

Fort Snelling State Park



History

The park opened in 1962 to conserve open space and wildlife in the heart of the Twin Cities.

General Information

Fort Snelling State Park is located at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers. The Dakota called this place HA-HA MDO-TE which translates to junction of two rivers and from which the town of Mendota got its name.

Fort Snelling State Park is adjacent to the [Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge](#). Seven major paved bike trails link the park with the surrounding suburbs and cities.

Situated near [Historic Fort Snelling](#), the park is also adjacent to the Twin Cities International Airport and ranks as one of Minnesota's top 10 tourist attractions, with an average of over 400,000 annual visitors.

There is a daily entrance fee of \$7.00 or an annual pass for \$25.00.

Activities: There are 18 miles of cross-country skiing trails, 18 miles of hiking trails, 5 miles of biking trails, golf and canoe rentals, picnicking, fishing, boating, and swimming. There is also the nearby Fort Snelling Golf Course.

Hours: Please call for more information.

Location: Hwy. 5 & Post Rd in St. Paul.

Contact Information Information: Call [Fort Snelling State Park](#) at (612) 725-2724