

MINNEOPA STATE PARK



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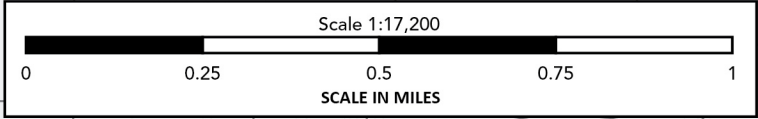
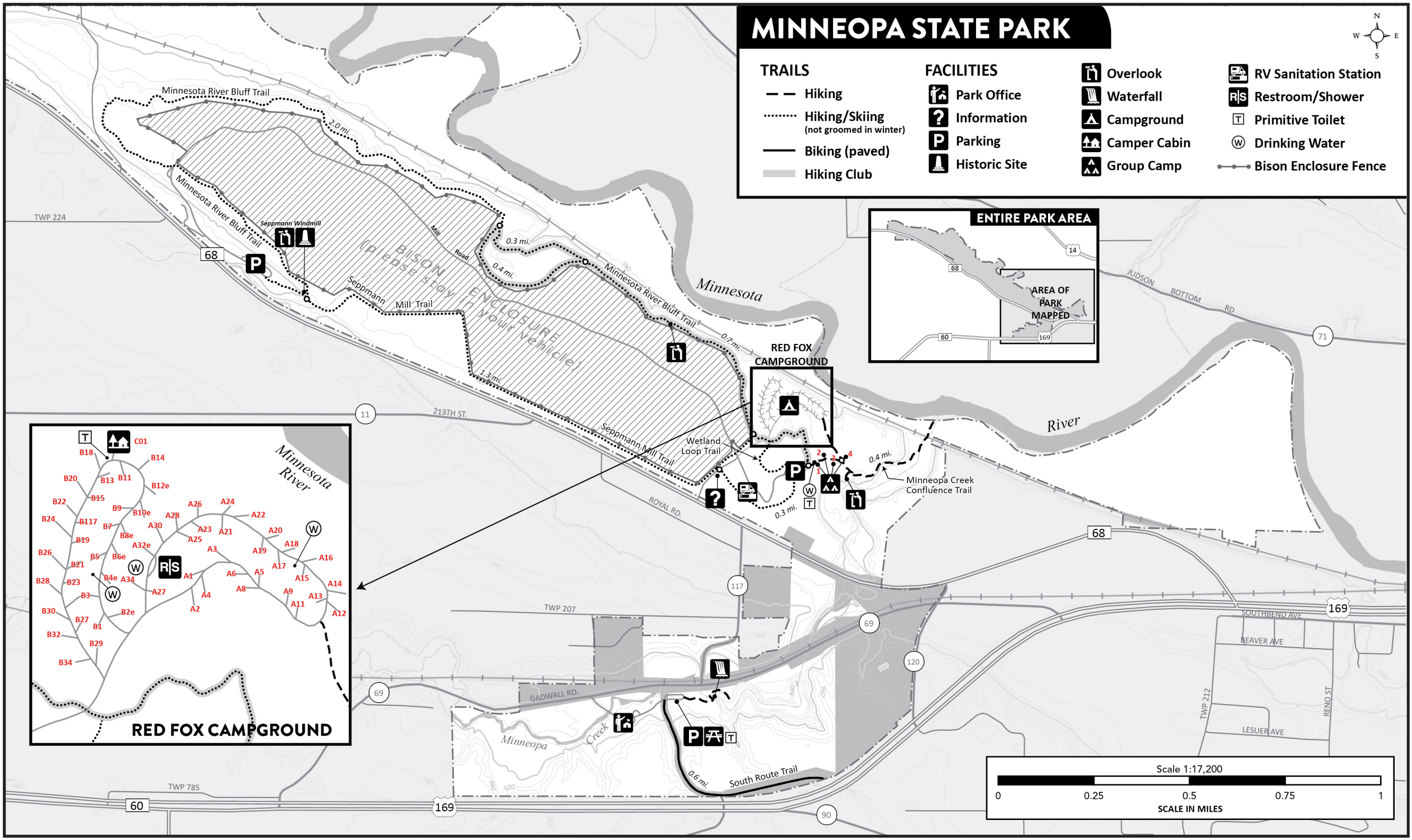
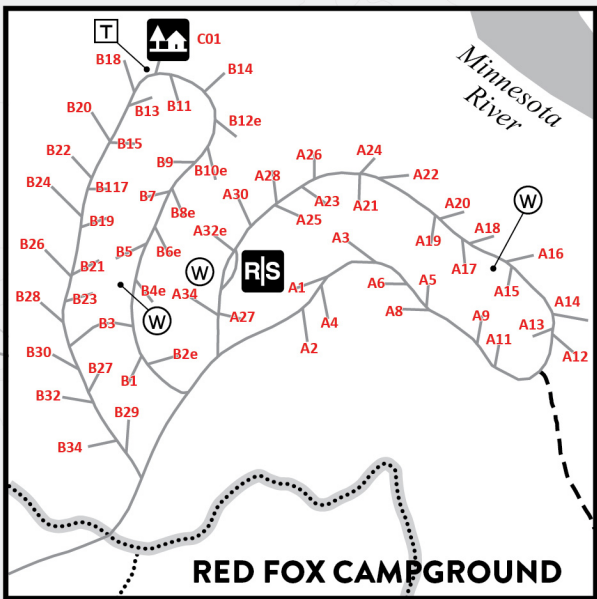
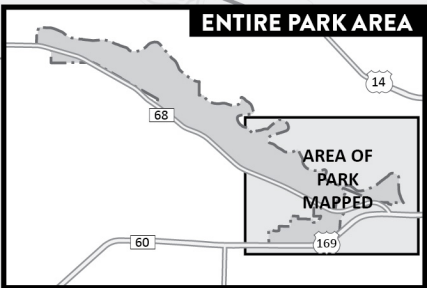
- Hiking
- Hiking/Skiing
(not groomed in winter)
- Biking (paved)
- Hiking Club

FACILITIES

- Park Office
- Information
- Parking
- Historic Site

- Overlook
- Waterfall
- Campground
- Camper Cabin
- Group Camp

- RV Sanitation Station
- Restroom/Shower
- Primitive Toilet
- Drinking Water
- Bison Enclosure Fence



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VISITOR TIPS

- Respect trail closures.
- Minneopa has two sections. The office and waterfall are off County Highway 69. Camping, stone windmill, and bison are off Highway 68.
- Minneopa Creek is not recommended for swimming.
- Bison are dangerous animals, stay in your vehicle.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Tune in to 1610 AM on your radio for information on the park and the bison.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- View Minneopa Falls, a stunning double waterfall.
- Look for the bison herd off Highway 68.
- Walk to the historic Seppmann Mill for a scenic overlook of the Minnesota River Valley.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE
DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT
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ABOUT THE PARK

Established in 1905, Minneopa State Park is the third oldest state park in Minnesota. It is best known for the double waterfall that thunders during high water. The upper falls drops 7 to 10 feet and the lower falls tumbles another 40. This feature is the result of water cutting into layers of sandstone over time.

Take the Mill Road to look for the bison, reintroduced in 2015. These animals will naturally manage the prairie ecosystem, just as they did over a hundred fifty years ago.

Near this area, you may view another reminder of the park's rich history: Seppmann Mill. Enjoy a walk to the sandstone windmill

that ground wheat and other grains from 1864 to 1890.



Don't miss the double waterfall

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Waterfalls Area

Cement • Dirt • Steep stairs

Enjoy Minneopa Creek's spectacular double waterfall and historic features built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers during the Great Depression.

0.18 MILES one-way (3 city blocks)

Minnesota River Bluff Trail (Hiking Club portion)

Grass • Dirt • Rocks • Fairly level with some hilly sections

Follow a trail along the forested Minnesota River Valley and through a tallgrass prairie. Look for bald eagles nesting in cottonwood trees.

1.6 MILES one-way (26 city blocks)

Minneopa Creek Confluence Trail

Dirt • Gravel • Rocky • Steep hillside

Walk to Minneopa Creek gorge to experience its confluence with the Minnesota River. Towering cottonwoods and other trees provide a nice shady atmosphere.

0.4 MILES one-way (5 city blocks)

Mankato Area Bike Trails (South Route Trail)

Asphalt • Cement • Steep sections

Bike 50 miles of paved trails in the Mankato area, including the Red Jacket Trail, Minnesota River Trail and Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail. Take the South Route Trail from the park to access.

6.7 MILES one-way (107 city blocks)

MORE TO EXPLORE AT MINNEOPA

- Find a free naturalist program.
- Borrow a Kid's Discovery Kit from the park office.
- Learn more about the formation of the waterfalls.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND
REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE.



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS

10 p.m.–8 a.m.



VEHICLE PERMITS

Required; purchase at park office or self-pay station.



PETS WELCOME

Keep on 6-foot leash; leave no trace; only service animals allowed in park buildings.



FIREWOOD

Use only from approved vendors.



NO ALCOHOL



NO WEAPONS

? MORE INFORMATION



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BISON
REINTRODUCTION BY VISITING
MNDNR.GOV/MINNEOPA-BISON

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