

THE BEST Hiking Trails IN THE TWIN CITIES

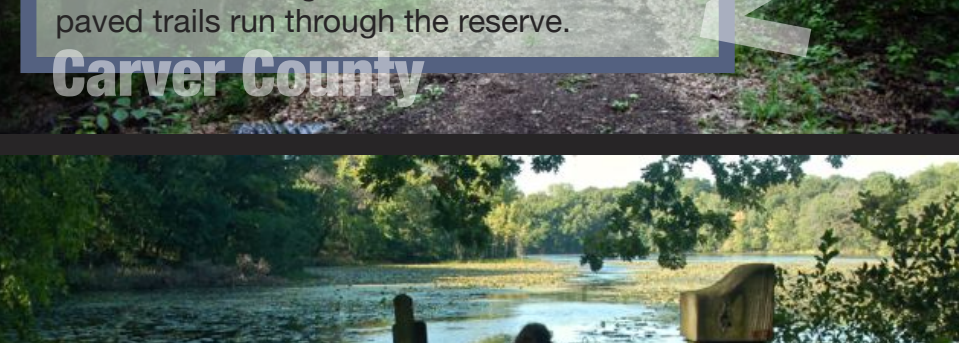
Minnesota's Twin Cities host hundreds of miles of hiking trails. Many are paved, but many more are traditional, natural-surface trails...

(And most of these are open to hikers and snowshoers during the winter!)

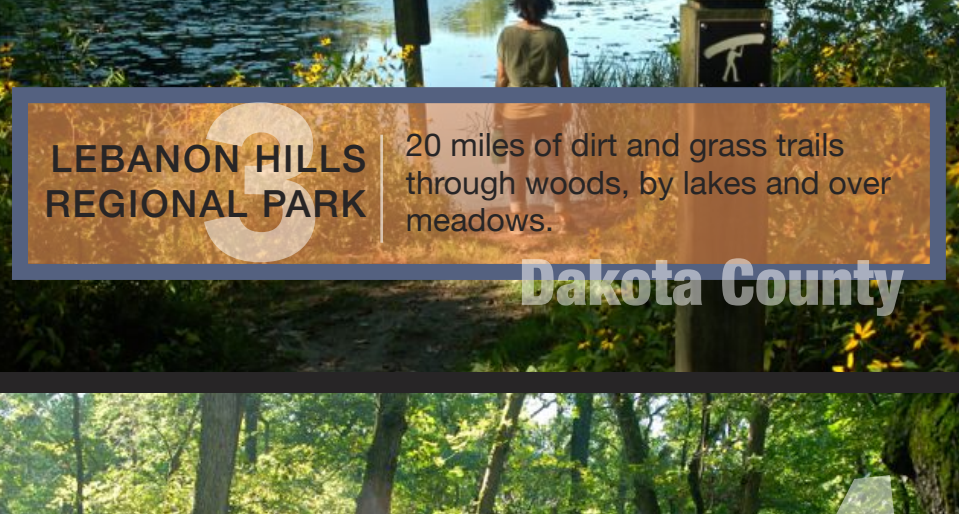
Here is Twin Cities Outdoors' list of the top 12 hiking trail systems in the metro area...



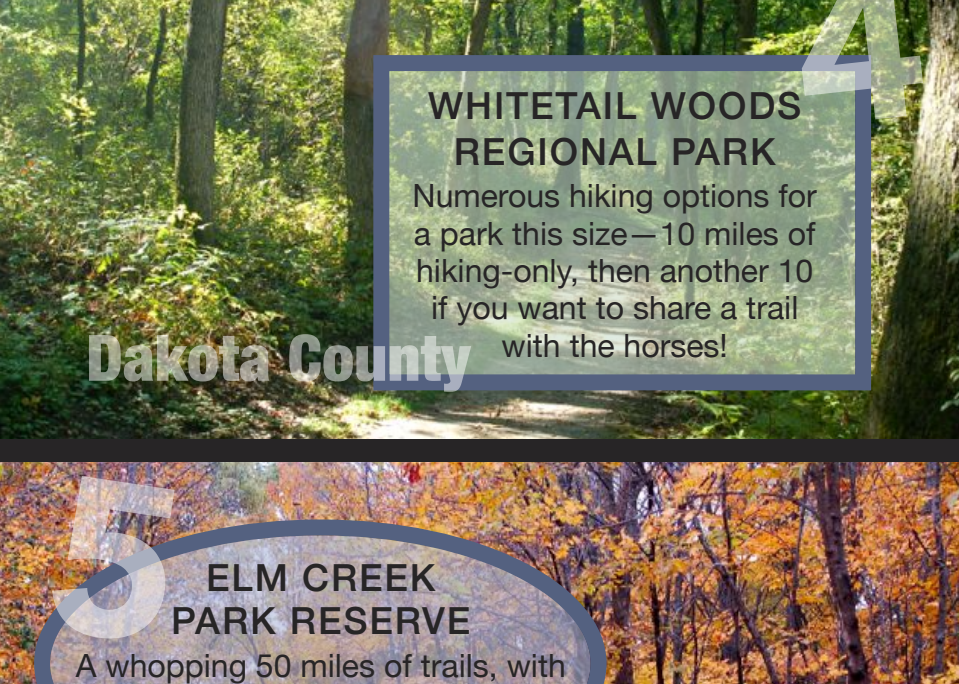
1 BUNKER HILLS REGIONAL PARK
12 miles of trails weave their way through woods, along marshes and over oak savanna, paved, natural-surface and boardwalk.
Anoka County



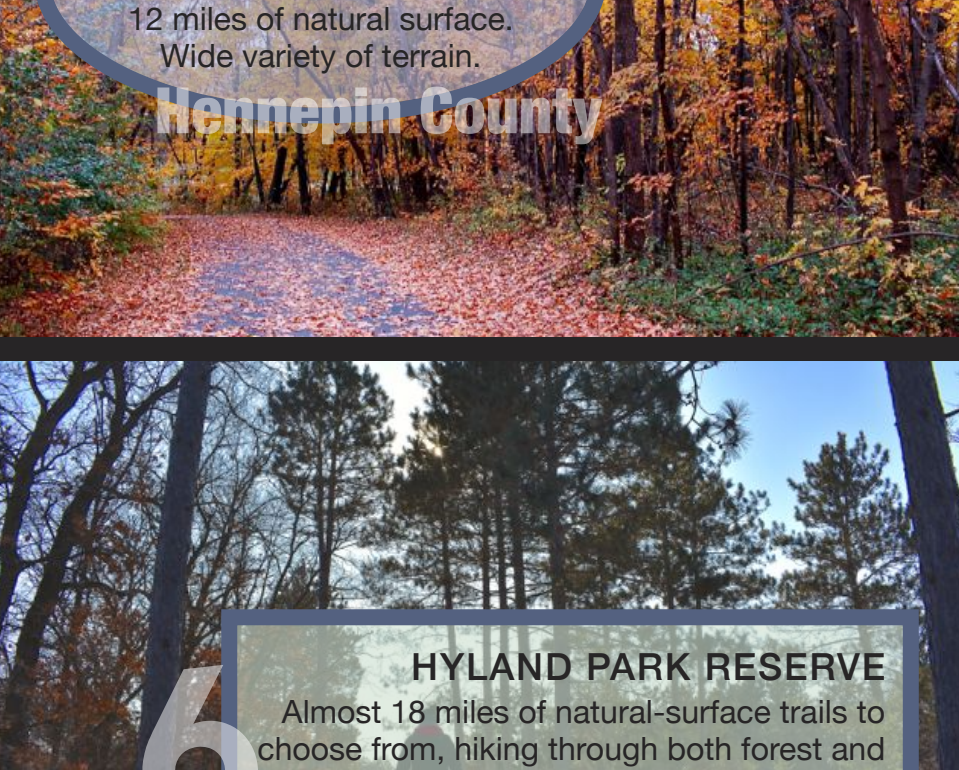
2 CARVER PARK RESERVE
5 miles of dirt and grass trails through forest, wetland and along lakes. Another 30 miles of paved trails run through the reserve.
Carver County



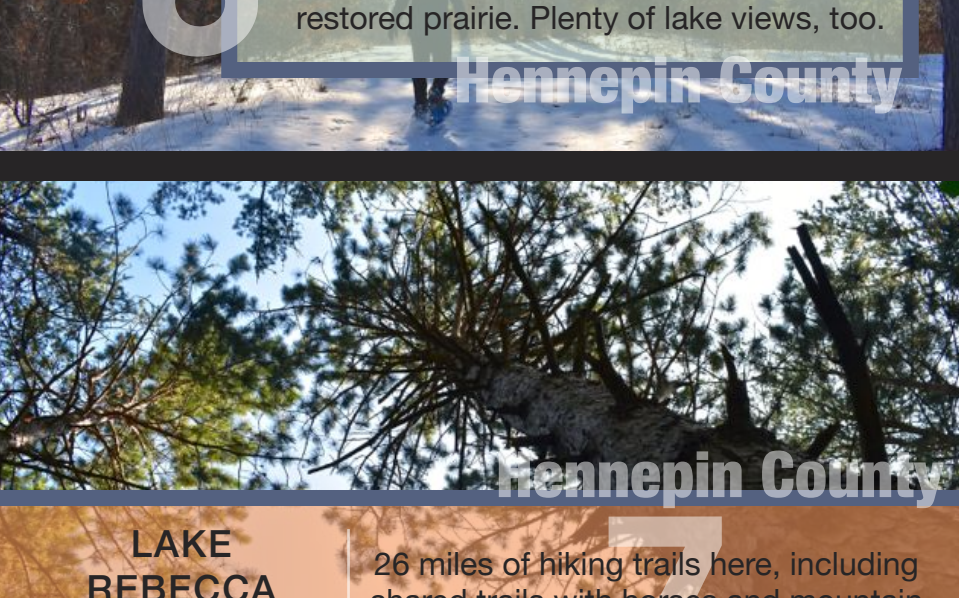
3 LEBANON HILLS REGIONAL PARK
20 miles of dirt and grass trails through woods, by lakes and over meadows.
Dakota County



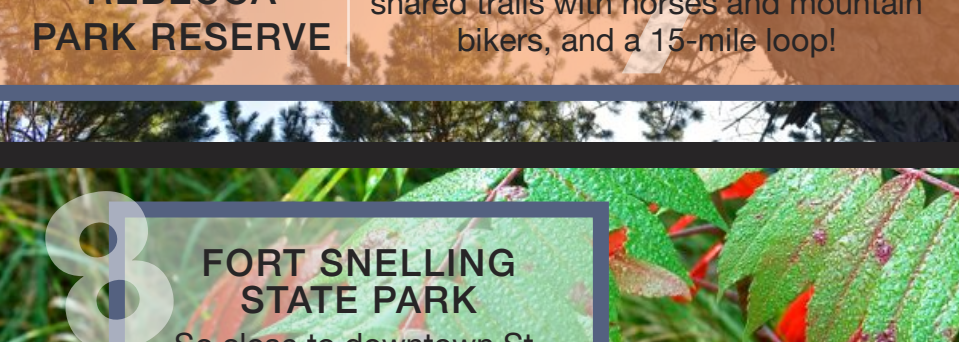
4 WHITETAIL WOODS REGIONAL PARK
Numerous hiking options for a park this size—10 miles of hiking-only, then another 10 if you want to share a trail with the horses!
Dakota County



5 ELM CREEK PARK RESERVE
A whopping 50 miles of trails, with 12 miles of natural surface. Wide variety of terrain.
Hennepin County



6 HYLAND PARK RESERVE
Almost 18 miles of natural-surface trails to choose from, hiking through both forest and restored prairie. Plenty of lake views, too.
Hennepin County



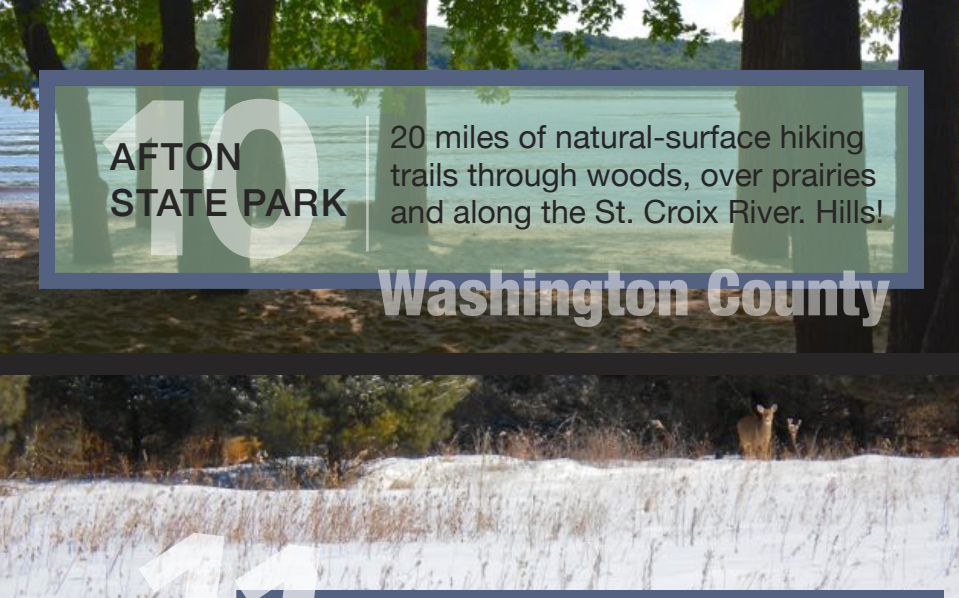
7 LAKE REBECCA PARK RESERVE
26 miles of hiking trails here, including shared trails with horses and mountain bikers, and a 15-mile loop!
Hennepin County



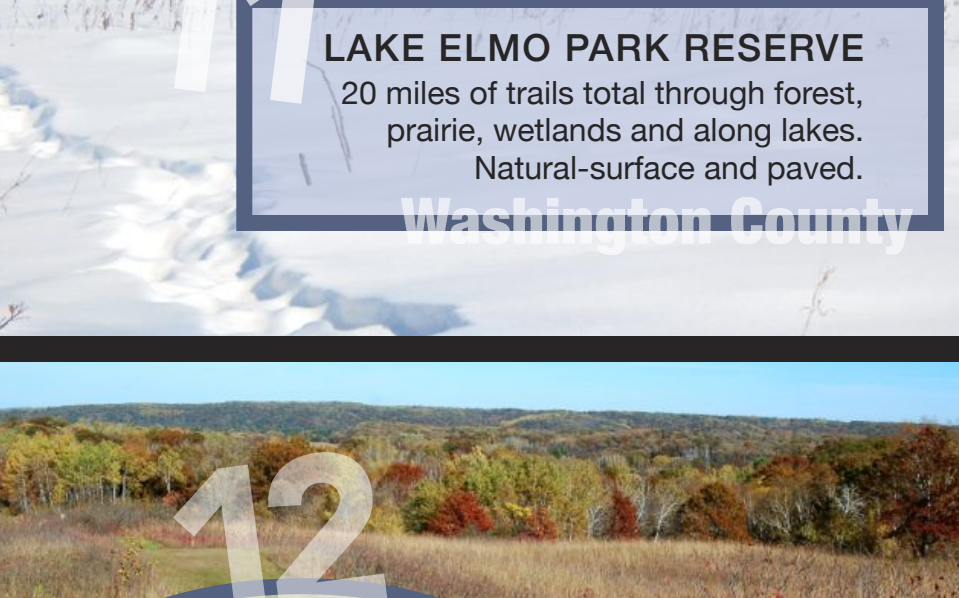
8 FORT SNELLING STATE PARK
So close to downtown St. Paul, and yet so secluded. Over 20 miles of natural-surface trails here.
Ramsey County



9 MURPHY-HANREHAN PARK RESERVE
More than 21 miles of natural-surface trails with lots of hills and lots of birds.
Scott County



10 AFTON STATE PARK
20 miles of natural-surface hiking trails through woods, over prairies and along the St. Croix River. Hills!
Washington County



11 LAKE ELMO PARK RESERVE
20 miles of trails total through forest, prairie, wetlands and along lakes. Natural-surface and paved.
Washington County



12 WILLIAM O'BRIEN STATE PARK
12 miles of turf and dirt hiking trails. Challenging hills, forest, open prairie and wetlands.
Washington County

BONUS MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE | Bordering several counties, MVNWR offers 34 miles of hiking through forests and wetlands along the Minnesota River.



Want even MORE hiking options?

- 48-page PDF Guide
- All the state, regional and county parks in the metro area
- Dog-friendly trails & parks
- Winter hiking & running and more

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