



# Fort Snelling State Park Seasonal Walk



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**Start Date:** April 1, 2024

**End Date:** September 30, 2024

**Start Time:** Dawn

**End Time:** Dusk

**Start Point Name and Address:**

Fort Snelling State Park  
101 Snelling Lake Road  
St. Paul, MN 55111

**Walk Description:**

One 5Km loop following the Minnesota River and going around Snelling Lake.

One 6Km loop trail going around Pike Island.

**Driving Directions:**

From the East, follow Interstate 494 to Minnesota 5 East to Terminals. Stay on Minnesota 5 East to Terminal 1. In 1.2 miles, turn right onto Post Road to the truck route. In 700 feet, turn right onto Post Road which turns into Snelling Lake Road and enters the park.

From the West follow Interstate 494/Minnesota 5 going past the airport as Minnesota 5 veers to the right. In 1.1 miles exit onto Post Road to truck route. In 700 feet turn right onto Post Road which turns into Snelling Lake Road and enters the park.

**Event City:** St. Paul

**Event Name:** Fort Snelling State Park

**Distance:** 5, 6, & 11 km

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**Wheelchair:** No, trails are sandy, and the paved areas are broken and uneven.

**Pets Allowed:** Yes, but must always be kept on a leash and cleaned up after.

**Stroller Access:** No, trails are sandy, and the paved areas are broken and uneven

**Restrooms:** Yes, at the visitor’s center starting point.

**Trail Ratings:** The Snelling Lake Loop is 2B on gravel and broken asphalt, the Pike Island Loop is 1B with sand and possible mud.

**Special Programs:** Airports, Mayflower, Par for the Course.

**Special Note:** A State Park Pass is required, either an annual pass or a day pass may be purchased at the park office upon entering the park, in person or on your smart phone.

The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walkers Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the users Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a walkers Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker. Note however that the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days. Also note that an event registration expires after 30 days, but if your registrations lapses, you may re-register without cost.

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## 5 km Fort Snelling Lake Loop

- 1) Starting at the Thomas C. Savage Visitors Center, with the building at your back, turn **RIGHT** onto the dirt trail along the road to go under the Mendota Bridge
- 2) **RIGHT** onto the asphalt trail just past the bridge
- 3) **Left** at the Y
- 4) **LEFT** at the Y to follow the road with Snelling Lake on your right
- 5) **RIGHT** onto the paved trail
- 6) **STRAIGHT** through the picnic and beach area. There are several trails that turn off to go to the beach or picnic shelters but keep going **STRAIGHT** on the main trail
- 7) At the stop sign, cross the park road and continue onto the trail keeping the Minnesota River on your left
- 8) **RIGHT** at the T onto a dirt trail going towards the parking lot for the park office. There will be a sign there that says LANDING ROAD
- 9) **STRAIGHT** across the parking lot and park road to the dirt two track trail/road on the opposite side. This will go up to the bluff overlooking Snelling Lake. At the end of the Lake, turn **LEFT** at the Y onto the asphalt trail.
- 10) **STRAIGHT** on the trail going back to the visitors Center and start point

## 6 km Pike Island Loop

- 1) With the Thomas C. Savage Visitors Center at your back, go to the far end of the parking lot to a dirt trail that heads off into the woods. There is a sign and map posted here
- 2) **LEFT** at the T with the Mendota bridge, a bench, and Minnesota River ahead
- 3) **RIGHT** at the T to go over the bridge. *The pile of debris on the far-left side of the bridge in the river is an active beaver house*
- 4) **RIGHT** at the T just after the bridge onto the island. *As the trail curves to the left, notice on the left side of the trail the "Historic Floods" marker pole*
- 5) As you go around the island, there are two crossover trails. Keep to the **RIGHT** and stay on the main trail traversing the outside of the island.
- 6) At the far point of Pike Island you will have the Minnesota River on your right and the Mississippi River on your left. The hiking club password sign is here also
- 7) **LEFT** following the main trail back to the bridge crossing back to the mainland.
- 8) **LEFT** at the T after crossing the bridge
- 9) **RIGHT** at the T with the Mendota Bridge and a bench to the left to return to the start point



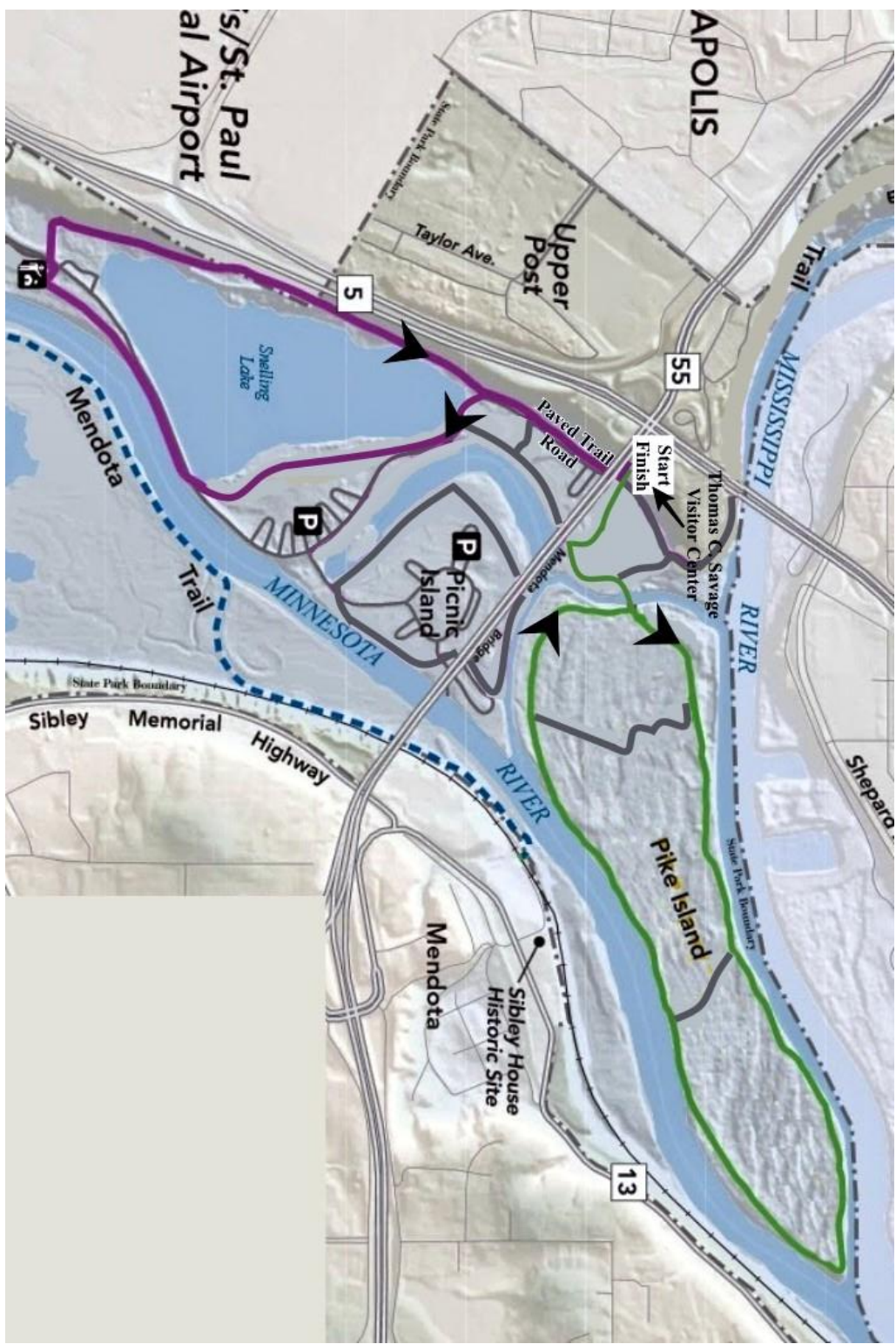
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