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Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Center

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To get a glimpse of the multiple habitats within the Minnesota Valley take a hike on the Hillside trail just outside the Bloomington Visitor Center. The half-mile loop trail will take you through prairie, hillside forest, and wetlands. Ask for the Songbird Trail Pack at the information desk to learn about the birds that use the Refuge. One may also enjoy a panoramic view of Long Meadow Lake on our observation platform.



The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Bloomington Visitor Center

Fort Snelling State Park

Located in the heart of the Twin Cities, this park offers extensive hiking, bike and ski trails that link to Minnehaha Park and the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The park has 18 miles of hiking trail, 5 miles of surfaced bike trail and 10 miles of mountain bike trail. Canoe on Gun Club Lake, play golf, swim in Snelling Lake, or hike on Pike Island where the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers converge. Interpretive exhibits and films on display in the Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center give visitors a good background on the history and resources of the park and area. Trails also allow visitors to hike up to the historic Fort Snelling for a view of military life in the 1820s. This is a day-use only park. Day Pass