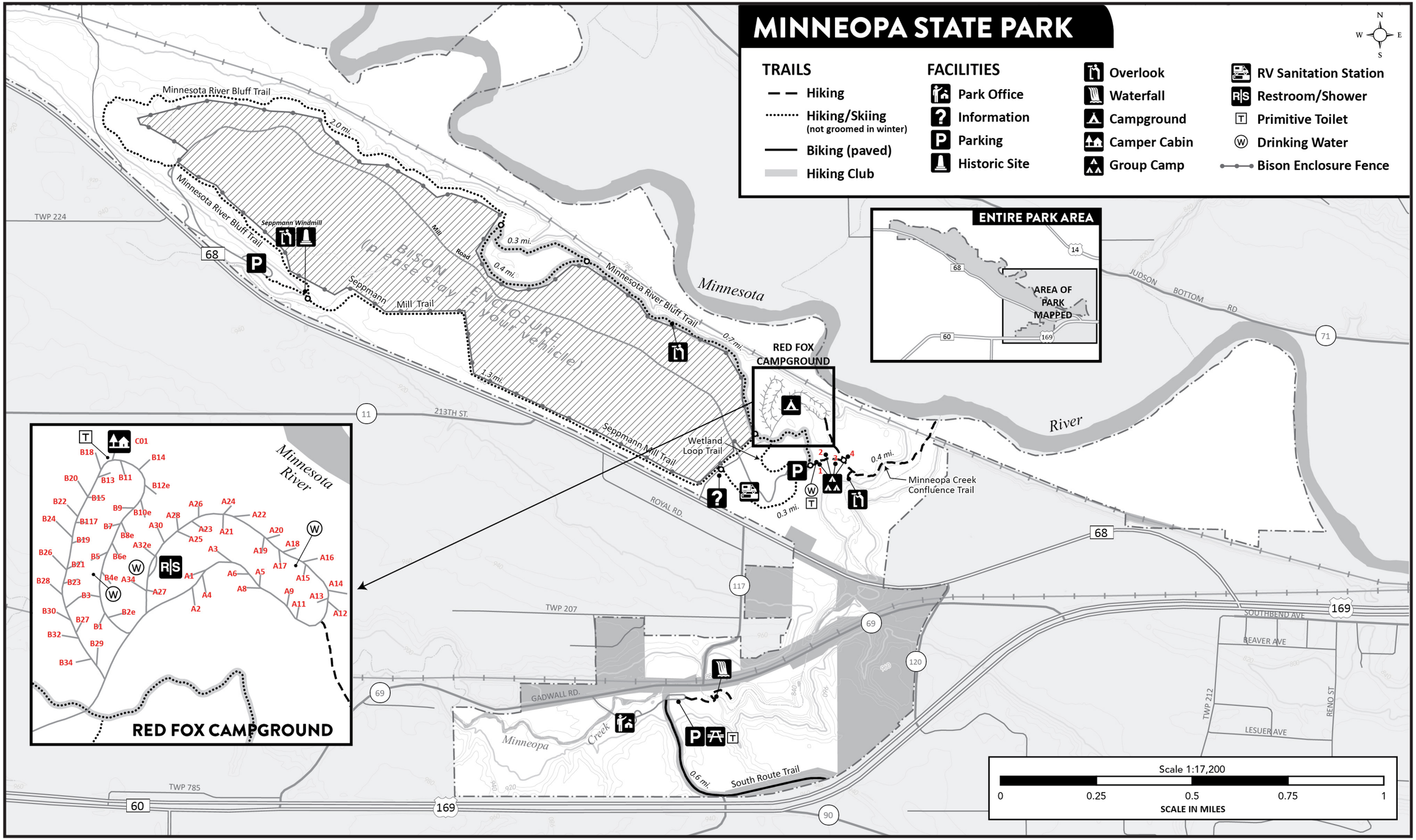

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MINNEOPA STATE PARK

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VISITOR TIPS

- Respect trail closures.
- Minneopa has two sections. The office and waterfall are off County Highway 69. Camping, stone windmill, and bison are off Highway 68.
- Minneopa Creek is not recommended for swimming.
- Bison are dangerous animals, stay in your vehicle.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Tune in to 1610 AM on your radio for information on the park and the bison.

ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- View Minneopa Falls, a stunning double waterfall.
- Look for the bison herd off Highway 68.
- Walk to the historic Seppmann Mill for a scenic overlook of the Minnesota River Valley.

LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT MNDNR.GOV/MINNEOPA

ABOUT THE PARK

Established in 1905, Minneopa State Park is the third oldest state park in Minnesota. It is best known for the double waterfall that thunders during high water. The upper falls drops 7 to 10 feet and the lower falls tumbles another 40. This feature is the result of water cutting into layers of sandstone over time.

Take the Mill Road to look for the bison, reintroduced in 2015. These animals will naturally manage the prairie ecosystem, just as they did over a hundred fifty years ago.

Near this area, you may view another reminder of the park's rich history: Seppmann Mill. Enjoy a walk to the sandstone windmill that ground wheat and other grains from 1864 to 1890.

Don't miss the double waterfall

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Waterfalls Area 0.18 MILES one-way (3 city blocks)
Cement • Dirt • Steep stairs
Enjoy Minneopa Creek's spectacular double waterfall and historic features built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers during the Great Depression.

Minnesota River Bluff Trail (Hiking Club portion) 1.6 MILES one-way (26 city blocks)
Grass • Dirt • Rocks • Fairly level with some hilly sections
Follow a trail along the forested Minnesota River Valley and through a tallgrass prairie. Look for bald eagles nesting in cottonwood trees.

Minneopa Creek Confluence Trail 0.4 MILES one-way (5 city blocks)
Dirt • Gravel • Rocky • Steep hillside
Walk to Minneopa Creek gorge to experience its confluence with the Minnesota River. Towering cottonwoods and other trees provide a nice shady atmosphere.

Mankato Area Bike Trails (South Route Trail) 6.7 MILES one-way (107 city blocks)
Asphalt • Cement • Steep sections
Bike 50 miles of paved trails in the Mankato area, including the Red Jacket Trail, Minnesota River Trail and Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail. Take the South Route Trail from the park to access.

MORE TO EXPLORE AT MINNEOPA

- Find a free naturalist program.
- Borrow a Kid's Discovery Kit from the park office.
- Learn more about the formation of the waterfalls.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE.

PARK OPEN
8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.

CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS
10 p.m.–8 a.m.

VEHICLE PERMITS
Required; purchase at park office or self-pay station.

PETS WELCOME
Keep on 6-foot leash; leave no trace; only service animals allowed in park buildings.

FIREWOOD
Use only from approved vendors.

NO ALCOHOL

NO WEAPONS

MORE INFORMATION

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BISON REINTRODUCTION BY VISITING MNDNR.GOV/MINNEOPA-BISON

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