

2012 50+ Hiking Club

Hikes start at 9:30 a.m.

Bus Hikes leave from Sears on Rice Street at 9:30 and will include a stop for lunch. All directions use downtown St. Paul as the starting point, unless noted. Please adjust as necessary.

- April 18 North Dale Recreation Center, 1414 N. St. Albans. Depending on weather, we will either hike the neighborhood or on the walking track. Take Highway 94 to Dale, go north past Wheelock. Turn left on Arlington and left on St. Albans.
- April 25 Maplewood Library. Take Highway 35E north to Highway 36. Go east on 36 to Highway 61. Go north on 61 to Beam, turn right. Go about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to Southlawn, turn left. Go about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the library - on the left. For those that would like, we have arranged a short tour of the library after the hike. (Weather alternate, Maplewood Mall north side – inside the lower level entrance between Sears and Penneys)
- May 2 Central Park (weather alternate, Rosedale Mall). 35E north to 36. Go west to Lexington. Go north on Lexington about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the park entrance on the right
- May 9 Sucker Creek. Take 35E north to 694 west to Rice Street exit. Go north on Rice to the intersection of Rice and Gramsie. Turn right to stay on Rice Street. Follow Rice north for 2 more blocks. Turn right on County Road F. Go about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the park entrance on the left.
- May 16 Bus Hike: Afton State Park. Meet at Sears on Rice Street. Cost \$8 for transportation. After the hike, there will be a stop for lunch. The cost of lunch is on your own. Register at least one week in advance.
- May 23 Linwood Recreation Center neighborhood. Meet at Linwood Rec Ctr, 860 St. Clair at Victoria. Take 35E south to St. Clair. Go west on St. Clair to the Rec Center entrance on the left.
- May 30 (lunch)* Thompson Park in W. St. Paul. Take Highway 52 south to the Butler exit. Turn right. Go a few blocks to the entrance on the left. The park entrance is called Stassen Lane (if you were to turn right there it is called Sperl Street.) Follow Stassen Lane to the parking lot.
- June 6 Crocus Hill Meet in Cochrane Park (Western and Summit Avenues). Find street parking in the neighborhood – be mindful of any posted parking restrictions.
- June 13 Eloise Butler Wild Flower Gardens, 1339 Theodore Wirth Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55422. Highway 94 west to 394 west (exit 231A). Take exit 7 for Hennepin County 2/Penn Ave. Turn right, go about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Turn left onto Glenwood Ave, go about 1 mile. Turn left onto Theodore Wirth Pkwy. Park is on the right, Carpooling is suggested as most parking is metered or requires an annual pass. Hourly cost is 75 cents to \$1.50/hour.
- June 20 Bus Hike – O'Brien State Park Meet at Sears on Rice Street. Cost \$8 for transportation. After the hike, there will be a stop for lunch. The cost of lunch is on your own. Register at least one week in advance.
- June 27 Phalen Potluck. 35E north to Wheelock Parkway / Larpenteur. Turn right. As you cross Arcade/61 you enter the park. At the 3-way stop, turn left. Go to the 3rd parking lot on the right – meet at the picnic pavilion. There is a walk-in cooler and electricity to plug in slow cookers.
- July 4 No Hike – Independence Day
- July 11 (lunch)* White Bear Trail. Take 35E north to 96. Go east to 61. Turn left. 61 and 96 run together through the town of White Bear. When you get north of White Bear, turn right to stay on 96. Park in the beach parking lot on the right.

- July 18 Bus Hike - Chanhassen Arboretum: Meet at Sears on Rice St. Cost \$16 for transportation and admission. You may purchase lunch at the Arboretum restaurant or bring your own bag lunch and eat outdoors. Register at least one week in advance.
- July 25 Mac Groveland Alley Garden Hike. Meeting location to be announced.
- August 1 (lunch)* Battle Creek, Upper Afton and McKnight. 94 east to McKnight south. At Upper Afton, turn left. Go to the first park entrance on the left. Park in the lot. We'll walk to the park on the south side of Upper Afton (near the dog park), but return to the north side for lunch.
- August 8 Summit Avenue. Meet in the parking lot of Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Avenue at Cambridge.
- August 15 Bus Hike Hastings. Meet at Sears on Rice Street. Cost \$8 for transportation. After the hike, there will be a stop for lunch. The cost of lunch is on your own. Register at least one week in advance.
- August 22 Swede Hollow. Meet in the parking lot on 7th and Payne Ave. Take 7th St. east to Payne Avenue. After you pass through the light, turn right into the parking lot.
- August 29 Beaver Lake. 94 east to McKnight, go north. At Stillwater Ave, turn left. Go a few blocks to Nokomis turn right. Turn right again on Case. Case will end and force you to turn left, which is Edgewater. Follow Edgewater to the entrance of the park on the right, which is where Magnolia would cross.
- Sept. 5 (lunch)* Keller Park. Meet in the parking lot closest to Roselawn. 35E north to 36 east to 61 south. Go past County Road B and past the first 3 parking lots. Park in the 3rd lot (the one with the restrooms). If you come from the south, you will have to pass the entrance and find a place further north to do a U-turn.
- Sept. 12 High Bridge. Meet at the big green chair on the north end of the bridge. Take 7th Street west to Smith, turn left. Look for street parking on Goodrich, Cliff or the other neighborhood streets.
- Sept. 19 Mystery Hike by bus. Meet at Sears on Rice Street. Cost \$8 for transportation. After the hike, there will be a stop for lunch. The cost of lunch is on your own. Register at least one week in advance.
- Sept. 26 S. St. Paul Stockyards. Meet at the Burger King on Concord Street and Grand Avenue in South St. Paul. Take 52 south to the Concord St. exit. Turn left and follow into S. St. Paul.
- Oct. 3 Newell Park Cookout is located on Fairview Avenue and Pierce Butler Route. 94 W to Dale, go north about 1 mile. Turn left on Minnehaha, then right on Pierce-Butler Route. Follow Pierce-Butler past Snelling to Fairview. Turn left onto Fairview and left into park.
- Oct. 10 State Fair Grounds. Meet on Cooper Street north of Dan Patch.
- Oct. 17 Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary. 7th and Payne (see directions for Swede Hollow)
- Oct. 24 Tangle Town / Macalester From Snelling and Grand, go west 1 block to Macalester Street and turn left. Meet in the parking lot at Macalester-Plymouth United Church on Lincoln Ave. and Macalester St.
- Oct. 31 Halloween, wear a costume, if you dare! Maplewood Mall – inside the lower level entrance between Sears and Penneys)

* Lunch will again be provided by Pathways on the Park. Contact Mary (651-266-6447 / mary.livingston@ci.stpaul.mn.us) one week in advance to reserve a lunch.

Unless an alternate location is listed – if it rains we will meet at Rosedale Mall. Park on the north side of the mall and enter through the main entrance next to the Green Mill (east of Penneys). If you are unsure whether or not we will hike outdoors or indoors, call 651-266-6447 after 8:30 a.m. the morning of the hike.