

# Casey Jones State Trail

Murray and Pipestone Counties

 Casey Jones State Trail (paved)

 Casey Jones State Trail (unpaved)

 Parking

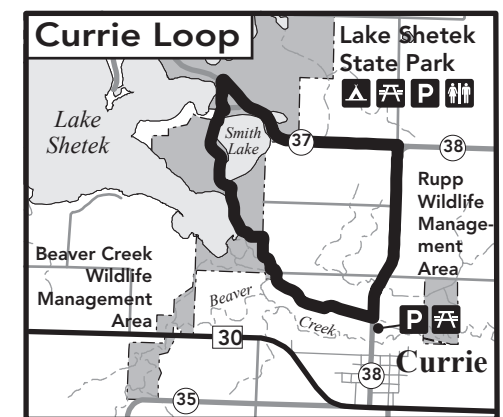
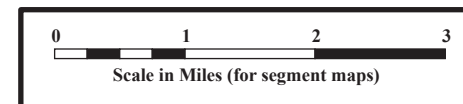
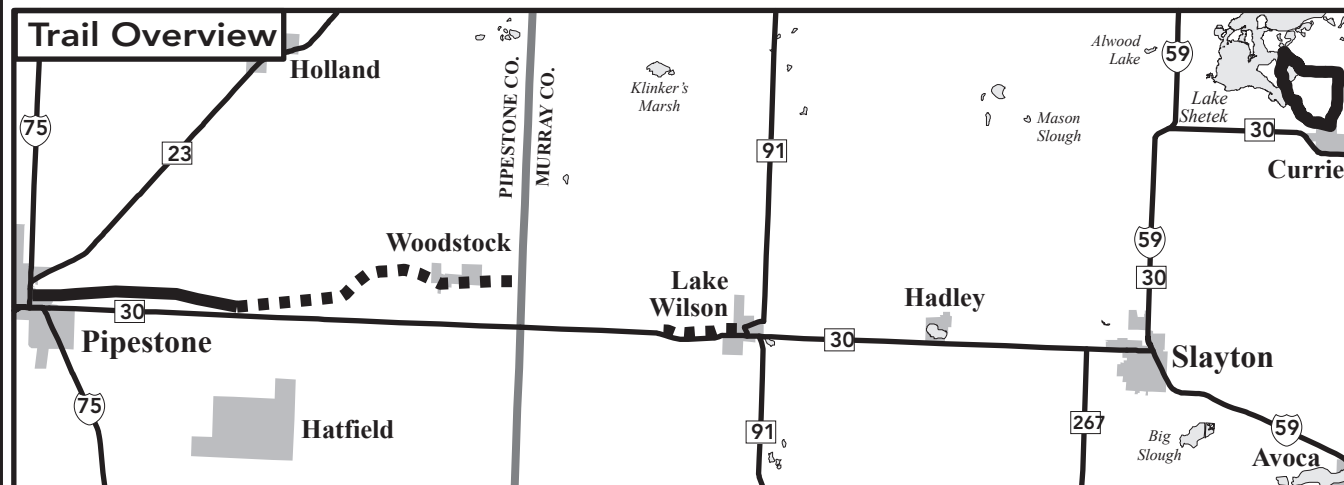
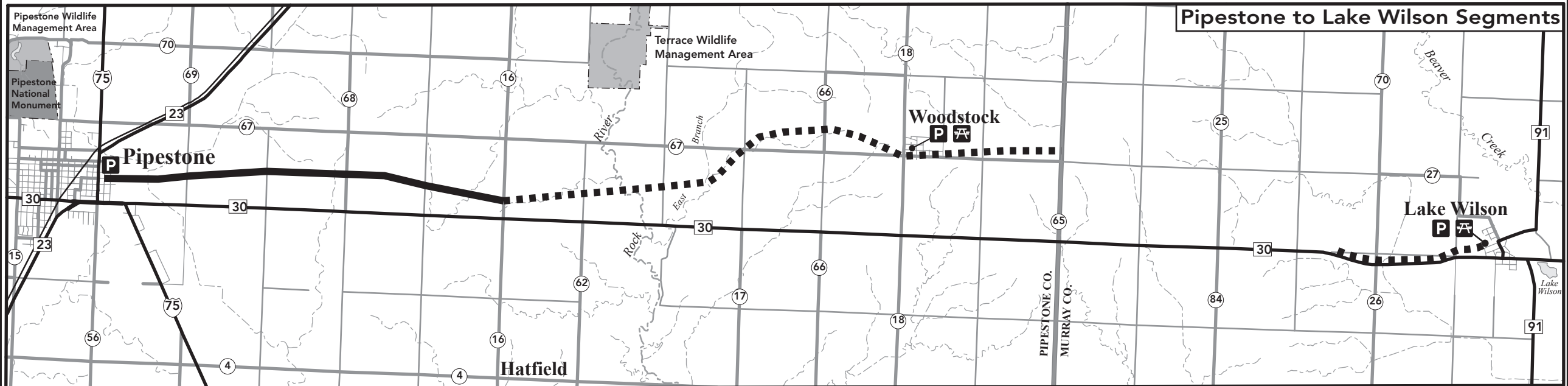
 Picnic Area

 Restrooms

 Campground



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500 Lafayette Road  
Saint Paul, MN 55155-4040  
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1-888-646-6367 (MN toll free)

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**PARKING AVAILABLE:**  
*Do not leave valuables in your car.*

- in Pipestone off Highway 23
- at the community park in Woodstock
- at the community park in Lake Wilson
- In Currie at the End-O-Line Railroad Park and Museum
- In Lake Shetek State Park



Prairie along the trail

This information is available in alternative format upon request.

You can also check out state trail information on this website:

[mndnr.gov/state\\_trails](http://mndnr.gov/state_trails)

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Share the Trail with Others:

- Stay on designated trail.
- Keep right so others can pass.
- Keep all pets on leash
- Dispose of pet waste.
- Obey traffic signs and rules.
- Pack out all garbage and litter.
- Respect adjoining landowners rights and privacy.
- Warn other trail users when passing by giving an audible signal.
- Overnight camping and campfires are permitted only on designated campsites. Do not leave campfires unattended.
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants & animals, but leave them undisturbed for all to enjoy.
- Trail users are legally responsible for obeying the rules and regulations provided in Minnesota Rules, 6100.3000.



This trail requires a permit for anyone snowmobiling or horseback riding. For more information on the Snowmobile State Trail Sticker or the Horsepass, please call the DNR Info Center at 1-888-MINNDNR or check the website at [mndnr.gov](http://mndnr.gov)

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The Casey Jones State Trail is named after the famed railroad engineer Casey Jones, who died in a railroad accident in 1900, and was immortalized in a famed, well-known ballad. The trail was one of the first state trails authorized by the state of Minnesota when State Trail legislation was passed in the late 1960s.

The trail consists of three segments. The longest segment is 13 miles of former railroad grade between the city of Pipestone and the Pipestone/Murray county line. Five miles of this segment from Pipestone to County Road 16 is paved. The remaining 8 miles are natural-surfaced. A second, small, natural-surfaced segment runs west 1.5 miles from the city of Lake Wilson. The third portion of the trail is a 6 mile, paved loop between Lake Shetek State Park and the city of Currie. Horseback riding is not allowed on this portion.

The trail connects points of natural interest, such as remnants of tallgrass prairie, wooded ravines, Lake Shetek and the sloughs around it, which are remnants of the glacial landscape that once covered southwestern Minnesota. Historical and cultural sites around the area include sites associated with Laura Ingalls Wilder in Walnut Grove, railroad artifacts in Currie and Tracy, wind towers, and the pipestone quarries in the Pipestone National Monument

The trail is situated in the rolling vastness of the agricultural landscape that characterizes the upper Great Plains, with individual homesteads appearing like islands in a sea of corn and soybeans. The landscape is truly the "heartland" of America and its seeming infinity and openness to the sky are highlights of this trail.