



# Department of Natural Resources

## Division of Parks and Trails

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## Presentation Outline

- Minnesota's Outdoor Recreation System – State Parks and Trails
- Critical Trends
- Strategic Objectives
- Priority Outcomes, Measures, and FY 2010-11 Change Items



## DNR Parks and Trails

### - Minnesota's Outdoor Recreation System -

#### Create high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities:

- Manage 67 state parks, 7 state recreation areas, 8 state waysides, and 54 state forest campgrounds/day use areas.
- Manage 21 state trails, encompassing 1,266 miles of developed, multi-use trails
- Manage state forest recreational trails, encompassing 1,085 miles of non-motorized trails and 2,152 miles of motorized trails
- Manage a system of water trails and recreation facilities:
  - 1,590 state water accesses
  - 30 designated canoe and boating routes, encompassing 4,350 water trail miles
  - 340 fishing piers and shorefishing sites

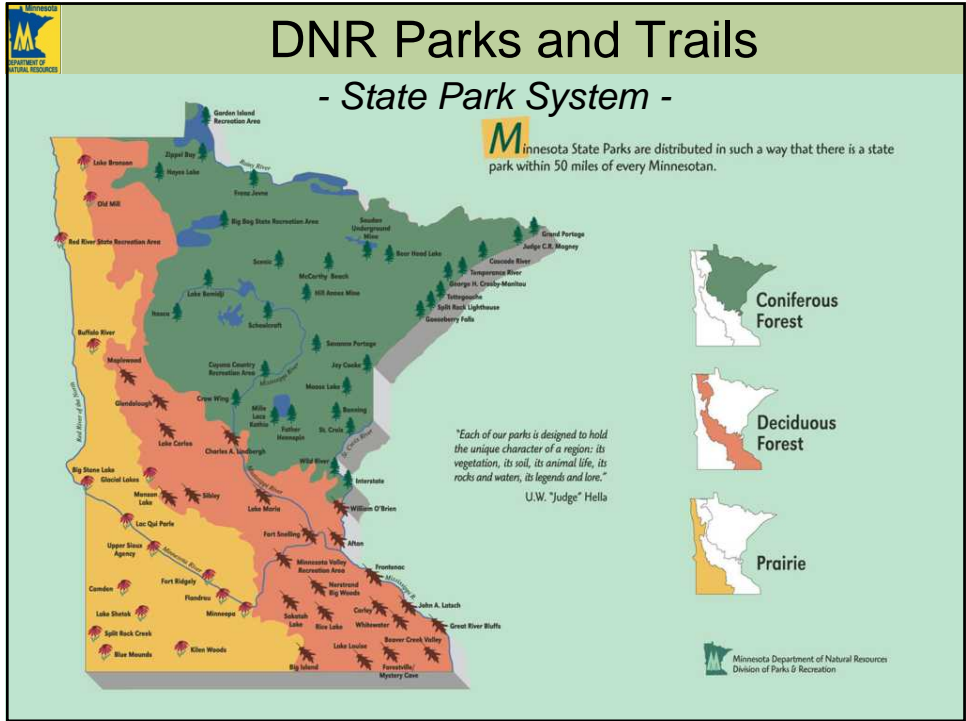


## DNR Parks and Trails

### - Serves -

- 8 million annual state park visitors
- 1.5 million Minnesotans visit a state park annually
- Ten of the state's top 35 tourism attractions are in state parks
- Water recreation users: Minnesota ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for number of boats per capita (866,000)
- Motorized recreation users: 251,000 registered snowmobiles and 264,000 registered All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- Non-motorized recreation users: Bicyclists, hikers, cross-country skiers



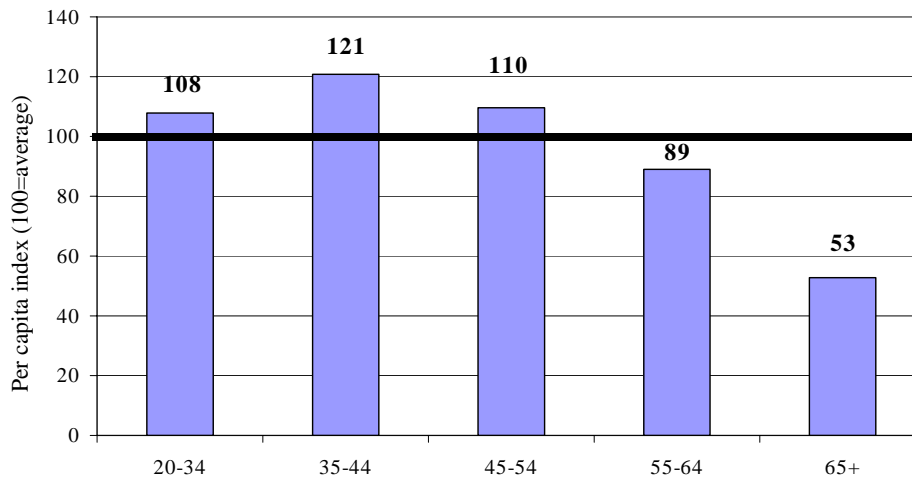




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### *Trend - Recreation Participation Changes*

Index of outdoor recreation use (hours) by age class



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### *- Department Overarching Strategies -*

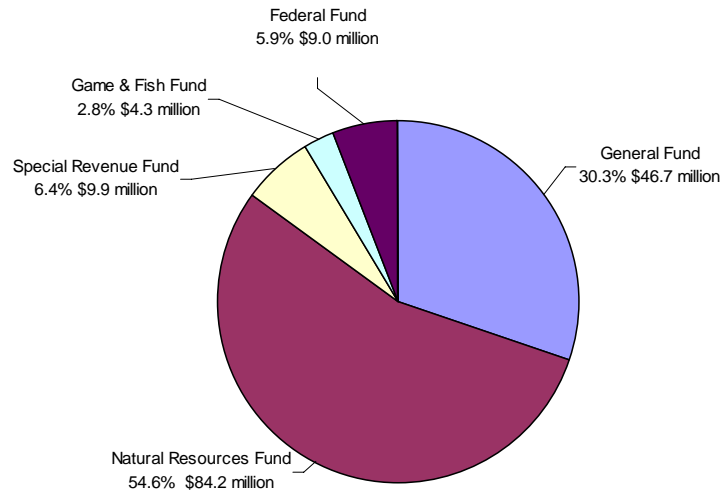
- Increase outdoor recreation participation through targeted marketing and enhanced outreach.
- Promote DNR Parks and Trails as gateways to the outdoors.
  - Ensure high quality, easy-to-access, safe recreational opportunities, especially for families and new participants.





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### FY 2008-09 Parks and Trails Budgeted Expenditures \$154.2 Million



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### - Strategic Objectives -

- Outdoor Recreation
- Natural and Cultural Resource Management
- Conservation Education
- Trail Operations and Rehabilitation
- Planning, Acquisition, and Development
- Community Assistance





# DNR Parks and Trails

## Strategic Objective 1: Outdoor Recreation

Provide a state park system that preserves and manages Minnesota's natural, cultural, and scenic resources while providing appropriate recreational opportunities and educational activities

### Supporting Programs:

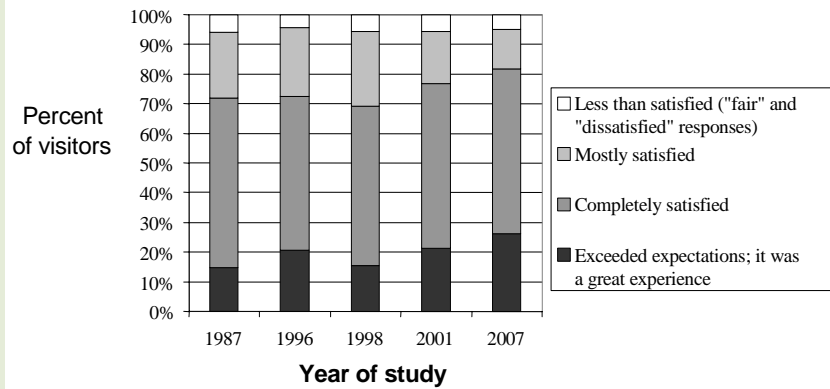
- Outdoor Recreation Program - Provides recreation, visitor, and support services to state park guests, state park strategic planning, marketing, maintenance of buildings, facilities and equipment, law enforcement, and products and gifts for sale at state parks



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## - Priority Outcomes and Measures -

### Satisfaction with visit to a MN state park



**Latest Study Result (2007):** Customer satisfaction was at its highest level since 1987.

**Target:** Maintain a 95% or higher satisfaction rating



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## Strategic Objective 2: Natural and Cultural Resource Management

Protect, enhance, and restore natural landscapes and cultural resources

### Supporting Programs:

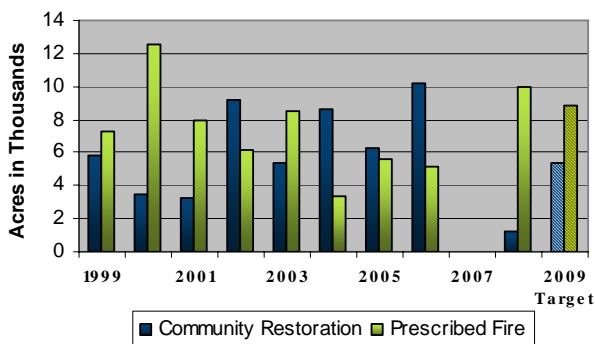
- Natural and cultural resource management program – Provides direction and technical expertise in protecting, restoring, and managing the natural and cultural resources on 225,000 acres within state park and recreation areas



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## - Priority Outcomes and Measures -

**Acres of Habitat with Prescribed Fire and Active Restoration in the State Park System**



2007 data is being processed



**Target:** Have 5,400 acres in active restoration and carry out prescribed burns on 8,810 acres annually



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## Strategic Objective 3: Conservation Education

Provide for conservation education, environmental stewardship, and outdoor skills training through activities, programs, and special events

### Supporting Programs:

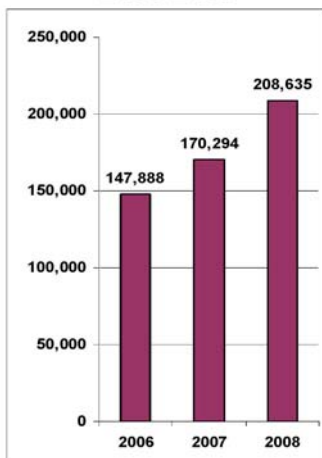
- Conservation Education and Interpretive Program - Connects people with the outdoors and provides comprehensive programming of conservation education, outdoor skill training, interpretive activities and special events for parks visitors, communities, and schools



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## - Priority Outcomes and Measures -

Program & Events Attendance 2006-2008



Educational services reach 1.8 million visitors annually



2008 Sesquicentennial of Statehood:

- 150 Programs for 150 Years of Statehood
- Geocaching History Challenge – 20,000 cache finds





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## Strategic Objective 4: Trails and Waterways Operations and Rehabilitation

Provide and maintain a comprehensive system of non-motorized and motorized trails and water recreation facilities

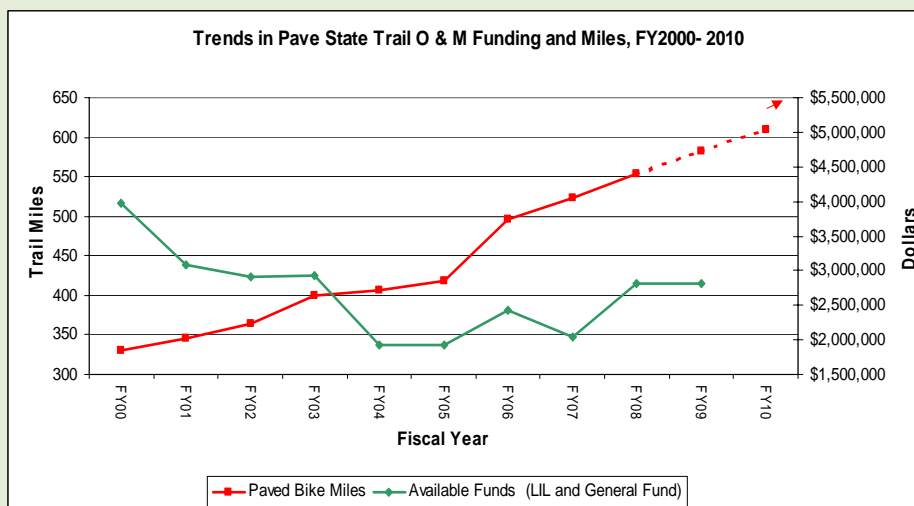
### Supporting Programs:

- State Trails
- State Forest Trails
- Public Water Access
- Water Trails
- Scenic Easements
- Fishing Piers
- Safe Harbors



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## State Trail Operation and Maintenance





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### *Strategic Objective 5: Planning, Acquisition, and Development*

Plan, acquire, develop and renew land and facilities to meet recreational, environmental, safety and community needs

#### **Supporting Programs:**

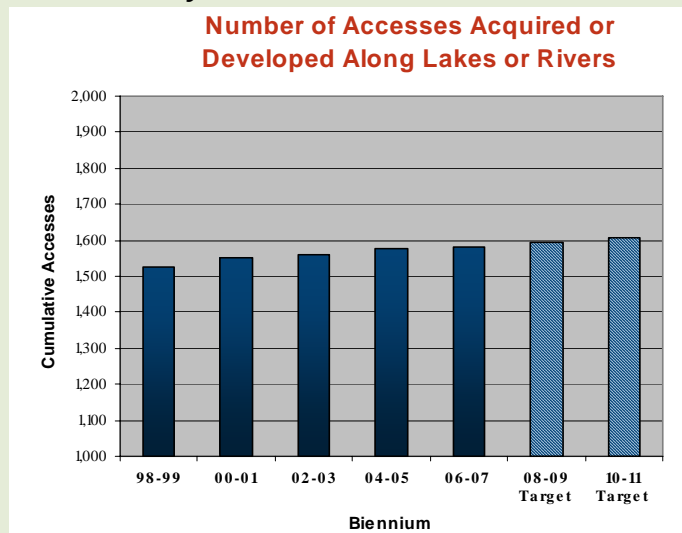
- State Trails
- State Forest Trails
- Public Water Access
- Shore Fishing
- Safe Harbors
- Water Trails



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### *- Priority Outcomes and Measures -*

#### **Number of Accesses Acquired or Developed Along Lakes or Rivers**



**FY 08-09 Result:** 15 public water access acquired or developed along lakes or rivers  
**FY 2009 Target Met:** 1595 public water accesses



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### *Strategic Objective 6: Community Assistance*

Provide grants and encourage partnerships with local government units for trail and water recreation facilities

#### Supporting Programs:

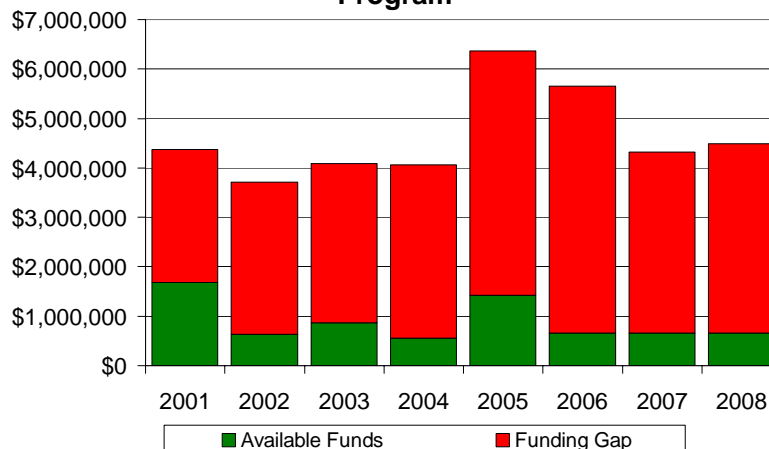
- Local Trails Grants
- Regional Grants
- Federal Trails Grants
- Water Access and Fishing Piers
- Grant-in-Aid



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### Trail Connections and Transportation – *Local Grants* –

**Regional and Local Trail Connections Program**





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- *Change Items* -

- State Parks and Trails Legacy
- Parks and Trails Grants Program
- Water Recreation Program
- Outdoors Minnesota



## DNR Parks and Trails

- *State Parks and Trails Legacy* -

(\$6.54 million FY2010; \$13.64 million FY2011)

Parks and Trails Fund

**Expected Outcomes:** Provide high-quality, easy-to-access, and safe recreational opportunities to the public

Facility renewal and rehabilitation

- Create a gateway for connecting people with Minnesota's great outdoors through renewal and rehabilitation of the state park and state trail system.

Visitor services and outreach

- Provide education, interpretation, and outdoor skills training to engage people in outdoor activities, encourage natural resource stewardship, and reach out to new participants.

Resource protection

- Manage and restore natural landscapes within the state park and trail system and showcase energy efficient and environmentally-friendly operations.





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### - *Parks and Trails Grants Program* -

(\$4.13 million FY2010; \$8.62 million FY2011)

Parks and Trails Fund

#### Expected Outcomes

- Support regional parks and trails to meet the needs of present and future generations through grants to local units of government
- Grants for acquisition and development of regional parks and trails through an annual competitive grant application process, with local match required
- Local government recipients responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance of facilities



## DNR Parks and Trails

### - *Water Recreation Program* -

(\$1.4 million FY2010; \$1.4 million FY2011)

Natural Resources Fund



#### Expected Outcomes

Keep pace with changing public demand for water access facilities:

- Public water access maintenance
- Shoreline restoration
- Downloadable GPS coordinates and interpretation of river level gauge information (one-time appropriation)



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### - *Outdoors Minnesota* -

(\$470,000 FY2010; \$470,000 FY2011)

Natural Resources Fund

#### Expected Outcomes

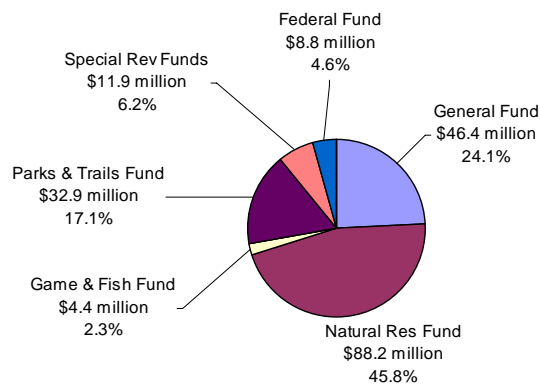
Increase outdoor recreation participation: connect with youth and young adults, families, new participants, and underserved groups.

- Expand outreach to the Hispanic community
- Extend skill-building programs
- Strengthen working relationships with schools



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### FY 2010-11 Governor's Recommendation Division of Parks and Trails \$192.7 million





# DNR Parks and Trails

<b>Parks and Trails</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Current Spending	46,414	109,580	155,994
Governor's Initiatives:			
Invest in Our State Parks and Trails Legacy		20,178	20,178
Parks and Trails Grants		12,744	12,744
Outdoor Minnesota		940	940
Water Recreation Program		2,800	2,800
Total Governor's Initiatives:	0	36,662	36,662
			0
<b>Parks and Trails</b>	<b>46,414</b>	<b>146,242</b>	<b>192,656</b>

