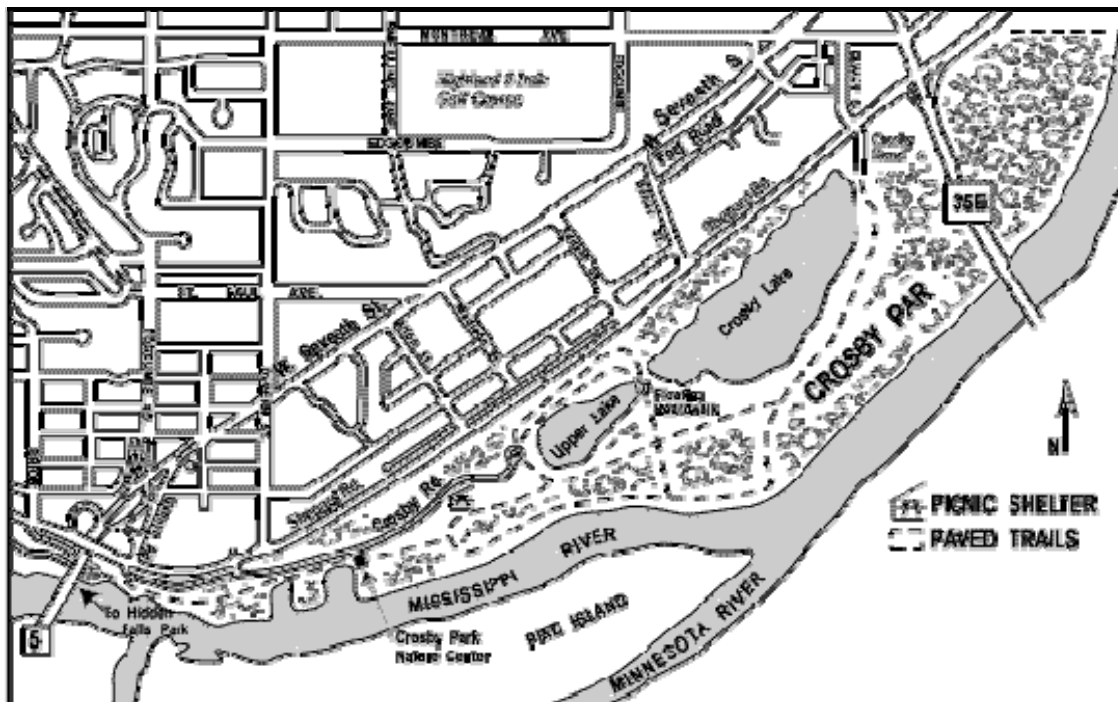


Crosby Regional Park



The park is named after Thomas Crosby, an English immigrant who staked out 160 acres in the valley southwest of the present-day junction of Shepard Road and Interstate 35E in 1858. Before Crosby's death in 1886, the farm became one of the largest and longest running in the West End and Highland Park area. A succession of families farmed it between 1902 and 1962. The Saint Paul Port Authority purchased the land in the early 1960s and leased it to the City for park use. Today, Crosby's potential as a nature area accessible to the public may be realized.

For further information, please contact:
Park Permit Office
1100 No. Hamline Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55108
Phone: 651-632-5111, Fax: 651-632-5115
Email: ParksPermits@ci.stpaul.mn.us



TRAILS

With about 6.7 miles of paved trails, Crosby Regional Park provides a beautiful setting for an afternoon's walk, run or ride. Trails run along shady, wooded bottomlands next to the Mississippi River, along the marshes of Crosby Lake and Upper Lake, past scenic picnic areas and connecting to the Mississippi River Boulevard parkway.

FISHING

Expect to catch primarily panfish when fishing Upper Lake and Crosby Lake. Standard state regulations apply to both. One Department of Natural Resources official called the Mississippi River "the fishin' river of Minnesota." It has a fantastic array of game fish such as walleye, sauger, northern pike and muskie. Standard state regulations currently apply to fishing on the Mississippi. Call 651-772-7950 for further information on fishing regulations.

WATERGATE MARINA

Phone: 651-695-3780, Click here to get to the [Watergate Marina Website](#)

2500 Crosby Farm Road. This 140-slip marina on the Mississippi River offers customers the best in boating service. The marina also offers full Q-Care award-winning MerCruiser repair service. Hours vary with the season. Call for more information.

Facilities include: Main Office - complete with a service shop, ships store, public restroom, boater restrooms and showers. Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ship's Store Hours: Summer: Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Winter: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Storage Building

Boat Launch - call for prices



History

In 1858 at the age of 28, a young English immigrant, Thomas Crosby, with his wife Emma, staked out 160 acres in the southwest end of today's Crosby park. Crosby's frontier farm was the largest and longest running in the West End/Highland Park area. Cattle, dairy cows, horses, pigs and chickens were raised on the farm and potatoes and apples were grown.

After Crosby's death in 1886, a succession of families ran the farm until 1962 when the Saint Paul Port Authority purchased the land and leased it to the city for park use.

General Information

Crosby Farm Nature Area preserves a natural flood plain area of the Mississippi River. During floods, fish and other aquatic animals gain access to the Upper Crosby Lake, Lower Crosby Lake, and all the ponds scattered throughout Crosby's forest.

The park encompasses 6.7 miles of paved trails, many of which run along wooded bottomlands next to the Mississippi River. Visitors can get away from the city's frenzy in the park's 534 acres of flood-plain habitat.

Activities: The picnic shelter, which has a fire pit, barbecue grill, electricity and restrooms, can be rented out and accommodates 60 people. Other activities include hiking, biking, and fishing.

Hours: Please call for more information.

Location: The entrance to the Crosby Farm Nature Area is located south of Shepard Road between Hwy 5 and I-35E.