200 300 400 500 Feet
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GRAND ROUNDS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

MINNEAPOLIS CITY LIMITS

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To Three Rivers Park District

Reserve Block 40 Park

Cedar Meadows Wetland

Kenilworth Trail

To Three Rivers Park District

Cedar Lake Trail

Park Siding Park

Kenilworth Trail

Kenilworth Trail

Kenilworth Lagoon

Peavey Fountain

Lake of the Isles

Lake Calhoun

West Lake of the Isles Pkwy

Kenwood Parkway

Kenwood Park

Lake of the Isles Lagoon & Canal

Lake Calhoun Refectory & Yacht Club

W Franklin Ave

W 26th St

W 28th St

W Lake St

W Lake St

Thomas Lowry Park

Seven Pools



Levine Park

Mueller Park

Hennepin Ave

Midtown Greenway

The Mall

Bryant Square Park

Distance around lake:
Biking: 2.97 miles
Walking: 2.60 miles

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Biking: 3.19 miles



MINNEAPOLIS CITY LIMITS

Cedar Lake Trail



To Three Rivers Park District

Cedar Lake Pkwy



Reserve Block 40 Park



Cedar Lake



You are here

Kenilworth Lagoon

Cedar Meadows Wetland



Park Siding Park



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Douglas Ave

Kenwood Park

Kenwood Parkway

W Franklin Ave

Peavey Fountain

West Lake of the Isles Pkwy

East Lake of the Isles Pkwy

W 26th St

Mike's Island

Raspberry Island

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