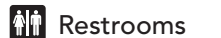


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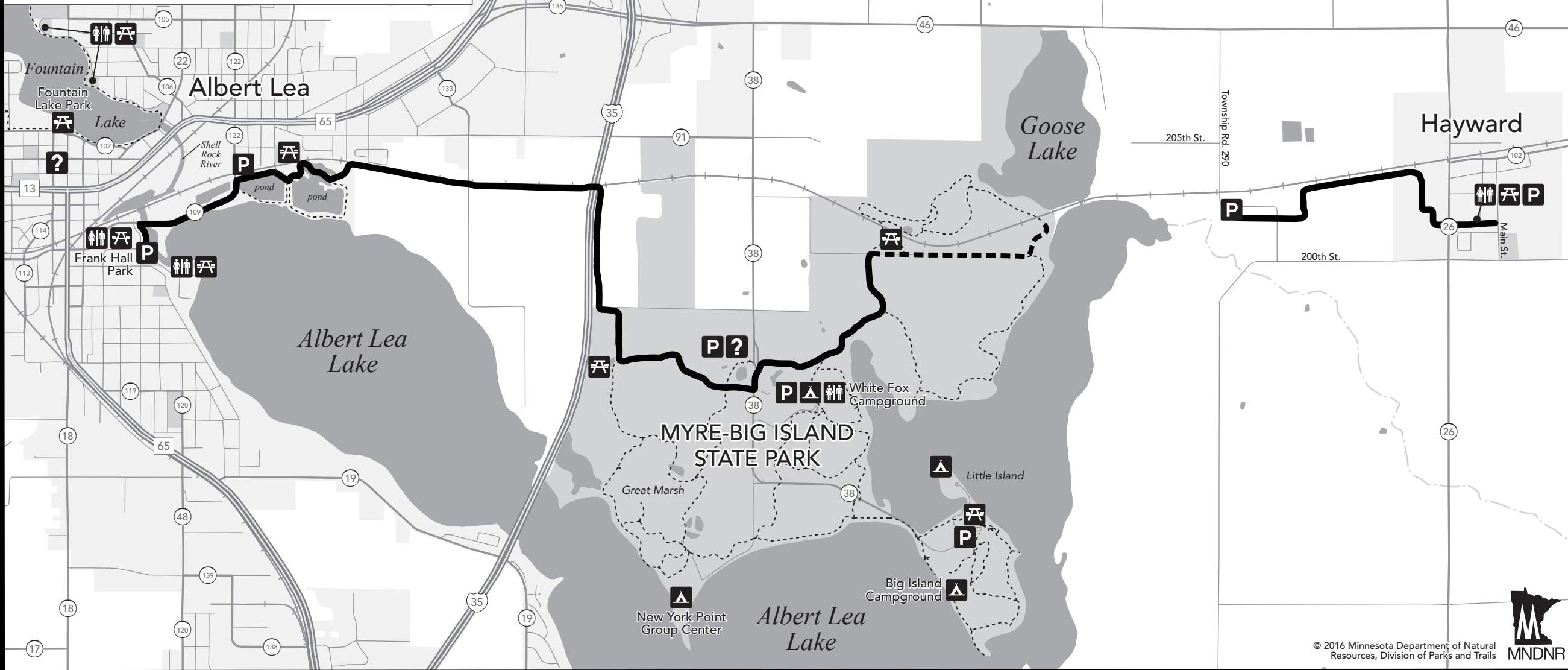
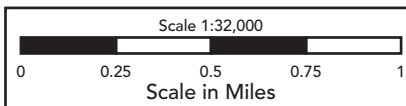


## TRAILS

- Blazing Star State Trail (paved)
- Blazing Star State Trail (unpaved)
- Other Trails (paved or unpaved)



## FACILITIES



## Parking Available:

\* Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

- In Albert Lea, at the Frank Hall Park or East Front Street trailheads.
- In Myre-Big Island State Park at the Visitor Center, Big Island and White Fox Campground.
- West of Hayward at the trailhead on Township Rd. 290.
- In Hayward at the city trailhead on West Street.

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# BLAZING STAR STATE TRAIL

Freeborn and Mower Counties



The Blazing Star State Trail runs from Albert Lea Lake in Albert Lea through Myre-Big Island State Park. When completed, the Blazing Star State Trail will connect Albert Lea and Austin via Myre-Big Island State Park and Hayward.

Currently, six miles are constructed between the city of Albert Lea and Myre-Big Island State Park. This trail also connects to Albert Lea's city trail system. Another 1.5 miles are built between the city of Hayward and Township Road 290. Once the trail reaches Austin, it will connect to Austin's city trail system, as well as the Shooting Star State Trail.

Trail users will enjoy views of rural landscapes along the entire trail. Myre-Big Island State Park affords the opportunity to experience a diversity of natural environments including wetlands, oak savanna, big woods and prairie. The park is considered one of the many great birding spots in southern Minnesota, especially during spring and fall migration.

## Share the Trail with Others:

- Stay on designated trail.
- Keep right so others can pass.
- Keep all pets on leash/Dispose of pet waste.
- Obey traffic signs and rules.
- Pack out all garbage and litter.
- Respect adjoining landowners rights and privacy.
- Warn other trail users when passing by giving an audible signal.
- Overnight camping and campfires are permitted only on designated campsites. Do not leave campfires unattended.
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants & animals, but leave them undisturbed for all to enjoy.
- Trail users are legally responsible for obeying the rules and regulations provided in Minnesota Rules, 6100.3000.



blazing star flower



Albert Lea Lake at Myre-Big Island State Park

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