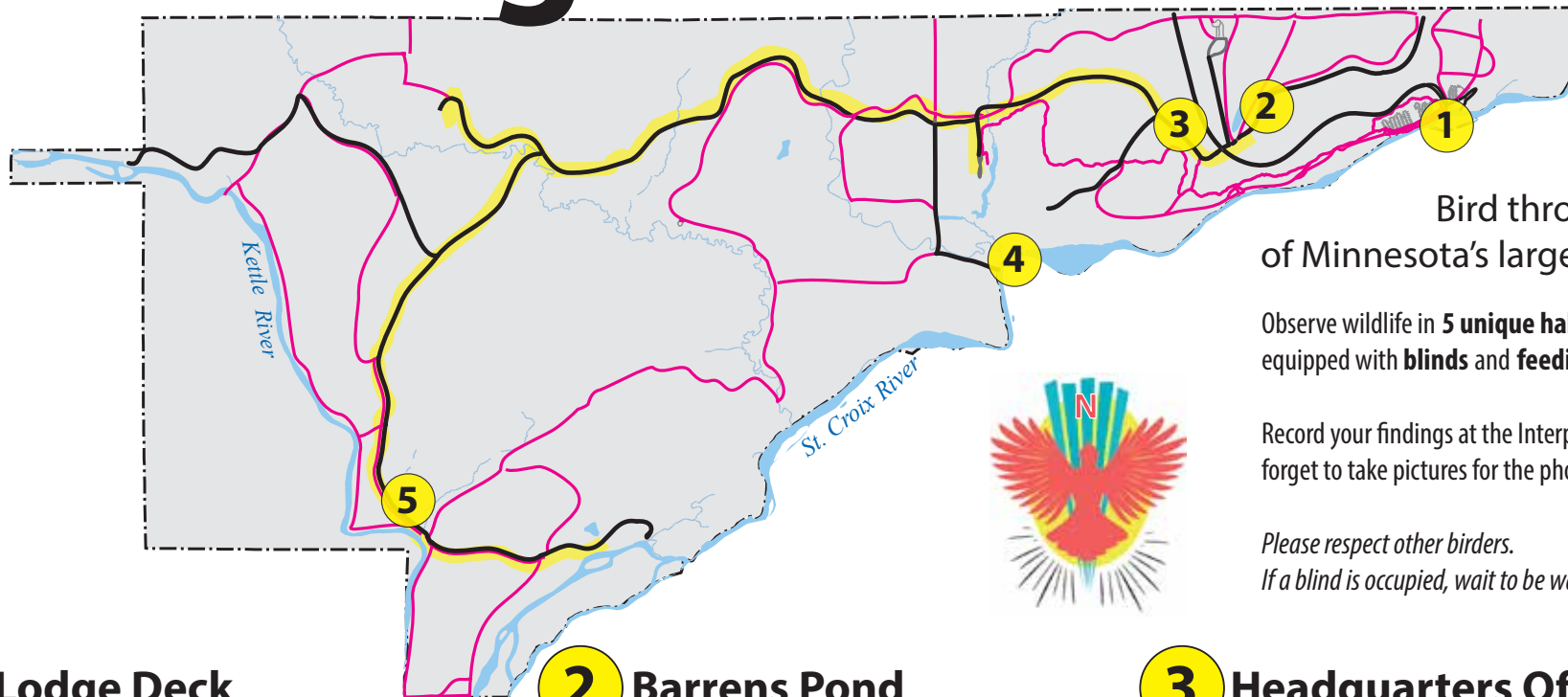


Birding Marathon



Bird through **26 miles** of Minnesota's largest state park.

Observe wildlife in **5 unique habitats**. Stations are equipped with **blinds** and **feeding stations**.

Record your findings at the Interpretive Center and don't forget to take pictures for the photo contest!

*Please respect other birders.
If a blind is occupied, wait to be waved in and stay quiet.*

1 Lodge Deck



Park at the St. Croix Lodge and head to the back deck for up-close bird watching. Red-bellied and read-headed woodpeckers, chickadees, cowbirds and more are common. Restroom and water in lodge.

2 Barrens Pond



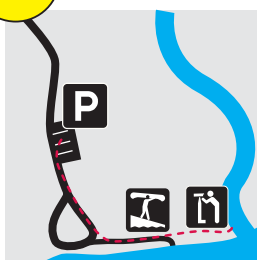
Park near Gate 6 and hike 1/4 mile along the pond to the observation site. See waterfowl and shorebirds, along with many songbirds. This station is farthest from your car, so don't forget water and bug spray.

3 Headquarters Office



Park behind the office and hunker down by the feeder. Red-headed woodpeckers and red-breasted grosbeaks are common here in the restored oak savanna. Restroom and water available at the office.

4 Mouth of Sand Creek



Park at the lot, then walk to the canoe landing. Continue on the trail to the mouth of Sand Creek. Total walking distance .15 mile. Listen for the Wood Thrush, one of our most gifted singers! Vault toilet and water pump at canoe landing.

5 Mouth of Kennedy Brook



Park at the Kettle River Overlook and walk down the stairs to the mouth of Kennedy Brook. Enjoy a clear view of a bald eagle nest along with lots of warblers!