

Vision for a State Park on Lake Vermilion

1. Survey Introduction

The Department of Natural Resources has formed a [Commissioner's Advisory Task Force](#) for the Proposed Lake Vermilion State Park and wants to hear from you. The Task Force will be making recommendations to the Commissioner in January 2008 on the types of experiences that might be available at the new state park. To participate in this early visioning process, please share some of your thoughts on what would make the proposed Lake Vermilion State Park a place you would want to visit. The Task Force will review all comments and suggestions as part of their process for making recommendations. Thank you for taking time to share your ideas.

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2. Natural & Cultural Resources

The Commissioner of the DNR is directed to administer state parks “to preserve, perpetuate, and interpret natural features that existed in the area of the park prior to settlement and other significant natural, scenic, or historic features that are present.” (M.S., Ch.86A)

Given this direction, what do we want to accomplish and what do we want to avoid for the following resources and features at the proposed state park site at Lake Vermilion?

1. Water resources?

2. Land resources?

3. Scenic features?

4. Historic features?

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3. Local Community Benefits

The proposed state park at Lake Vermilion will be a “neighbor” in the Soudan, Tower, Cook, and Ely communities. What do we want to accomplish and what do we want to avoid in order for the community and the park to prosper:

1. What are the opportunities for local residents to benefit from the park?

2. How can local businesses benefit in a way that serves the community and the park visitors?

3. What are the opportunities for the state and local governments to work together to provide a quality visitor and local community experience?

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4. Outdoor Recreation

The DNR wants to establish a “flagship, destination, next generation” state park on Lake Vermilion. What do we want to accomplish and what do we want to avoid in providing outdoor recreation experiences:

1. What features at the park would attract visitors from outside the region?

2. How could this park be connected to other state parks and other recreation opportunities in the area?

3. What types of outdoor recreation opportunities would make this a “next generation” state park?

4. What role does technology have in the outdoor recreation experience?

5. What environmental considerations are important in recreation activity and facility design?

6. What could be provided to attract the younger generations (20-40 year-olds) to the park?

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5. Learning Opportunities

Every region of Minnesota has its unique natural, historic, and cultural features. What do we want to accomplish and what do we want to avoid in providing learning opportunities for visitors to this area:

1. What do you think people will want to learn about this area?

2. What means of learning should be provided?

3. What types of outdoor recreation skills would people be interested in learning?

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6. Demographic Data

Please tell us a little about yourself....

1. Gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

2. Including you, how many adults, teens, and children live in your household?

	Children (12 years or under)	Teens (13 to 18 years)	Adults (19 to 29 years)	Adults (30 to 39 years)	Adults (40 to 49 years)	Adults (50 to 59 years)	Adults (60 years and over)
Number in household							

3. Zip Code