

Normandale Lake Park Existing Conditions



Bloomington Hiking Trails



Hiking Trails

Many of Bloomington's trails feed off a larger trail system - the Minnesota River Valley. Other walking trails wind around neighborhood lakes and ponds, while still others explore the beauty of the Nine Mile Creek area. When choosing a hike, keep in mind the fitness level of walkers, time commitment, and weather!

HYLAND LAKE PARK RESERVE

Hours: Fall Parks are open 5 a.m. to sunset

1. Hyland Lake Park Reserve

10145 East Bush Lake Road

Paved hiking: 5.6 miles

Unpaved hiking trail: 5.5 miles

Unpaved hiking and dog trail: 3.7 miles

(pets are not permitted on paved trails)

Access points:

- 94th Street and Colorado Road
- 105th Street and Hampshire Avenue
- Richardson Nature Center (8737 East Bush Lake Road)
- Hyland Visitor Center (10145 East Bush Lake Road)

2. Richardson Nature Center

8737 East Bush Lake Road

Over 3 miles of nature trails through woodlands and a restored tall-grass prairie.

(For more information on Hyland Lake Park Reserve, go to www.threeriversparkdistrict.org)

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS

3. Nine Mile Creek Trails

Although the Creek is actually 15 miles long and winds through neighboring cities, Bloomington's part of the Nine Mile Creek is beautiful to walk along, no matter the season. Length of hike depends on access point; approximate mile markers located along trail.

Access points:

- 100th Street and James Avenue (Harrison Park)
- 104th Street and Morgan Avenue (Moir Park)
- 106th Street and Morgan Avenue (car park area)
- 112th Street and Queen Avenue

4. Normandale Lake Park

Access at 84th Street and Chalet Road (west of Normandale Boulevard)

Distance: 1.90 miles

Terrain: Paved route

5. Marsh Lake Park

Access points:

- 96th Street and Washburn Avenue
- 94th Street and France Avenue

Distance: 0.70 miles

Terrain: Woodchips

6. Girard Lake Park

Access at 84th Street and France Avenue

Distance: 1.08 miles

Terrain: Woodchips

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY TRAILS

7. Bass Ponds Trail

Access at the end of East 86th Street

- 1/2 mile loop of packed turf/earth

8. Bluff Trail (undeveloped*)

Access at Old Cedar Avenue and Old Shakopee Road

Distance: 3.1 miles (trail skirts Mound Springs Park)

Terrain: Packed earth

9. Mound Springs Park (undeveloped*)

Access: 102nd Street and 10th Avenue Circle

Distance: Varies if merging into Bluff Trail, ending at Russell Sorenson Landing or back to Old Cedar Trailhead

Terrain: Packed earth.

Hours: close @ 10 p.m.

10. Hillside Trail

Access: Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 3815 American Boulevard East

Distance: 1/2 mile interpretive loop

11. Long Meadow Lake Trail (undeveloped*)

Access: Begins at the end of Hillside Trail (see previous). Continues along the Minnesota River to the New Cedar Avenue pedestrian bridge over the Minnesota River.

Distance: 3.3 miles

12. Bloomington Ferry Trails (undeveloped*)

Access: Auto Club Road and Bloomington Ferry Circle (Trailhead located down the hill by parking lot area.)

Three trails stemming from parking lot area:

- Minnesota River Trail (3 miles)
- Blue Lake Trail (3 miles)
- State Corridor Trail (2 miles)

Terrain: All trails are packed earth

Hours: Sunrise to sunset.

13. River Bottoms Trail (undeveloped*)

Access: Russell Sorenson Landing (just south of 106th Street and Lyndale Avenue). Head east. Trail is rough; meanders through woods and gullies.

Distance: Approximately 3 miles to Old Cedar Bridge

Terrain: dirt/packed earth, sand

* non-paved, rough trail; use caution when following undeveloped trails

*"Walking is the best form of exercise.
Habituate yourself to walk very far."*

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)