



2023 Legislative Priority:

# Capital Investments in Minnesota's Parks and Trails

Historically, Minnesota has not invested sufficient resources to manage and maintain the capital assets within parks and trails at an acceptable condition for sustained use. As a result, the deferred maintenance backlog continues to grow. Using a combination of the state surplus, bonding and the federal infrastructure package, we're advocating for \$100+ million to restore and preserve Minnesota's special places.



**Invest \$100 +million** to restore State Parks and Trails



**Boost local economies and create jobs**



**Preserve Special Places**



**DNR State Park or Trail Priority Project**

See backside for details. Only selected projects are displayed on map.



**Community-Driven Project**

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\* Based on MnDNR's 10-Year Capital Asset Need Report

## Park Buildings and Accessibility

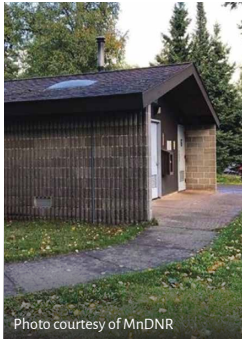


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  **\$30.5 million**

Renovate and update park facilities in crisis or poor condition. Priority projects include accessibility improvements at William O'Brien State Park and Fort Snelling State Park, including renovations of bathrooms, showers, campsites, trails and day-use facilities to serve visitors with a variety of physical abilities.

## Campground Renovations



Jan Lasar / MNTrails

 **\$16 million**

Renovate state park campgrounds to meet current public safety and ADA accessibility standards and changing recreational needs. DNR manages over 5,000 campsites, many of which are over 50 years old. Priority parks in need of renovations include Sibley, Frontenac, Itasca, Beaver Creek Valley and Old Mill.

## Water and Wastewater Systems



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 **\$13 million**

Restore and upgrade state park water and wastewater systems. Many of these systems are outmoded and present significant safety, operational and maintenance challenges. High priority projects include Fort Snelling State Park, Itasca State Park, and Myre-Big Island State Park.

## State Park and Trail Bridges



Steve Young / P&TC

 **\$14 million**

Repair and replace bridges in poor condition as identified on DNR's bridge list. Many of the bridges in the state park system are past their useful life. A prime example is the 100 year-old vehicle entrance bridge at Tettegouche State Park, which requires temporary closures and ongoing weight restrictions due to safety hazards.

## Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park

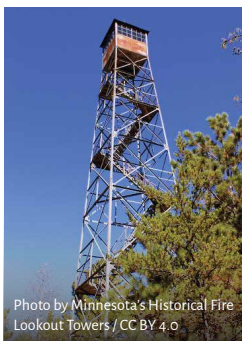


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    **\$12 million**

Development of Lake Vermilion - Soudan Underground Mine State Park, including construction of the Lake Lodge Visitor Center, design of the South Vermilion Ridge Campground, rehabilitation of the fire tower, design of additional hiking and biking trails, and design and construction of a renewable energy project.

## State Park Road Rehabilitation



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 **\$6 million**

Rehabilitate state park roads and culverts on DNR's priority list to provide safe, easy access to parks, campgrounds and trailheads. DNR is responsible for thousands of miles of roads within the state park system, many of which are deteriorated. Park roads typically have an expected useful life between 15 and 25 years.

## State Trail Rehabilitation (HF 491 & SF 1218)



Karl Hedlund / P&TC

 **\$9.6 million**

Rehabilitate poor sections of paved bicycle trail in the state trail system. Our 2018-2019 *State of the Trails Report* documented the condition of the 600+ mile paved state trail system and laid out the importance of regular trail upkeep. Current priority repairs include segments of the Glacial Lakes Trail, Paul Bunyan Trail and Munger Trail.

## State Park and Trail Land Acquisition



Photo courtesy of Don Olson

 **\$4 million**

Strategically acquire critical parcels and in-holdings for state parks and recreation areas, state trails, and public water accesses, with priority given to parcels that protect pristine natural resources, enhance recreational opportunities and access, and promote efficient management of public lands.