

Willard Munger State Trail

Pine, Carlton & St. Louis Counties



The Willard Munger State Trail

is a collection of multiple use trails between Hinckley and Duluth. It consists of interconnecting trails offering hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, snowmobiling and horseback riding. It highlights the picturesque scenery and rich history of East Central Minnesota. Some of the trail follows the route of the railroad that saved many lives in the historic Hinckley and Cloquet fires in the nineteenth century.

The trail passes through northern hardwood forests and stands of jack, red, and white pine, as well as the spruce fir community. Ranges of hills pocked with countless lakes and bogs cover the region. Common mammals noticed along the trail include whitetail deer, raccoon, red fox, porcupine, beaver and muskrat. The observant trail user may also spot coyote, weasel, mink, bobcat or black bear.

The Willard Munger State Trail consists of two different trail segments: **Hinckley - Duluth segment Alex Laveau Memorial Trail**

Hinckley - Duluth segment

This 70 mile segment of the Willard Munger State Trail is completely paved. The trail passes near Banning State Park and Moose Lake State Park. It passes through the towns of Finlayson, Willow River, Moose Lake, General C.C. Andrews State Forest and through the spectacular scenery of Jay Cooke State Park. The northeast portion of the trail provides scenic views of the St. Louis River and the twin ports of Duluth and Superior.

Alex Laveau Memorial Trail

The Alex Laveau Memorial Trail honors the memory of a former county commissioner and dairy farmer who was a strong advocate of the idea of reusing abandoned railways as public trails. This trail allows users to ride from Gary-New Duluth 16 miles through Wrenshall into Carlton. Six miles of off-road paved trail from Carlton to Highway 23 are open. The remaining miles are a combination of bike routes on paved highway shoulders and city streets.

PARKING AVAILABLE:

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

- at the southern trailhead, located in Hinckley 1 block north of the fire museum at the intersection of Hwy 61 and Co. Rd. 18.
- at the northern trailhead located on Grand Ave. (Hwy 23) and 75th Ave. West, behind the Munger Hotel
- in Carlton off Hwy 210, 1 block south on Co. Rd. 1.
- in the towns of Finlayson, Willow River, Moose Lake and Barnum.

This trail requires a permit for anyone snowmobiling or horseback riding. For more information about the Snowmobile State Trail Sticker, or the Horse Pass, please call the DNR Info Center at 1-888-MINNDNR or check the website at mndnr.gov.

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