



2020 CAPITAL INVESTMENT REQUEST:
BUILDING ONE MINNESOTA BY
IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE STATE
ACCESSIBILITY

- *Improving Accessibility at State Parks and Recreation Areas: \$10 million*

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) works to ensure all Minnesotans have access to the outdoors. Many state park buildings and amenities are inaccessible, which can be a barrier to the outdoors for Minnesotans of all abilities.

The DNR's goal is to improve the accessibility of state parks and recreation areas by making comprehensive improvements to highly used facilities, while also bringing existing buildings up to code as major maintenance occurs.

This request would allow the DNR to:

- Construct extensive accessibility improvements at William O'Brien State Park and design and plan initial accessibility improvements at Fort Snelling State Park. Project components would include renovations of bathrooms, showers, campsites, trails, and day use facilities, and development of new accessible amenities to serve all visitors.

This project will show what comprehensive accessibility looks like, serve as a model for ongoing efforts, and provide an accessible, outdoor experience for all Minnesotans.



*Pictured:
Visitors to
the pier at
William O'Brien
State Park.*

*Left: A trail at William O'Brien State Park.
Right: A William O'Brien shower building sidewalk needs renovations to be fully accessible. Bottom: Amphitheater seating at William O'Brien State Park must be renovated for accessibility.*

