Hidden Falls - Crosby Farm Regional Park Master Plan

How often do you visit Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Regional Park?

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Answered 930
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How do you typically get to Hidden Falls - Crosby Farm Regional Park?

Respondents
- Drive: 48.2%
- Bike: 30.3%
- Walk/Run: 17.1%
- Public Transportation: 0.1%
- Boat: 0.8%
- Other (please specify): 3.6%

Respondents
- 1 Oct 30 2018 drive, bike, run
- 2 Oct 26 2018 Never been
- 3 Oct 18 2018 school bus
- 4 Oct 18 2018 School Bus
- 5 Oct 18 2018 School bus
- 6 Oct 18 2018 bus
- 7 Oct 18 2018 School bus or car
- 8 Oct 18 2018 School bus
- 9 Oct 18 2018 School bus
- 10 Oct 18 2018 School Bus
- 11 Oct 18 2018 school bus
- 12 Oct 18 2018 school bus
- 13 Oct 18 2018 School Bus
- 14 Oct 18 2018 School Bus
15 Oct 18 2018 1: school bus
16 Oct 18 2018 1: school bus
17 Oct 17 2018 0: I drive with family, bike on my own.
18 Oct 10 2018 0: Drive or bike
19 Oct 05 2018 1: Drive bike or run
20 Oct 02 2018 0: drive, walk, run, bike
21 Oct 02 2018 1: Scooter
22 Oct 02 2018 1: I drive, walk, boat and bike to the park.
23 Oct 01 2018 0: school bus

drive, walk should offer option for multiple answers
24 Sep 29 2018 0
25 Sep 28 2018 0 Typically bike to Crosby, drive to Hidden Falls

I have biked nearby and possibly walked my dog at
26 Sep 27 2018 0 Hidden Falls once but access is very difficult

Crosby: I either walk, take the bus, or get a ride (car). ALSO please note that #1 options don't cover me- the first is "More than once a week" and the second is "Every few weeks". I'm usually there 3 times a month, sometimes 4.
27 Sep 27 2018 0
28 Sep 27 2018 0 bike and drive
29 Sep 18 2018 0 I've never been there
Never been but I would have to drive from Faribault and I would for mountain bike trails. I'd also be eating in the area when I come.
30 Sep 18 2018 0
31 Sep 18 2018 1 Don't go
32 Sep 18 2018 1 Never been
33 Sep 11 2018 0 motorcycle
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What do you like best about Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Regional Park?

Answered 902
Skipped 38

Respondents | Response Date | Responses
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1 | Nov 01 2018 0000 | It's a slice of nature right on my doorstep. I just moved here from Nebraska and love how close it is to my home in West 7th.
2 | Oct 31 2018 0000 | Nature, feels far from the city
3 | Oct 31 2018 0000 | River Access
4 | Oct 31 2018 0000 | Ice climbing
5 | Oct 31 2018 0000 | We love the quiet unspoiled woodlands. It's the most 'natural' of parks and it's near where we live.
6 | Oct 31 2018 0000 | River access, availability of unimproved trails, proximity of the river and the forest, particularly the trees with the skeleton like roots along the river shore
7 | Oct 30 2018 0000 | I’m a disabled Iraq War Vet and go to Crosby Park every day as a quiet sanctuary to get away from the busy city. I’d like to say that I might be the most frequented visitor to the park (along with my two dogs)! I firmly believe that this park is the best hidden gem in the entire twin cities. On the busiest, perfect summer Sunday, one could go to Crosby Park to walk the secret trails... and not see a single person! Which is so important for our Vets,
8 | Oct 30 2018 0000 | teenagers, and anyone else seeking solitude.
9 | Oct 30 2018 0000 | The quiet by the river.
10 | Oct 30 2018 0000 | The plants in the marsh area
11 | Oct 30 2018 0000 | Good St. Paul option for trails
12 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | Access to river and waterfalls.
13 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | Trees
14 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | Quiet views of the river, secret hideaways
15 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | HOMERS ODYSSEY
16 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | lovely natural space, doesn't feel like you are in the city anymore
17 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | The sacred space it occupies for Ojibwe people and our weekly water ceremony.
18 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | its proximity to the Mississippi River
19 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | It's quiet and separated from the developed parts of the city
20 | Oct 29 2018 0000 | It's remote feeling. The river bank
21 | Oct 28 2018 0000 | It's peacefulness and proximity
22 | Oct 28 2018 0000 | Quiet trails
23 | Oct 28 2018 0000 | Wilderness in the City
Ice climbing, walking, and the river access
River shore access
Close to home
Trails to run through the floodplain forest
Waterfall ice climbing, hiking, trail running.
The views of the bluff
Seclusion
A great place to access the river in the heart of the twin cities!
Ice climbing in the twin cities!
Lots of trails for biking/running
Secluded Trails. Information kiosk with cool aerial photo
Ice climbing
Ice Climbing
accessibility
Great biking destination in the summer but would love to have ice climbing in the winter.
Ice climbing in winter
Ice climbing
The river
River access.
Close by, free
You hardly know it’s there yet it’s in the heart of the city
Accesable and cloae
Winter Ice climbing
Location
never been there
The trails, it feels like the wilderness but it’s right nearby
Nature
Winter ice flows
accessable
Marina
Marina
Isolated, undeveloped. A small bit of "wilderness" in an urban setting.
Trails for running and the boat launch for access to the Mississippi by kayak
Ice climbing
Running around the trails
Ice climbing
Density of trees, Birds, Critters
Paths along the river
The feeling that I’m in nature, not in the city
Great to run in. Mature trees
Back lakes trail
The flora

Location, mix of trails, the ponds/lakes and river so close to the trails makes for great lookouts and views.

The woods and the bike trail

The trails and nature along the river in the middle of the city.

Quiet, peaceful, secluded, not too busy

Access to the river, hidden falls, bike trails

Its gorgeous

Feeling in the woods, away from people

The picnic area, walking paths.

Wildish space in the city

The unpaved side paths, it feels like real isolation from the city, especially in Crosby Farm

The tranquility.

The enormous trees

Ice climbing in winter, walks in the fall.

Biking

The variety of trails!

Scenic, hidden, sunken, quiet

River and privacy

Nature in the city

The great running trails and scenery.

Quiet peaceful environment in the heart of the city

Proximity to the Mississippi River
It's a quiet, natural world in the middle of a big city. I like the connection with the river and how the river changes from week to week. The natural setting is accessible by bike trails! The paths are perfect for bike and foot, fairly well maintained. Natural beauty accessible by bike or on foot, fairly well located. The trails and how it feels like you are out of the city. How 'untouched' it is. Wilderness setting. Lots of woods/habitat, nice picnicking, watching the river. The trails never been. Beauty, variety of trails (paved and unpaved). There are great trails, but I would like some single track for running. Close access to a non-car traffic running setting. It's usually relatively quiet. Peaceful urban oasis. It's quiet. It's in St. Paul, so it's close to me. It has multiple bio-zones in a small area including wetlands, prairie, woods and river and many parts are wheelchair accessible. Proximity to the Mississippi River. Hiking trails and not so crowded, peaceful views. The winding, woodsy paths & stretches along water. The natural beauty and the lack of crowds. Mississippi River and bike trails. secluded, lack of people. even when it is busy, any small dirt paths make sure you don't see them. The owls and the other wildlife. Scenery. the solitude and natural surroundings. Quiet, natural. Dog friendly.
All the trees, natural growth and wildlife which offer a beautiful & quiet escape from the cities.

access to the river, and easy to find quiet spaces away from other people.

It's an oaisys in the city

Nature reserve-like environment (Crosby)

Secluded trails for hiking near the river

walking my dog

Fishing

Being in a natural place and seeing the river rise and fall over the year.

Limited development, quiet, river access

I love walking in the woods and along the river breathing the fresh air. I also like the great variety of landscapes at Crosby.

The trees draping over the water. It's fun to climb around in.

Boat launch at Hidden Falls

I like how it is a fall

I really like the Minnesota environment. It's also really cool to be in the same place that the Native Americans lived for thousands of years.

I like the boardwalk

going to the lake/bordwalk

I like the differences between the lakes, forest, bluff, and river

Standing by the lake in the pier of the lake.

I really like seeing how nature changes throughout the year.

I really like being by the river, lake, and bluff. I like all of it.

I like the forest and the lake

chillin

The Leaves

I like walking down by the lake.

I like the bluff

The beach on the river

never bine there

Ungroomed nature. It's the most readily accessible natural area in the city.

It's location

That there are not a lot of people

The location along the river

nature and beauty

Near the river

Feels tucked away from roads-a city... love being right on the river & heading the river
The natural habitat, seclusion and beauty
How close it is to main roads, but it feels very secluded
That it is near the river
Nature
The beautiful trail and the firepit and picnic area. Also the dock.
relatively undeveloped forest and river banks
The woods, trails, paths beauty away from the City but in the City
Access to the river, nice views and wildlife sightings, nice trails
Quiet, Woods with paths, undeveloped beaches
River access
Natural areas that haven't been developed to death
I like the sections that have been restored to native Prairie and native forest--its a rare place to see a plethora of native plant species. I also love the combination of small winding paths that feel hidden and the nice paved bike trails. This is also a favorite spot to walk the dog.
Location and well developed trail system.
The Sandy Beach and climbing trees.
it's quiet and has nice facilities right in the middle of such a rustic park
Easy access to the park from our home in Lilydale
The big cottonwoods and their roots, the massive water flow, the dog park on the west bank, picnicing and the ebb and flow of water level.
Natural resources based park in the urban core
Turtles, native prairie, forest area, biking and walking paths, lake,
river
The woods/Forrest
Biking hiking trails with beach for kids to play on
The bird and animal life in the natural areas.
View of only trees and water - no buildings or other things to distract me
Isolation and feeling of being in the forest.
A refuge in the city, a natural park with hidden wonders and great paths and trails. My favorite is the elevated path below Shepard Road, which hardly anyone knows about.
relative lack of development
Several trails
The fact that Crosby Farm Regional Park is not very 'managed,'
it's in a fairly wild state and thus is full of wildlife.
The primitive parts.

Amenities that Watergate Marina offers for boaters

Natural space by the river for walking

Mississippi River

Trails through the forest to the River

Location and trails

The woods and the walking trails

Hiking trails and quiet beachfront

the natural feel

Beautiful trails, natural setting, lake and river.

Being able to access the peace and beauty of the woods just a few minutes away from my home in the city.

Natural beauty

Connecting bike trails, river access

solitude, nature

Natural feel of trees and river bank.

The river

The beautiful trails along the river and through the woods. The trails along river, boardwalk at Crosby, skipping rocks at Hidden Falls, walking up the creek to Hidden Falls, overlooks, fishing Readily accessible nature & the river

We usually walk to the falls and then river to hang out. Once in a while we bike through the park.

Mix of woods and river

My boat is docked at Watergate Marina and it’s a very natural setting within an urban location.

The river!

Trail along river and the big staircase down into the part, just off of the trail along River Road

Throwing rocks in the water

That it is minimally built, keeping the shore & surrounding woods mostly wild.

It’s beauty and accessibility

The quietness of the trails. It can feel like you are far outside of the city, even though you are in the middle of one.

The nature and wildlife that are no longer present

Quiet solitude

huge trees

River, woods and Hidden Falls. Trails

paths and access to the river

River access. Safe place away from traffic for my sons to ride their bikes and to throw rocks into the river. Nice to see wildlife.
Birds, deer, wildlife.

I love its proximity to the river.

That I can walk along the river.

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Walking along the river. Proximity to my home. Trails.

It’s a gem of a park.

Unspoiled. Not paved and landscaped to death.

Proximity to River; wildlife; walking/biking trails

Low traffic bike paths

Open space and travel through City away from the busy streets.

I love that I can get into a forest/wild setting just steps from my urban neighborhood. Access to this park and the river were a major reason I bought a home in the Highland Neighborhood. I run here several times a week and get great joy and stress relief

Bare Bones, bringing my mom who is 89 & with Alzheimer’s...she loves to sit in the car in the boat launch and watch the water...at hidden falls, Crosby is not accessible and that irks me, and it irks me to sit in the boat launch ramp but it’s also fun

Natural and quiet

Big Trees, awesome trails, QUIET!

Limited access

Proximity to River; wild life; walking/biking trails

Unspoiled. Not paved and landscaped to death.

Dirt trails for winter fat-biking.

Never crowded

Beautiful places for kids to play and stay busy in nature.

Low traffic bike paths

It is a beautiful escape from the city without the drive. Highlighting the natural features of the Twin Cities and the Mississippi river

The trails

Boat ramp to access the river.

The quiet wilderness along the river and lake.

Walking trails are good except in winter.

Scenery

It feels like you are not in the city

There are lots of trail options And it’s not too crowded

Natural beauty

The quietness away from the city feeling I get on the trails

Woods in the city

Variety of terrain, easy to get to, down by the river

Open space and travel through City away from the busy streets.

from being in a forested area.
The trails and how remote it feels even though you are in Saint Paul.

The ability to be so close to the river along with seeing people using the surrounding area for their enjoyment of nature.

The history and natural geography.

Trees, solitude, access to the river.

How "wild" it is and yet accessible.

Getting out of sight of the city, it's peaceful.

It's remoteness, that it's off the beaten path.

Getting away from the city.

Its protected area, natural setting, no cars.

Boat launch.

the beautiful trails, the trees.

Undeveloped, wild.

The natural setting for walking and biking.

It is a relatively natural habitat right in the city. Unfortunately noisy from the airport but still natural.

The falls.

bikes trails.

Water access and beach area.

Off the road trails through the forest, views of the river.

Unpaved river bottom trails.

That it feels un managed.

location.

River, quiet.

scenic river views.

unique, relaxing, interesting, variety.

Quiet, lots of trails, close to home.

The history, the paths and access to the river.

The feeling of being in the country yet being in the middle of the city.

Large numbers of trees being left to grow in nature.

Quiet forest within the city.

Nature so close to the city. Easy access to river and tree views.

Running and walking the trails.

Access to good running trails.

Trails.

Falls.

Beautiful walking and running trails.
Trails, proximity to the river, feeling of being in the wilderness despite being in the city, the variety of wildlife including birds, year round accessibility, pet friendly.

Natural beauty, throwback to history, relatively un-developed.

Parking

It feels remote but is so close to the city.

The trail being close to the river.

Trails

Hidden gem; good paths

Location, not many visitors on the trail

Beautiful scenery

The peacefulness, the sense of being deep in the woods, the lake.

with the dock and lily pads.

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The cool, shaded trails in Crosby

It’s the most wild place in the city.

Feels off the beaten path, like I’m in the country when the city is so close by. It’s serene and beautiful.

I like how secluded it feels from the city. It is quiet and used, but you still feel as if you’re getting away. The trails provide a view of multiple ecosystems while maintaining the integrity for the animals who live there.

It is quiet, multi purpose, available parking, dog friendly and great for fishing.

It is nature in the city. I can walk, bike, ski, in beautiful surroundings.

It's ungroomed, natural state near the river, in the city, 10 min from my house.

woods and wildlife, bike trails, the big river

Undeveloped natural areas.

Feels like your Up North but in the city. Love the trails and nature for walks.
345 Oct 04 2018 1: Natural beauty, ability to walk along the river.
346 Oct 04 2018 1: It's on the river

Able to go on long, rambling explorations with my children and/or dog. The various different ecosystems all close together at
347 Oct 04 2018 1: Crosby Farms -- river, ponds, low lying woodlands.
348 Oct 04 2018 1: Being in the forest, in the quiet, touching the river

349 Oct 04 2018 0: Wildlife, not commercial old growth (close to it) wilderness in city
350 Oct 04 2018 0: It's undeveloped
351 Oct 04 2018 0: The birds

The fact that it is natural. I feel like I am in the north wood, but
352 Oct 04 2018 0: Still in Downtown St Paul.
353 Oct 04 2018 0: Walking amongst the trees along the riverway.
354 Oct 04 2018 0: Oasis of quiet in the middle of the city

That I can get a feeling of being completely in nature so close to
355 Oct 03 2018 0: My home in the city of St Paul

356 Oct 03 2018 0: Natural forest setting, with both paved and more rugged trails.

It's close to our home. It's rather quiet and not so crowded. It's
357 Oct 03 2018 0: Like an oasis from the city within the city.
358 Oct 03 2018 0: Fishing and river watching
359 Oct 03 2018 0: Wildlife, especially birds

Near by park where I can have an escape from the city without
360 Oct 03 2018 0: Leaving the city or traveling all day
361 Oct 03 2018 0: Wildness in the city
362 Oct 03 2018 0: The Mississippi

I use it in different ways: Hidden Falls I use as a kayak launching
363 Oct 03 2018 0: Have used group picnic and pavillion.
364 Oct 03 2018 0: The natural surrounding and access to the river
365 Oct 03 2018 0: Access to the river with nice beaches
366 Oct 03 2018 0: The bathrooms and a place to get away and walk in nature.
367 Oct 03 2018 1: Wildness, trees, shelters, water access
368 Oct 03 2018 1: Wildness, trees, shelters, water access
369 Oct 03 2018 1: A bit of nature in the urban environment
370 Oct 03 2018 1: Open space, trails, water access
371 Oct 03 2018 1: Natural setting in urban area
372 Oct 03 2018 1: Natural setting
373 Oct 03 2018 1: Walking along the river

Simplicity of them. Experiencing nature without modern window
374 Oct 03 2018 1: Dressing obstructing or distorting the experience.
I love being so close to the park! It's an oasis in our city where I can easily access nature! You'll find me running on the trails and paths and on a weekly basis. Love the fact that their is variable terrain, groomed paths as well as more wild. I also enjoy running with my dog on paths without worrying about traffic and cars, once I get into the park. And my dog loves running with me on the dirt trails! Where else can you see bald eagles and other wildlife along the river!

I love the peaceful setting.

Quiet peaceful serene setting

Proximity to the river and ease of access
it's natural beauty, proximity and access to the river, wildlife

Habitat and a wonderful part of our public trail system

Trails, ease of access to shore fishing spots, boat launch

Hidden Falls

Proximity to the river and ease of access
How it's easily accessible- it's a super unique park being by the river, and the woods despite being an urban park
It is not overly developed and provides excellent (relatively speaking) wildlife habitat.

How connected to nature and away from the city it feels as well
They're quiet and mostly undisturbed places. I'd hate to see a ton of development at either site without protecting what's currently there.

Quiet

The green space
The trails & river access (at Hidden Falls) - it's a hidden escape

It's quiet and makes you feel like you're out of the city. Love the river and nature as well.

Trails for running
That's it's on the water
I like how serene it is.

Undeveloped areas. Narrow dirt trails.
Walking paths through the woods
access to nature and the river very close to home
Walking paths along river, being in Nature
Quiet and natural wild space
Expansive land and many trails and riverfront
Secluded feel
It's near my house
The environment the trails wind through
Natural setting, woods in the city, untouched green space
nicely paved and maintained trails. Great for walking my dogs and feeling like I am completely out of the city and in nature.

Crosby Farm's beautiful trees and access to the river. I haven't been to Hidden Falls for a while.

The hiking trails, plus ability to get a taste of nature within the city boundaries.

Access to the river

Trails, people, the river.

Proximity of “woods” to the city

walking the trails, or by the water with my dog

Convenience

The proximity to the neighborhoods, feels private in a city setting.

The feel if being away from the city

it is on the mississippi where I like to fish, boat launch

Natuural trails for bikign and walking, Views of the river, and the floating walkway.

Nature, paths, wildlife

Walking paths, large green space

The trees along the trails.

Nature, trails, river access

Nature in the city! Lovely paths by the river

Being connected to the river, the trails on the river. The barebones show at hidden falls every year.

It's an oasis of nature available right in the city

River views and access, relatively quiet and natural city park

That it feels remote and there are paths all over the place. I like being able to reach and touch the river. It's great that it feels far away from the city which I can just bike down the hill to it.

Natural, peaceful, nature and untouched

River, Falls, trails

The quietness and nature while still being in the city!

The nature and quiet aspect. Walking trails through “real woods” as my daughter says. Quiet and less crowded access to the river
to dip our toes or just sit.

Quietness
River views and access, relatively quiet and natural city park.

Close to home, accessible from a bike trail, feels secluded when there!

It feels like it's a million miles away from the city.

It really does feel like a hidden gem, esp with the fire pits - great gathering space.

Paved paths, not very crowded.


Quiet remote nature.

The convenience and ease to get outside so close to home.

Easy access to nature, feels natural even though it is surrounded by urban areas. Nice trails for walking.


Raw undeveloped natural park minutes from my home. Please don't change it from the park it is.

Hidden Falls is UNIQUE in that it offers ideal setting for those of us who practice rituals of Native American & Indigenous South American cultures. Being in Nature is 1st Requirement; being away from crowds of gawkers/passers by/street noise/etc. is 2nd Requirement. The water is a sacred element, as are the trees and wildlife. PLEASE RETAIN THESE ASPECTS OF HIDDEN FALLS AREA!!!

The paved trails. Also the beauty of the trees, plants, river, and wildlife.

Proximity to river, natural areas, trails, rest rooms.

We use the public water access.

Fishing.

Scenic trails, easy to access and free to use. It is relatively easy to feel like you are by yourself. Not overrun with people and kids, peaceful.

Quite relaxing place to walk.

The acceptability of natural space in an urban area. I constantly remark about how fortunate we are to have and use this resource. I slip 2 boats at Watergate Marina and enjoy the park daily in the boating season and at least 2x per week in the winter with my friends.

Proximity to the Mississippi and MSP.

It is a quiet spot in the middle of the city.

The river.

The trees and water coming together.

The lack of over-development in Crosby.

everything.
The nature and water.

I love the towering Cottonwoods, the wildlife and the proximity to the river.

How remote and wild it feels. It really feels like a refuge from the bustle of the city.

Network of both paved and un-paved trails

The boat landing and nature in the middle of the city.

It's at the favorite part of the river

Boat launch on P2 that is free and has a a decent chance I don’t get murder or robbed.

That it is secluded and not overly developed. It is a section of wilderness within the city, and that is the reason that it is such a great park.

We live so close. It's the best "back yard" we could ask for. So many trails and paths. It feels like a getaway even in the city.

Wide bike paths (but wider is always better). Not crowded.

The river and natural surroundings

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I like the walk next to the lake and then the river.

Proximity to my house and the trail system.

The nice big boat ramp

The best parts of the park are the NON-PAVED running trails in Crosby, and the boat launch at Hidden Falls

Beautiful and quiet setting

Natural state of the park. I can feel like I am out of the city, not in a manicured park

I like the wildness of the river and the very large trees with roots exposed. There is a nice sandy beach

Ancient Cottonwood Trees and nearness of River. Feels like I am in natural area

The remote-feeling location in the city.

Natural area within the city

feels remote and wild

beautiful park

The bike trails and connections to scenic areas

It feels secluded but it’s in the city!

Nature and river close to the city.
The feeling that you are away from the city.

Hiking

The walking and biking trails

I like to see the wildlife along the river.

peace and quiet of nature

river walk

I like that it is close to the Mississippi River, the open wooded areas and sandy beaches

Walking along the trails and in the woods

It is an expansive, open, beautiful area where people of all sorts can engage with local nature in multitudes of ways. I love the network of trails, both paved and dirt trails, which let one explore the quiet, peaceful park.

River to walk by, seeing wildlife frequently, quiet close to the city all-season access; paved and unpaved trails through woods and

along river; steep/rocky primitive trails along bluff; lots of trees

Feels off the map a bit. Natural oasis in an urban context.

close to my house and by the Mississippi River significant extent of natural area so close to rest of the city;

minimal development on river bank.

The trails it's wild nature. I appreciate that is one of the few spots in Twins Cities Parks that is not overdeveloped. It is a very natural place where you can hike along teh river and enjoy nature. Please do not make a Nature Center her. It would ruin the "natural" aspect of the park!

Location, nature quiet & lovely place to walk and enjoy nature

The walking trails, the birds, the wildflowers. How close it is it’s quiet, pretty, expansive, and best of all, it's near the river. I like the events hosted there as well. Nice place for a picnic or family gathering.

Remoteness like how wooded it is, the trails and the access to the river

Wilderness like bike, walking, and skiing paths.

it's nearby, access to nature

It's a bit like our neighborhood's best secret

It feels like you're far away from the city in a nature preserve.

A nature getaway from city life.

in nature setting

iTs beautiful
Crosby Farm is my favorite park in the metro area. I love how quiet and peaceful it is; how simple. It is relatively uncrowded, and I love that it is both pedestrian and bike-friendly.

Crosby Farm is my favorite park in the metro area. I love how quiet and peaceful it is; how simple. It is relatively uncrowded, and I love that it is both pedestrian and bike-friendly.

The setting, the many biking and walking trails, the connections to other parks and trails, cross in the city, the variety of different landscapes, and different things for different kinds of people to do.

Crosby - I love that it's wild. I love that it's at the juncture of the two rivers. It's a sacred place for many reasons and to many peoples. I've seen there: eagles (sometimes nesting on the lake!), deer, river otters, hummingbirds, beaver, muskrat, herons, cranes, ducks, geese, all manner of insects and butterflies. I love the boardwalk on the pond. Crosby is the most special place of all in the Twin Cities for me. I'd like to help you on the master plan as a community person. Contact me, Gabriela, at . I forgot to say: I love being at Crosby when the ice is breaking up in the spring—seeing it come downriver, sometimes settling into eddies and patterns. And seeing everyone come for the sauger who rise at that time!

It's close to our home and we like exploring the falls. It's one of the few places where you can get right down to the river in a natural setting (as opposed to along a highway, like Shepard Road). The pond, native plantings and woods are also beautiful.

Wild large space. Diversity of habitat-prairie, river, lake, marsh.

Riverfront

Bike path

quiet walks

Close to nature - peaceful

close to home, on the River

wildlife visible from trails, quiet & less developed space to connect with nature. I value it for being less heavily trafficked

than other parks & trails

being by the river

relatively undeveloped, pretty quiet
quiet, variety of non-paved paths, birds and not usually overcrowded, prairie

Area to roam by the river, trees with exposed roots

Peaceful nature environment within the city

The natural landscape and open spaces

its peaceful pretty and relaxing

The paved trails and escape to nature.

feel like you are out of the city....

All the birds! The quiet beauty and the paths

Peaceful, beautiful laid back natural environment, not highly groomed and controlled,

Great place to let my dog run; beautiful for being in the middle of the city

the paths (for both walking/ biking) as well as the mix of long grass/ trees

Near river, wooded area

How big it is and not too developed

Feels remote and wild. Not very crowded.

It feels like we've left the city. Dense forest, quiet paths.

The wide variety of areas to visit, falls, river, floodplain, pavilion

Walking trails along river, beautiful, quiet

Getting close to the Mississippi River in a beautiful setting

Easy trail for my kids and lots of area for kids to explore nature

The "other worldliness" .... you're in the city but you would have no clue, and so many of the unique experiences.

Old Oak (& other) enormous trees. Deep shade. Connection to river.

Connection to hidden falls.

The quiet space so near the river.

The variety of spaces and terrain for exploring and playing. We also adore the unique trees along the shore

The wilderness in the heart of the city

The beach and trails

The river. The beach. It's quiet and great for all seasons.

River/beach access with a stroller

The ability to be on unpaved paths with solitude observing nature

with kids

Nature, quiet, secluded

Nature, sense of remoteness, access to river

on the bike path and near the river

Waterfront, the falls. Sandy paths that are gentle to hike. Boat access. Group areas. Large fire rings. Picnic areas.
quick way to get away from it all and the river is a great place to walk and explore.

The trails through the woods and the river front. It feels like you are way out of the city. I like all the bike trails and XC skiing in the winter. We take our dog there daily and everyone we meet in the park is great.

It has the feeling of being out in the woods/nature, but also is very accessible. The trails are laid out nicely and the biggest concern I would have is over-developing areas of these parks and taking away its natural beauty.

The river, the trails, they are quiet at the right times. It's really a great spot in the city.

Lush greenery, magnificent trees, the marsh boardwalk and the river have a nice place for bird watching near the Mississippi flyway. Feels like you’re not in the city. The birds and bird habitat are good.

Being out in nature, while close to the city.

Trails, access to trails along the river, birding.

views of river, lots of trails to walk on, ease of access.

The natural settings and bike/walk/hike opportunities in the middle of the city.

It’s hidden from the city with no traffic and minimal human intervention. Feels more natural and wild than other city parks.

It is wild and unspoiled.

Being able to walk next to the river.

It’s close to my neighborhood.

Its location right on the river, diversity of plants, paved walking paths.

It's beautiful.

feels like wild space just inside the city.

Simple and natural.

Quiet, remote, natural.

Quiet and less developed, peaceful.

The tall trees, river, bog walk. The diversity of land types in one small park.
The forested and beach areas.

I like the peaceful bike paths which are close to Crosby pond/lake and the river.

River views, greenery, secluded feeling

Nature, peaceful

The natural areas, quiet space with animals away from all of the people.

I love the fact that it's wooded and relatively undeveloped.

The trails and wild life plus being right along the river

Bike trails into the woods and near the river

dog walking    kayak rental

The nature and it's untouched beauty.

I don't know yet. I would like to find out soon.

Location along the river

Close to river

Old trees and wooded feel

PEACE

Natural open space, the riverfront

the seclusion, it feels far from motors

Undeveloped paths

The river. The trails. The picnic area the boating access fishing from shore.

It's next to the river

The vast woodlands to hike and numerous dirt trails. The country feel but in the city. Close to home.

Great hiking with our kids—easy and accessible spot to go in all seasons as a family.

Access to the river. Walking trails

The views of the river, forest, and bluffs

Bike trails dirt and paved

Trail system, views of the river

Nicely paved Paths through the trees and along the river

That I feel far away from the city though I am right in the heart of it.

I love the shade and watching boats on the river.

Fishing
Walking paths by River

It feels like secluded wilderness in the middle of the city!

It’s trails, the view of the Mighty Mississippi River up close

The river views.

Great bike trails

The dirt trails in the woods.

It is scenic and feels like it's not part of a city.

River views

Walking trails along river

Bike trails

Trails

Floodplain forest, wetlands, bluffs and MN River access

Bike Trails by the River

Open

Openness

I like being able to escape the city without leaving the city. I like

introducing my kids to nature a bike ride from home.

The wooded flood plain and lake boardwalk in Crosby.

That it is wild and has many diverse natural habitats. I like that

there is minimal paving and other human intrusion

River

Great walking trails

Chance to be in nature, quiet

River trails

Walking paths

The wooded trails for walking, snowshoeing, and XC skiing.

River trails

Vke and walking

Paths that are not paved

All the undeveloped unpaved trails along the river and through

the flood plains

Sandy beaches, sparse population, paths through the trees,

mountainbike opportunities

I like that it's well maintained, there are marked paths but it’s not

overly developed. I like that there are such large parks in the city.

Natural setting

Trails

The river, the waterfall

the prairies and ponds in Crosby Farm, good bike paths

The river and the woods

Nature

Natural beauty, convenience

Biking trails
I love the natural setting along the river. It's so cool to be there hidden away from the big city. Walking paths

Lack of paved trails on NW side of Crosby Lake

not crowded, wonderful paths

Proximity to my house

Quiet and secluded

How quiet/nice it is to connect with nature.
The shoreline along the Mississippi and the trails.
Watergate marina

The open space and winding trails that seem to maximize the perceived size of the park

Trails with facilities

Quiet and peaceful

Quiet

The falls

Pure wilderness within the city

Nature, river

The varied habitats for birding

dirt trails

Easy to get to

Walking trails

The hiking/biking trails and access to the river.
The bluffs, nature in the city, BareBones Halloween Show, fall colors, the river, the trails.
The Trails are easy to access and easy for my dog to walk

around on

Nature so close to the city

The Mississippi River and the access to it.
It's right in the city!

Good hiking and nature sightings close to home

Unpaved trails, room to explore without running into other people

The trails by the river and throughout the trees!

Largely undeveloped natural spaces with trails and a few picnic facilities

It's peaceful.

Scenery

green space close to urban area, nice and close.
proximity to river

How secluded it is.
bike trails

Location and
I would sure like it and go there if it had singletrack.

Makes me forget I’m so close to the city. I also love being able to see the river and the boats.

Easily accessible. Makes me forget I’m so close to the city. I also love being able to see the river and the boats.

One of the better accesses to the Mississippi River.

Close to the metro yet rugged.

Close to city, but feels like wilderness.

Natural beauty close to the city.

Natural setting in the heart of the cities.

Hobo trails.

Quiet within the city.

Being near the river. walking, fishing, cooking out.

Beach on the river. Dirt trails.

Don’t know.

On the river.

Density of the trees and location along the river - lots of nature.

but right in the city.

Can ride there from home. Rarely see others.

The view and seclusion.

Dense foliage up to the river.

?

Quite and natural. Many bird species.

Natural setting.

The existing single track on the banks of the river.

It’s a quiet oasis from the noisy city.

All the trees and water.

Nature.

The river.

That is a pretty natural place right in the heart of the metro.

Natural environment and proximity to my home.

It’s a quick getaway from the feeling of the big city.
Natural area in middle of city
Close to home, easy to bike to, and beautiful!
River
The quiet beauty
Nature in the middle of the big cities
Shady and cool. Love the lake
It’s convenient.
Trails
Close to citit
Would like to go if there’s a mtb singletrack park
Trails
The great big fat people
Nature
lots of green space
Location
Rustic and accessible
It's lack of people.
Scenery
The trails and the board walk in Crosby Farm.
Easy access to nature
Bandit style
Access to natural beauty & Mississippi riverfront in an urban environment
Nature in the city! You feel like you're far outside of the city
I've never been there
The river! And the wilderness in the middle of an urban areas.
Peaceful
Riding bikes along the shore of the river.
River bank
its wild and simple- simple trails and ability to cross country ski or
bike on snow in relative isolation
wilderness area within city limits
Nature and trails
The forest
It’s near my home and very scenic
Great trails
River bluff scenery and hiking the river shore.
Woods, quiet
Trees and River.
Proximity to river, nature so close to me
Scenic
The dirt trails covered with forest canopy and the riverside
beaches and views
Close by and wooded
Close to home
The natures
It's on the river and not many people visit it.
Beautiful trails and forest. Great fishing
Proximity
The isolation from the urban environment. Wildlife and nature.
Being in "nature".
Trails.
Love nature.
Close to home
Quiet, close to work
The size of the park and it's network of trails
The path along the river and the picnic areas
Quiet, remote feel, nature
Scenery
It's on the river.
Location
I like parks and green space
The bike trails and "unofficial" mountain bike trails, especially in
the winter for fat biking
variety
The feeling of being in nature, still in an urban core.
being in nature
The hiking and openness
wooded areas, river
Location and scenery
Riverside
The scenery
secluded river access, trails
I haven’t been there, I would go if there were single track mtn
bike trails
I've only been there once, and it wasn't totally thawed out yet.
Looked like it would be a fun place to explore
The river and the bike path
Feel like I’m not in the city when I am, beautiful nature!
I use to live close to the park it was a great place to "escape" the
city without leaving it.
Gorgeous area
Birds and riverside trails
It's usually not very busy and very beautiful nature
Location and how quiet it is down near the river
Everything
Disconnect from city, connect with river & nature
Light traffic and nature in the city

Location

Love the views along the river

Scenery

Primitive nature so close to the city

The setup of forested areas next to the river.

Having outdoor space in the city

Being under the canopy of the big trees and along the river

Feels like a secluded spot right in the city

Being by the river

I like how it's a remote space within the city, tucked away

Opportunity for mountain bike development, scenic value.

Mature trees/Nature

It's proximity to my life

Beautiful winding trails through the woods close to home

Nature in the city

Location close to home, nice paved trail system makes for a great commute

N/A

access to natural spaces (non-paved)

Green space close to urban centers for recreation

terrain/view of the river

Don't go

Accessibility. It has an untouched feel so close to an urban area

Dirt trails

Interesting forest with amazing vegetation

That it is kept close to its natural state - it overly engineered.

Biodiversity.

Scenery

The scenery

Wilderness in the city

Natural setting

Remoteness from the city

Never been but would go there several times a week if there was

a mountain bike trail

I like parks and outdoors.

On the river, hidden

Biking

The dirt trails. Wish their was mountain bike trails.

It's pretty with a lot of trails and hiking

The scenery

It's close
The nature feel
Woods, east access
The different scenery and terrain.
natural beauty
Walking in the woods and seeing parts of nature. Playing in the water without actually swimming.

Crosby is wonderful for having a wild feel, rather than a developed one. The lack of amenities - no playground equipment, etc. - is a good thing, not bad. I hate to see plans to "improve it" if that means reducing its lack of development.

beauty, natural park, secluded

Nature
Feels like a little country in the City
Easy access to the river, shade

Not a lot of people there. Feels like I am out in the woods in the middle of the city.
The goats
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Regional Park Master Plan

What activities do you typically do at this regional park?

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<td>54.21% 476</td>
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<td>canoeing/kayaking</td>
<td>8.43% 74</td>
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<td>study birds or other animals</td>
<td>23.92% 210</td>
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<td>fishing</td>
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<td>picnic, barbecue, group gathering where food is offered</td>
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<td>5.47% 48</td>
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<td>3.19% 28</td>
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Answered 878
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What activities do you typically do at this regional park?

Respondents

1. Nov 01 2018 Ice fishing this year, hopefully.
2. Oct 31 2018 Ice climbing
3. Oct 30 2018 Ceremony with Sharon Day, Bare bones Halloween show, meandering along the river and in the forest
4. Oct 30 2018 Sitting and meditating
5. Oct 30 2018 CLIMBING
6. Oct 29 2018 Ice Climbing
7. Oct 29 2018 Weekly Cultural Water Ceremony
we engage in a water ceremony every sunday

8 Oct 29 2018 11: morning
9 Oct 29 2018 11: Exploring
10 Oct 28 2018 0: ice climbing
11 Oct 28 2018 0: ice climbing
12 Oct 28 2018 0: ice climbing
13 Oct 28 2018 1: Ice climbing
14 Oct 28 2018 1: Ice Climbing
15 Oct 28 2018 1: Boating (jet skiing), ice climbing
16 Oct 28 2018 1: Ice climbing
17 Oct 28 2018 1: Ice climbing
18 Oct 28 2018 0: Ice climbing

I’d like to ice climb there

19 Oct 28 2018 0: ice climbing
20 Oct 27 2018 1: Ice climbing
21 Oct 27 2018 0: Ice climbing
22 Oct 27 2018 0: Ice climbing
23 Oct 27 2018 0: Boating
24 Oct 27 2018 0: Boating
25 Oct 27 2018 1: Ice climbing
26 Oct 27 2018 1: Ice climbing
27 Oct 27 2018 1: Ice climbing
28 Oct 27 2018 0: Photography
29 Oct 27 2018 1: I’d like to ice climb there

Walking my dogs unfortunately nobody enforces the leash laws so I don’t bring my dogs there anymore. Too many loose dogs running around

30 Oct 27 2018 1: anymor. Too many loose dogs running around
31 Oct 26 2018 0: Ice climbing.
32 Oct 26 2018 0: Ice climbing

33 Oct 26 2018 0: My children love playing at the small beach area
34 Oct 26 2018 0: dipping toes in the river :-)
35 Oct 26 2018 0: XC ski
36 Oct 26 2018 0: Climb
37 Oct 26 2018 0: Playing with my kids
38 Oct 26 2018 0: Ice climbing
39 Oct 26 2018 0: Ice climbing
40 Oct 26 2018 0: ice climbing
41 Oct 26 2018 0: Ice climbing
42 Oct 26 2018 0: Ice climbing
43 Oct 26 2018 0: Photography
44 Oct 26 2018 0: Never been
My mother can walk up to a mile but, for longer walks, needs to be partly pushed in a wheelchair. So we like this park for its paved paths and boardwalks.

Sometimes will bike it, but live nearby and typically will walk my dog. Occasionally will drive X-C ski; bring friends and family to share the experience; picnic with large family gathering.

On a school trip.

We learn about the area and the Mississippi River and animals.

On a school trip. We do things with my school and the park service.

We learn about the area and the Mississippi River data and notes, observations and drawing, and sometimes taking pictures.

River and animals.

River and animals.

School trips.

School trips.

School trips.

River data and notes, observations and drawing, and sometimes taking pictures.

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We learn about the area and the Mississippi River.
Using the boat ramp and parking lot for my trailer

Biking

Snowshoeing in winter

photography

walking and viewing leaves and animals; please

keep it natural

walk dog

Organized meetup hikes and bare bones outdoor puppet show

Throwing rocks in the river, hanging out in the quiet and uncrowded places

snowshoeing

skiiing

Rowing

watching wildlife, sitting

hiking

Boat launch

prayer group, and outdoor theatre performances

run my dog off leash

Thinking solitude

reading

Bonfire

kids throwing rocks and sticks in the river

more parking for those without trailers so they quit using boat trailer parking, also make sure all snow is removed from the ramp in the winter and

parking areas so people can use the park

Throw rocks into the river. Geocache. Read the signs about the river. Off road bike on the dirt paths. Look at wildlife (I don't "study" them).

take pictures, sit by river, collect rocks, leaves

dog walking

My children love to explore the trees on the beach

na

Gathering with friends

be by the river
107 Oct 02 2018  Dog walking
Biking year round through the woods. Not on the
paved trail

know other spiritual groups who gather there
regularly for similar purposes.

109 Oct 02 2018  Sitting and meditating
110 Oct 02 2018  Boat launch
111 Oct 02 2018  Reading, drawing
112 Oct 02 2018  I keep 2 boats at Watergate Marina
113 Oct 02 2018  Just watching the river
114 Oct 02 2018  Taking the dog for a walk
115 Oct 02 2018  everything
116 Oct 02 2018  Hiking.
117 Oct 01 2018  Ice Climbing
118 Oct 01 2018  hiking
119 Oct 01 2018  dog walking
taking photos of the trees and the river in
different seasons
120 Oct 01 2018  Resting near the Cottinwoods
121 Sep 30 2018  Skiing
122 Sep 29 2018  wild life, firepit, volunteering, walking
Nature photography and field recording; forest
123 Sep 29 2018  bathing
124 Sep 28 2018  cross country skiing
125 Sep 28 2018  Cross country skiing in the winter.
126 Sep 28 2018  launch boat
127 Sep 27 2018  Observing plants
128 Sep 27 2018  snowshoeing! Singing! Sitting on the dock at the
pond and reading or studying. Pulling garlic
129 Sep 27 2018  mustard (I went through the training to do that)
130 Sep 27 2018  chill with friends
131 Sep 27 2018  photography, meditation, hug trees
132 Sep 26 2018  Free Forest School weekly meetup
133 Sep 26 2018  Cross country ski
134 Sep 26 2018  Skip rocks with my kids.
135 Sep 26 2018  Climbing fallen trees and digging in the mud
136 Sep 26 2018  Free forest school
137 Sep 26 2018  Hiking with homeschool co-op
138 Sep 26 2018  Free nature play with children
139 Sep 26 2018  play with dog
140 Sep 26 2018  Boating
141 Sep 25 2018  Walk the dog
142 Sep 25 2018  study plants
I typically enjoy mountain biking, hiking and watching birds at parks.

I used to ride there single track in the late 90s I thought it was a ton of fun !!!! But then other places started popping up.
Never been. I would mountain bike if there was a trail built

Reading, knitting, watching the water, hanging out with my dog.
What limits your use of the park?

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Answered 773
Skipped 167

Responses

Access (the park is difficult to find or get to) 10.00%
Not enough activities or programs 20.00%
I do not feel safe 30.00%
Other (please specify) 40.00%

Respondents | Response Date               | Other (please specify)                                                                 |
-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
1 Oct 31 2018 | Restrictions on ice climbing.  It's fine the way it is. See #8 as to what would make it even more attractive and |
2 Oct 31 2018 | accessible.                                                             |
3 Oct 31 2018 | None                                                                     |
4 Oct 30 2018 | So many choices of beautiful places to go in the cities                   |
5 Oct 30 2018 | I do not experience any limits - it's great!                              |
6 Oct 30 2018 | more signs and maps please!                                              |
7 Oct 30 2018 | I no longer live nearby                                                  |
8 Oct 30 2018 | I prefer the unpaved trails along other side of river                     |
9 Oct 29 2018 | Parking                                                                  |
10 Oct 29 2018 | Nothing                                                                  |
11 Oct 29 2018 | Nothing                                                                  |
12 Oct 29 2018 | none                                                                     |
Oct 29 2018 10
Flooding

Oct 29 2018 09
Nothing

Oct 28 2018 06
I don’t know the trails all that well

Oct 28 2018 04
distance from my home

Oct 28 2018 02
Have to give other parks some love too.

Oct 28 2018 01
No limits

Oct 28 2018 1
Protect the parks use cases.

Oct 28 2018 1
Weather

Oct 28 2018 1
Limited access when the river is high

Oct 28 2018 1
Time restraints

Oct 28 2018 1
Parking on east side is limited

Oct 28 2018 0
Nothing

Oct 28 2018 0
No ice climbing

Oct 28 2018 0
None currently

Oct 27 2018 10
Crosby lake needs to be dredged.

Oct 27 2018 0
Parking

Oct 27 2018 0
Time

Oct 27 2018 0
nothing

Oct 27 2018 0
Time

Oct 27 2018 1
No real limitations on use, it is just one of many nice parks, some of which are closer to home.

Oct 27 2018 1
Nothing

Oct 27 2018 1
Nothing

Oct 27 2018 1
Currently living in Mpls, and do not always get over to the area

Oct 27 2018 1
Too many man-made structures. The point is to get away from the city life for a couple hours.

Oct 27 2018 0
Nothing

Oct 27 2018 0
Nothing

Oct 27 2018 0
Really that is my wife

Oct 27 2018 0
Nothing

Oct 27 2018 0
Nothing

Oct 27 2018 0
My own schedule (time limitations)

Oct 27 2018 0
This is a positive thing, but I suppose the abundance of other great places to run around the Twin Cities limits my use in that there are always so many great options.

Oct 27 2018 1
Leash laws are not enforced. Too many dogs running around

Oct 27 2018 1
Flooding. Sometimes I avoid it because I can’t make a loop from Shepard if it’s wet.
46 Oct 26 2018 0: St. Paul's hostility towards ice climbing.
47 Oct 26 2018 0: nothing
48 Oct 26 2018 0: Legal ability to climb.
49 Oct 26 2018 0: no problem
50 Oct 26 2018 0: NO PLAY EQUIPMENT!!!!
51 Oct 26 2018 0: Not permitting ice climbing
52 Oct 26 2018 0: Weirdos and freaks at Crosby
53 Oct 26 2018 0: there could be more adventure elements
54 Oct 26 2018 0: None of the above
55 Oct 26 2018 0: Floods
56 Oct 26 2018 0: Walkers and bikers on the same path
57 Oct 26 2018 0: time off from work
58 Oct 26 2018 0: paved trails are really rough

    Crossing Shepard can be dangerous. Drivers run the lights. Only a few crossings.
    I live in Mpls so don't get there as often as I'd
59 Oct 26 2018 0: like
    Flooding after rains or snow melt. Sometimes
60 Oct 26 2018 0: hesitant to go alone.
61 Oct 26 2018 0: nothing
    Possibly safety issues sometime but have
62 Oct 26 2018 0: never had a bad experience yet.
    I live far away (Maple Grove), but it's a really
63 Oct 26 2018 0: nice park.
    FLOODING (or worry about flooding and not
64 Oct 26 2018 0: finding up-to-date info)
    It floods out a lot around the pond and lake, limiting access. Would love to see a
    permanent raised board walk around parts of the pond and repair to trail on the Pond's
65 Oct 26 2018 0: northwest hillside
66 Oct 26 2018 0: Nothing!
67 Oct 25 2018 0: my schedule
68 Oct 25 2018 0: Nothing limits my use
69 Oct 24 2018 0: Occasionally high water on trails.
70 Oct 23 2018 0: my work schedule!
71 Oct 22 2018 0: Weather

    When the trail between the parks is flooded, I generally won't go down to Hidden Falls as
72 Oct 21 2018 1: Walking access to hidden falls - both North
73 Oct 21 2018 0: and South entrances - needs to be improved
For a while, it was the Coyotes (aka "Hi-yote") because I bring my dog there. Took me a long time to understand where the entries are and what the reach down to.

Competing uses for time.

Hidden Falls is kind of yucky. Here are far too many picnic tables with all the cars and boats going by.

I usually only go on school trips.

I don't really like it because I've only ever been because of school.

I don't live close by.

Acess, but more specifically: the bus doesn't go there.

My just not going there that often.

Parking

Time- my schedule is busy

Time - busy working mom!

All the picnic tables are in one area and only one firepit. Also the bike trail is rough.

Nothing really - wish the trails would be repaired

I moved out of the neighborhood.

I feel like while I have to drive/bike/paddle a little ways from Minneapolis, it's actually quite close. I might visit it more often if there was better bike lane infrastructure along the Mississippi River Blvd. I also would come very often if there was a public kayak launch from Crosby.
I live in Woodbury. I use other parks that are closer to home more often.

I don't get down as often as I would like, and the only times I have not been able to get there were when there was a hunting party or when it's flooded.

I don't feel limited.

I and my birding friends appreciate that there are few activities or programs, there are plenty of other parks with play areas and massive picnic shelters, this is one of the few where we can let our imaginations run free.

Continuous erosion of the Riverbanks and loss of trees due to Mn River in high water sending excessive water across Pike Island.

The trails can be muddy. However, this is not much of a problem. Limited parking near I-35 (this may be a good thing)

Bathroom open in winter for students would be helpful to staying there for a longer period of time

I actually walk to Crosby Farm about once each week. I don't feel limited. Sometimes the parking lot on the north (my preferred) end of the park is full.

West end of bike trail is patchy--some terrible stretches.

Lack of bathroom facilities throughout the year, especially winter. I don't feel safe at night, I only come during the day.

Shoreline of Crosby lake overgrown.

Nothing, except high water.
Lack of free time
I'm not sure if car break-ins are still a problem, but that does bother me.

I don't feel limited at all. One thing that would limit my use would be if more buildings & paved paths were put in. Too much development would wreck the experience.

I don't prioritize it. And the parking at the small lot at Crosby is closest to my house but is usually full. It would be great if there were additional parking spots down there.

I do not feel that my use is limited

I visit from great distance.

I live in St. Paul, but not particularly close to the park. My use of park is occasionally limited by closures of the river road.

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I tend to use it only in summer for biking

Access in terms of older people with walker or wheelchair, like how can my mom enjoy the river? For me, I walk and bike and I like how dowdy it is, and I do feel safe, people who don't feel safe want lights and domesticated dominant culture junk

When the park is closed for other activities and we have to sneak in.

I tend to use it only in summer for biking

Dirt trails erode into the river, becoming unsafe.

At times there is not enough parking for boat trailers.

There is nothing that limits my use of this area.

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154 Oct 10 2018 0:Weather
   Wish there were mountain bike single track
155 Oct 10 2018 0:trails
   Specific mountain bike single track would be
156 Oct 10 2018 0:awesome
   Maintenance of the trails is limited. A natural
   surface would be smoother and easier to
157 Oct 10 2018 0:maintain in most areas.

   I have no limitations to acess. It is easy to
   find parking when I do drive and I can
   run/walk to the park easily. Once in the park
   there is an excellent trail system both paved
158 Oct 10 2018 0:and dirt and a great picnic shelter/bathrooms.
   Just making it over there from my regular
159 Oct 10 2018 1:routine.
160 Oct 10 2018 1:Parking, trails sometimes flooded
   Nothing really. Just choose other places to
161 Oct 10 2018 0:exercise from time to time.
   Safety is a concern, I do not go as early as I
162 Oct 09 2018 0:would like.
   I do not feel safe in the evening, particularly
   in the fall and winter when the sun sets
163 Oct 09 2018 0:earlier.

164 Oct 09 2018 0:I see no limits to my enjoyment of the park.
165 Oct 09 2018 0:not limited
166 Oct 09 2018 0:I don't feel limited to use the park
167 Oct 09 2018 0:Nothing
168 Oct 09 2018 0:car break-ins
169 Oct 08 2018 0:I work for a living.
170 Oct 08 2018 0:Location.I live in Burnsville.
171 Oct 08 2018 0:mosquitoes/flooding
172 Oct 08 2018 0:Too many paved trails
173 Oct 08 2018 0:flooding :> ( 
174 Oct 08 2018 0:nothing does
175 Oct 07 2018 0:Nothing

176 Oct 06 2018 0:Weather is the only thing that limits my use.
177 Oct 06 2018 1:Flooding
178 Oct 06 2018 0:Seasonal flooding
   Too many other great parks in the region so I
179 Oct 06 2018 0:need to check out all of them.
180 Oct 06 2018 0:location is far from my home
   I usually frequent parks nearer my home, like
181 Oct 05 2018 1:Lebanon Hills Regional Park.
Outdated/run down facilities like bathroom

Asphalt needs improved

Other parks closer to home and more

peaceful

Nothing

Nothing. I like to run a variety of places, that's all!

Life is busy

Flooding or snow/ice making boat ramp unusable

Sometimes trails are underwater or have fallen into the river.

nothing -except if there's an event going on and there's too many people
distance from my house by bicycle

Nothing except the periodic bow hunting weekend but I expect that helps keep deer population in check.

It's become a dog park with many dogs running free every time.

Time

Nothing

Nothing limits my access

no limits

When it's flooded and when the mosquitos are terrible.

Nothing but a lack of time on my part. Although the lot nearest me (off 35 is often full, but that's a minor concern with multiple access points.

None. Love the park.

Nothing

Lots of garbage. I spend much of my time in the spring picking up the hillside from all the trash thats dumped in the woods. Also I am suspicious that there are drug deals going on in the parking lots, which I also find evidence of when I pick up trash :)

Nothing

events outside the park on the river road that block entrance
Snow and entrance closing to hidden falls in colder times of year, even though the river is open and I am interested in boating.

I don't have anything that limits my use of the park. I drive by every day.

lack of quality built features, good trails, benches, picnic tables, play grounds, large shelters

Safety and flooding

Closure times and overnight parking

Nothing

limited enhancement (parking, trail to river, dock for launching non-motorized boats, etc.)

Flooding

I don't have any limits, I feel safe

Daytime inappropriate sexual activities in parking areas.

Park hours (HF closes at 10pm) and poor trail maintenance

Nothing

Weather - flooding or snow

Nothing limits use. It's limited access points preserve its secluded charm and helps limit disturbance of wildlife. Do not turn this into more soccer fields. These are ecologically vital areas for a host of species. They are running out of space. Please save this small sliver of habitat from development.

when some of the trails are closed for flooding. Plus more bathroom access and signage about trail paths would be helpful.

South entrance is not great for walking since there is no sidewalk or shoulder.

The paths are very rough for biking, the signage is a little lacking or confusing to me.

Limited free time, I would go more if I could

Nothing
229 Oct 02 2018 0: I work too much
230 Oct 02 2018 0: The lights aren't on!
231 Oct 02 2018 0: Trails under water!
232 Oct 02 2018 0: Simply not enough time
233 Oct 02 2018 0: nothing

I don't feel safe alone in Crosby Farm Park, due to its heavily wooded character. This is

234 Oct 02 2018 0: part of its beauty however.
235 Oct 02 2018 0: Flood water or mosquitoes
236 Oct 02 2018 0: Parking and seasonal closures
237 Oct 02 2018 0: none
238 Oct 02 2018 0: dark
239 Oct 02 2018 0: na

I would not feel safe there at dusk or dawn (I am a woman).
240 Oct 02 2018 0: Available free time

the roads suck going to the park, bumpy, and too many people taking up limited parking
242 Oct 02 2018 0: near the boat ramp
243 Oct 02 2018 0: Nothing - it is perfect

When the river floods it's hard to use the paths. I wish there were more garbage cans around but I guess that might increase trash
244 Oct 02 2018 0: blown around

Parking at the entrance near Shepard and 35E is very limited
245 Oct 02 2018 0: Nothing limits my use of the park. I love it tremendously the way it is. I especially love being able to access hidden falls via canoe or car.
246 Oct 02 2018 0: My husband doesn't like me to go there alone (I'm female) so I bike there with the kids. I don't let them go in there alone. So safety is
247 Oct 02 2018 0: a concern, but more for them, than for me.
248 Oct 02 2018 0: nothing

Periodic flooding. Trees have not been
249 Oct 02 2018 0: cleared from paths.

Needs new paths, many times The paths are
250 Oct 02 2018 0: underwater.
251 Oct 02 2018 0: None

Seasonal flooding of trails/steepness of
252 Oct 02 2018 0: access roads for my kids while biking
253 Oct 02 2018 1: nothing limits my use of the park
254 Oct 02 2018 1;Nothing - use frequently even with the big hill water. I can't use the trails when they are
underwater.
255 Oct 02 2018 1;nothing
256 Oct 02 2018 1;Nothing limits my use.
258 Oct 02 2018 1;Personal business/winter
    I like to walk or bike with my kids there, but there are sections of the trail that are much
too steep to be used safely with a stroller or small child on a bike. I’d like to see these
regraded for safety of use
259 Oct 02 2018 1;Bathroom access (toddler parent)
    I feel safe with others but I probably wouldn't
260 Oct 02 2018 1; go alone as a woman
261 Oct 02 2018 1;Leave it as is!!
263 Oct 02 2018 1; Lack of parking
264 Oct 02 2018 1; My schedule.
265 Oct 02 2018 1; Lack of trails and rest rooms at south end
266 Oct 02 2018 1; Nothing
267 Oct 02 2018 1; I wish I had more time
268 Oct 02 2018 1; Nothing
269 Oct 02 2018 1; Lack of off-road trails (singletrack)
270 Oct 02 2018 1; None
271 Oct 02 2018 1; the long hill
    The trails can be rough on the North side at Crosby Farm.
273 Oct 02 2018 1; Nothing limits it. It's fine as it is.
274 Oct 02 2018 0; I fish in the evening until past dark.

    Not set up for nor enough parking spots to park boat trailers. The park has spots but people don’t feel comfortable using the singles due to the cars that are parked with patrons doing questionable things
275 Oct 02 2018 0; Many other parks to visit
    Nothing. People like Crosby because it is a hidden gem, and it should stay that way.
    Please do not turn it into just another city
276 Oct 02 2018 0; park.
278 Oct 01 2018 0; Limited parking
279 Oct 01 2018 0; Nothing
    Sometimes there are too many people and bikers around. It feels overcrowded. Bikers
280 Oct 01 2018 0; are not respectful.
Hours of operation. Parks should be open 24/7 to promote use by a diverse group of people. People who work 2nd shift, etc. Boat ramp closing at 10pm takes some of the best fishing windows out of possibility.

The place I feel the least safe is on the trail under the bridge and near the parking lot at Hidden Falls south gate. People loitering and sitting in cars, people on or near trail with no obvious purpose (e.g. they are not walking a dog or fishing). I do not use either park early in the morning or after sunset.

Nothing limits me, but the trash along the path, the riverbank and the graffiti across the river on the concrete embankment are disgusting.
Periodic flooding of two low lying areas of the Hidden Falls bike path and the outer loop of the Crosby bike path.

I wish there were less steep and more options for entry and exit on foot and bike.

A little bit of all of the above. Also, lack of modern, clean amenities.

I feel safe. But I can see how women might not.

uneven payment for walking on paved trail;

better trails to the river; a fishing pier

nothing limits me from using or visiting the park

steep hills to walk or bike back up

Nothing. IMO - Question should be worded with none option!!

There are no limits to me, day or night,

summer or winter.

Coyotes in the area

nothing in particular

One of the choices should be nothing limits my access to the parks...

Nothing

It is a distance from my apartment

nothing

I do not find anything that limits my use

I visit other parks that are closer to me

Time to attend.

Only my work schedule. I would be there every week if I could. I would like to be part of the team who helps keep the trails cleaned. I could also be a Spanish-speaking docent if you need that.

Getting across Shepard Road at either park entrance …or in between. There are gaps of over a mile or more between signalized intersections on Shepard, and no other crossings with crosswalks, signage or even openings in the guard rails that would permit a person to safely cross this over-built highway.

none

we live live in oregon

Just don't live close enough

Washed out paths

NA
when they close at night
Hill down to the park in the winter isn’t plowed
and is very icy
Flooding
locked gate, high water, big loud events
not enough benches/ picnic tables
Trail conditions

I would love a more accessible public fire pit that wasn’t surrounded by glass. We have
been trying to clean up what we find.
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing. You should have had an option to
say that.
It’s a 20 min. Drive. Como park is closer
Nothing, it's part of my neighborhood.
Time
Nothing
I don’t have any issues except work
Flooding
Time
Not enough freetime. The excuses above are
sad.
the itchy plants that overgrown the trails on
the eastern end
Not enough time to be at a park
no limits constrain me
i live close, so nothing really limits me but it
would be nice if there was a dedicated dog
park area in hidden falls park!!
Cost
Flooding this year, hunting the deer
Nothing limits my use of the park.
I am not limited although I do not like to go
alone.
na
Nothing, I feel very comfortable, I meditate
there
Often flooded. Stopped having picnics on the
river bank at Crosby because too many
people let their dogs run off leash.
do not feel limited in my access to this park.
visit other sites with more amenities
There is no reason someone who wants to access the park cannot. It has easy access. The only thing I would say is that crossing Shepard road is putting your life at risk some days.

Flooding vehicle traffic when I'm on a bike

Nothing. I like that access isn't obvious, nor quick, so it doesn't become a gathering place for loud ne'er-do-wells

Absolutely NOTHING!

Not enough singletrack for mountain biking

It's just a simple park. Nothing special to do

N/A

Distance from Minneapolis

no limits

No limitations

NA

Nothing

NA

Nothing

Nothing (maybe flooding)

Going to work

Poor trail maintenance

Flooding, and too much silt on trails

Nothing limits my use.

Just flooding, but that's part of what it's supposed to do so I don't mind when I can't go because of water

Water levels. Flooding

Time
Not enough personal free time
I don’t feel limited except in the winter if the roads down are particularly icy, but that’s true of any steep grade in icing conditions.
Occasionally bothered by off-leash dogs and their owners.
Trails aren’t paved - difficult to bike/use.
Not enough mtb trails.
Stroller. Lots of car break-ins.
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I would like more mountain bike/ natural surface trails.

Activities aren’t limited really, but would love more bike trails. Specifically single track mountain bike trails. Not enough of that in Saint Paul.

Parking is limited, not well lit or mapped out, no kid friendly equipment or activities (age is 3-4).

Erosion of the beach, and loss of trees along the beach.

Later in the day a bad crowd shows up. Off road bikes on the trails that are a danger.

It is often too muddy or icy to safely enjoy.

I live in hopkins, so it’s a drive over there.

There could be official mountain bike trails.

I would LOVE to see mountain bike trails put in there! It would drastically increase how often I used the park!

Not enough well funded, maintained and sustainable MTB trails.

Far from home.

Limited trails.
Nothing, I like that it is a little remote.

None

Flooding

Not enough bike specific trails

Burning itch weed

Limited trails

one

Not the closest park to Home in Mpls

Proximity to it

WINTER access. Plow the roads!

Lack of legitimate mountain bike trails.

Nothing really, lack of time (my bad)

Not enough bike trails, dirt trails would be

good.

not limited

Time

Lack of mountain bike trails. No groomed

cross country ski trails

Would like to see trails weed whipped. Itch

there are other single track trails. I would use

this park if single track more with single track

Access because of flooding in the spring

Nothing

Not a big reason to make the ride out there

Didn’t know it was there

I don’t feel limited

Lack of legit mountain bike trails

The river flooding limits access to off trail
areas along with no maintenance of the itch

weed along the trails.

Lack of legal MTB singletrack

little parking

Time

I moved further away

I would like to be able to ride more off road

trails in the park

just not enough time :-)

I wish it was better for mountain biking

Don't live super close/not on my typical travel

routes

Lack of mountain bike trails.

Not enough specific off road cycling trails
Wish there were mountain bike trails for off-road biking.

I usually go mountain biking. On the weekend and that takes me away from the park.

There isn't any mountain biking.

Personal disabilities. Moving the Crosby parking lot so far from Upper Lake reduced my ability always to get there.

There can be a conflict between bikes and walkers using the same path. I am always worried about fast paced bikes coming up behind me.

window was broken on my car window in the parking lot at Montreal and Shepard.

My time

No real limits
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Regional Park Master Plan

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Allow more crossings into the park so that apartments nearby can safely travel to the park.

More ice climbing friendly.

More play activities for kids, maybe a nature obstacle course made out of stumps and fallen trees.

This is one of few spots where ice climbing is possible in the twin cities.

Outdoor recreation is important in Minnesota winters. It is a unique and special experience to be able to climb close to the city. Please consider how to maintain recreational climbing for the next generation. I hope my kids (ages 8 and 12) will have the continuing opportunity to climb here in the future. Thank you for the consideration!

Keep this area open for ice climbing.

Keep parks clean.

Improve ice climbing.

Nope.

Allow Ice climbing within park w/o additional permits/fees.

Ice climbing.

less theft.

Food & drink service! Look at Lake Nikomis & Minnehaha Sea Salt.

Please preserve the ice climbing as you redesign the park.

Winter programming (nordic ski trails) w/chalet style rental building, canoe/kayak launch, connectivity between Hidden Falls and Crosby parks, unleash Hidden Creek back into Ford site and build bridge over creek along MRB.

It is very hard to cross Shepard road to get to the park and trails. It would be great to have some safer crossing points. Thanks!

I would love to see ice climbing developed more in the park.

Park should be safe for everyone. I like it's wild feel I wouldn't want to see if over developed or over programmed.

Yay, parks!
Not that interested in making the parks more 'recreational' in the sense of picnic shelters, etc. What makes these parks unique is their proximity to the river and their forests. If I wanted more picnic shelters I’d go to Minnehaha, Como, etc.

The Homer’s Odyssey ice climbing area has been an important part of twin cities ice climbing for many years. World class competitive ice climbers from MN have spent many hours there in the past. I would like to see the St. Paul park system welcome ice climbers. Specific park improvements are not necessarily required. Just allow free and open access to the naturally occurring ice flows in the park. Look to the city of Sandstone for an example of how climbers are a positive force in the riverside campsite, primitive camping. More dirt paths that are cycling friendly.

Farm ice and promote this wonderful ice climbing location! More ways to access the park and improving connectivity would be great. For Crosby, connections between the neighborhoods and the park across Shepherd need to be improved. Access to the ice climbing would be greatly appreciated. More information about the Dakota people who used to live in the area. It's right by Bdote - the birthplace of the world according to the Dakota!

I enjoy the multi use winter trails. Could develop the bluff trails for mountain bikes. This place needs play equipment. It's unbelievable there is nothing here. I would suggest something fun and rustic, not like the playground equipment but more some fun things made from wood, ropes. Kind of like fun, challenging equipment for kids/adults to explore and play.

I like ice climbing in the park

Keep Crosby wild, and allow us to ice climb

I enjoy ice climbing in this park.

Improving access to the ice climbing gorge, and clearing trees and debris above and below the gorge. Improved erosion control at the culvert outlet is a must.

Making it easier to bike to Crosby Farm state park!

No

Please, please DO NOT OVER-BUILD this lovely park.

More biker friendly!
I have almost been hit multiple times crossing the entrance while on the Mississippi River Trail bike path by cars coming up the steep hill. The park, because of the steep hill and lack of trails down to it, is not easy to get to by bike because how will I be able to get my 3 kids back up that hill? Maybe add some switchbacks like at frogtown farm & park. It is also not easy to get to from the neighborhoods. My kids attend school at homecroft -now Jie Ming- & we have tried to bike along the river and then to our school playground a few times and again- it is very dangerous because of cars leaving hwy 5 and getting angry we are taking up space on the road because there's no trail to transition into the quiet neighborhood there. Please improve pedestrian and bike access in the area as it is super dangerous right now.

Thank you for providing a wonderful park in the city.

The park needs better bike and pedestrian access. It's really hard to cross Shepard Road to get to Crosby Farm. Also, I'd like to see a bike connection to the river road trail on the north end that doesn't rely on the car access road.

more dirt trails for hiking-running.

Leave it as simple as possible. It is a gem in the city. Walking biking or access to the river is just what we need. Nothing fancy, planned or over scheduled.

I think more access to the park is needed. I can also see how some feel unsafe there due to lighting and remote.

The huge hill in Hidden Falls is difficult to navigate up by foot or bike. Installing a bicycle lift and also a sidewalk with railing would be very helpful.

We love having fires on the river and the peacefulness that the park brings.

I recently moved to a new apartment on Shepard Road specifically so I can be close to the trail that takes me right to Hidden Falls/Crosby Farm. It's a wonderful area that I only just discovered last year.

Keep it natural and wildlife friendly. Invite people to appreciate this incredibly special flood plain as it is--walk, canoe, birdwatch, fish, etc. Don't inflict human activities on it--ballparks, soccer fields, etc. There are plenty of other places for those activities. Also, is this planning being done in conjunction with Ford plant development.

As a woman I dont feel safe on the trails unless I know its a busy time eg after work during the Spring and Summer and on the weekends. It would be great if it were more frequently patrolled on bike/horse and cars frequenting the parking lots.
Oct 26 2018 0: Single track trails for running
Oct 26 2018 0: More non paved trails
Oct 26 2018 0: Keep up the great work!
Oct 26 2018 0: Allow us updates about closures due to flooding

The biggest limiting factor is flooding which has become more frequent. Streams feed the pond across the pathway as you come down the hill. Often this year, this area was under water. The floating paths at the north end of the pond are often not floating but also submerged. The once paved pathway on the northwest side of the pond has decayed to a place where it is no longer wheelchair accessible. I would like to see permanent raised boardwalk at the south and north ends of the pond and repair to the once paved trail around the northwest side of the pond. Opening and maintaining the bathrooms in the existing shelter would be nice also, rather than forcing folks to use a port-

Oct 26 2018 0: a-john.

We really need lighting at these parks. As a young, white, male I feel safe but I have many friends who do not feel safe. It is very dark down there! Especially at Crosby. But the lower parking lot at

Oct 25 2018 0: Hidden Falls is pretty scary at dusk, folks!

I love how close I live to wild nature within the bdote/confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. Though I understand some upgrades are necessary, I would be concerned with solutions that sterilizing and tame the area in such a way that we lose the wild

Oct 25 2018 0: character.
Oct 24 2018 0: Keep Crosby rustic and natural

Build a sand volleyball court, basketball court, or even small soccer field. Area needs more active space for youth.
Oct 23 2018 0: No.
Oct 23 2018 0: no

Oct 23 2018 0: Set the river free

Keep it secluded, keep it natural. Crosby and lilydale are two gems because they are nature both nature sanctuaries in the middle of the city. I go there to get away. Don't turn it into Harriet

Oct 22 2018 0: island. Let the people explore and get lost in the woods

Oct 21 2018 0: Worried about car getting broken into at north entrance.
Oct 21 2018 0: Mountain biking trails would be a great addition to this park!

I would like park staff or more people around. I typically walk at Minnehaha Falls Park in Mpls. as it's a safer walk, less crime. Would love to be able to explore Hidden Falls on my own, I

Oct 21 2018 0: always go with a group when I go there so don't go as often.
Although I live within a block of the park (Crosby parcel), it is more than one mile to any safe access point. I really enjoy riding/walking the trails but have often been disappointed to find various trails closed for weeks, sometimes months due to flooding. So I would suggest putting in bridges in parts of the trails where they generally get flooded.

The WPA projects should be a high priority for maintenance and protection.

Maintain as much as possible the natural river ecosystem with minimal unnatural development such as large picnic areas, athletic fields, parking lots - avoid development that could endanger the river ecosystem. Limit the removal of trees, and other vegetation unless invasive.

I really like the park the way it is and would not want too much to change. I think it’s important to have wild spaces in cities where nature can take its course.

Don’t build an environmental learning center UNLESS you plan to program and staff it. Too often, these buildings are empty and unused (despite good intentions).

The interface for this question is maddening.

Restore more natural areas, like the wild flower fields at Crosby, at Hidden Falls. The boat launch rules the whole flat area.

A boat landing should not be installed at Crosby Farm. Instead, money should be used to improve the parking, parking and ramp of Hidden falls. I do not see a reason to have two ramps so close together on such a sparsely used section of the river.

If you don’t want to drive to the park, it is a huge hill down and up to walk/ride. Anything creative to get people up/down would be awesome so that I wouldn't have to drive. Of course this is far fetched, but a gondola would be awesome!!
109 Oct 17 2018 0: upgrade the trails and boardwalk. Leave it natural!
110 Oct 17 2018 0: None
   Under no circumstances should the Crosby bathroom building be
demolished or replaced. It is an architectural gem. Its low height
unimposing stone and woodwork are a perfect fit to this natural
area. Nature is vastly superior to park or city oversight. Please leave
this park alone!
112 Oct 17 2018 1: Please leave much of this park natural—the quiet trails and the
woods offer much for families to adventure near the cities. Don’t
pave it all all put up tons of amenities! It will damage the unique
feel of the park in the city.
113 Oct 17 2018 0: More nature, less human development
114 Oct 17 2018 0: This is a hidden gem of St Paul. Love it, It's like home to me.
   I think the park is lovely the way it is. Maintaining the trails and
surfaces is very important.
   Crosby Farm is such a beautiful gift to the city. I am so pleased
   For #2, having the park staffed - would make me feel a bit safer. As a woman, I don't feel comfortable being down there by myself,
   I've never seen the falls and don't even know where it is and
could really use a map kiosk like they have around the lakes in
Minneapolis that gives distances and locates the park. Do not add
lighting; keep it as natural as possible.
119 Oct 17 2018 0: Keep supporting a clean watershed, and educating the public and
nearby neighbors especially about preventing pollution and runoff
120 Oct 17 2018 0: Pollution of the water near park.
   I've heard about safety issues at Crosby. Sometimes it's flooded at Crosby, a natural thing, but it's
   prevented us from walking there.
   My favorite thing at Hidden Falls is the shore with cottonwood
roots. Second favorite thing is the WPA stonework and fire circles
122 Oct 16 2018 0: Improve connecting trails between Hidden Falls and Crosby Farm
   and steps. Wish the waterfall was cleaned up.
123 Oct 16 2018 0: Park.
   Please repave the trails. Consider a boat landing. Clean up the
lakes, they're over nutrated. Fix up the current pavilion. Work on
access to the upper trail on the bluff -- there's not a sign or even
an easy way to get there, though I learned how on my own. Then
maybe a learning center -- but the park needs a lot of work before
considering that.
My idea is to leave Crosby pretty much as it is, we need more places where people can get away from urbanization, and Crosby provides this, at least in its present form.

Please retain primitive nature of undeveloped areas

I really like that this area is NOT developed. Doing things like adding lighting or providing hard surfaces on the trails would probably decrease the attractiveness of this park.

Enforce dogs on leashes. More trash cans would be nice too.

I think an environmental Ed center would be a fantastic resource at Crosby! Something similar to what is at Ft Snelling State Park.

I do not feel comfortable walking alone. The paths do not give adequate site lines to see what is up ahead and too few people on the paths.

More nature tours, kayak rental for local paddling.

We are truly blessed in St. Paul to have a wealth of beautiful parks and natural areas. I've lived here for 23 years and haven't explored them all yet. I keep being surprised by all the natural beauty of the city. St. Paul does a great job of maintaining and improving its parks. Thank you.

Needs a playground/play area for kids

Canoe/kayak entry area into big Crosby Lake on eastern side of lake

Why is Watergate Marina excluded from the planning process area? It appears to be the red headed step child of St. Paul Parks & Recreation for some reason.

Groomed cross country ski trails would be amazing!

Also, a mountain-bike trail that runs along the bluff would be really cool.

It's a big park area, so maybe an eatery like Sea Salt across the river. It would be a place where people could sit and talk. The park now seems oriented toward movement.

Building more buildings, paths, sign and lights would make me much less likely to use these parks. Walking along the river at night by moonlight, hearing owls, etc. is too precious to lose.

I love the park from both entrances.
Would be great to see this park be more accessible -- both in terms of transportation to get there, but also once folks get there, to make sure it's accessible for them to participate and enjoy the park. I'd like to see a larger parking lot at Crosby (the side by 35E). And for the restrooms to remain open later into the season (and open earlier in the spring). Would be great to have a bike pump/tools down at Hidden Fall for cyclists. Also would be nice to have several water fountains at the park -- preferably ones that were on all year round, or when the temps weren't regularly below freezing. Could we also get a restroom down at the boat launch at Hidden Falls? It's inconvenient (and sometimes not possible) to make it to the other end of the park from the boat launch to use the restroom. Making the beach area more accessible for folks would be great too. And some picnic tables that were longer/could be pushed closer together for bigger families. It would also be great if there was some kind of indoor space/warming house type thing for folks to go in the winter. The map on the city's website is not accurate in terms of where the fire ring is located at Hidden Falls. It would be nice to make the falls more accessible too -- there's a number of folks I know that will never be able to see the falls, because they aren't able to traverse on uneven trails. If you can work with Met Council on getting a bus stop closer to the park, that would be great too. We take folks there in a van for work, but they can't get back there on their own without having to cover a long distance. Also, figuring out a way that someone can get up and out of the park without climbing that huge hill. It's not accessible for someone to get down (or back up) for someone who uses a wheelchair.

Enforce off leash dog abuse, increase patrols- in 42 years I have only seen park patrol twice. Charge for parking or have on site staff. Off leash dogs ruin non trail areas, chase kill wildlife, and now that I am physically challenged and have been bit twice there and chased by sexual predators it is not a safe place to go. That Should be number 1 and only concern. Signage is rediculous, lets manage appropriately enhance what is there, restore wildlife, and add a few trash cans on trails so I dont have to haul others litter every time I go.

Thank you for protecting such a wonderful park!

Safety is always a concern when at the park. I do not like my wife running there alone.

Improvements in the road access and trails would make it nicer. Also clean up the mess by the hwy 5 bridge.
Thank you for doing this survey!

Bike lane park road and bike parking in park.
better signs explaining it is NOT an off leash park; repair of
shelters/bridges that have deteriorated
If it's not possible to have a dog park at the ford site, hidden falls
would be my second choice for Highland.
The park is perfect...what more do you really need to do?

More than an environmental learning center, I'd like to see a
-cultural center, focused on using culture to build our relationship
with the river. This would be led by indigenous leadership and
story about the Bdote area. It would also invite all of the people in
our community to explore their ancestors relationship to rivers
and celebrate their relationship to the river.

How can there be better access to river from Crosby? I don’t want
the hidden falls area to have an environmental ed center, i
basically like it the way it is.
I have already indicated my biggest desire for improvement -
bike/walking trail surface improvement.

Please do not build a lot of structures and "access" in this park! It
is good because it is close to nature. There are other places for
picnics in St. Paul that do not require destroying a natural area.

A better trail connection between hidden falls and Crosby farm
would be great.

Off leash space would be great

I love how wild the park is. As much as possible it would be great
to retain the natural aspects while improving accessibility.

Would love to have mountain bike trails added to this area of the
city. With a perfect mix of bluffs, woods and river views, it is a
perfect place to add trails. Mountain biking in the Twin cities is
very popular and will bring many visitors to the park as well as a
community to support and maintain the area.

My top ranked improvement would be to add more parking for
cars and boat trailers. Often cars are parked in the boat trailer
spots limited use of the river for boats.

I don't want the park to become so "Improved" that it loses the
wilderness feeling.

All is good.

Bike trails. Cyclocross skills park
I’d love to see some formal mountain biking trails available
More single-track bike trails
167 Oct 10 2018 0:No

168 Oct 10 2018 0:Build single track mountain bike trails

Mountain bike singletrack would be a great addition to the park since it's already so easy to bike to. So many more people would use the area.

169 Oct 10 2018 0:use the area.

I think a major need in Crosby Farm Park is improving the trail surfaces. The trail surrounding the small pond with the fishing pier is often flooded in several areas making access very difficult. The boardwalk through the marsh is often very slippery and uneven. The paved trail on the north side of that pond is in bad need of repair. Water management on the west side of the pond is needed where the trail is almost always flooded or extremely icy in winter.

I would very much like to see the unpaved dirt trails remain unpaved. This includes the trails on the bluff above lake Crosby and trails along the Mississippi River. I think there is a need for more wild feeling places in the city and these dirt trails are a wonderful resource for the many park visitors that use the park for walking, running, and walking their dogs.

170 Oct 10 2018 0:walking, running, and walking their dogs.

171 Oct 10 2018 1:the Hidden Falls area.

172 Oct 10 2018 1:No

Possibly make the tiny area directly next to the ford plant land a dedicated dog park?

173 Oct 10 2018 0:dedicated dog park?

Being a resident right along the Hidden Falls park my concern is increase traffic within and along this neighborhood area. With only one entrance for the north and one entrance for the south any increase of traffics will only add to an already heavenly used road and bike/walking paths. There needs to be a open discussion on this as well as park improvements will be dealt with. I'm all for improving our parks but it can't be at the expense of the people that live along this area.

174 Oct 09 2018 0:people that live along this area.

175 Oct 09 2018 0:Very difficult to walk across Shephard Rd. to get to the park.
Please make sure design concepts make it safe for pedestrians, bikers and non motorized transit. Many neighbors walk to and from the park and cars are currently prioritized over people. The road gets plowed and salted but not the sidewalk. Please stop using chemicals and salt for the roads. They go straight to the river. The road can simply be closed when there is significant snow. Please make sure that there is adequate funding to upkeep any structures that you add. If increasing river access, make sure to minimize erosion and use sustainable and natural trail building techniques. Finally, please prioritize native plants and maintaining trees and other carbon offsets.

I wish that there was better access from Shepard Road. For example, a staircase or two between Gannon Rd and Elway St. Perhaps the staircase(s) could also include a bike ramp.

The Highland District Council has requested bike racks at both Hidden Falls and Crosby regional parks. Resolution is here: http://highlanddistrictcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/HDC-Bike-Rack-Resolution-11022017.pdf All regional parks should be able to be accessed on foot and by bike, but there also needs to be bike parking. Just because you bike there doesn't mean you want to be on your bike the entire time there. Please install bike racks that meet the specifications outlined in the district council's resolution.

Leave this area as natural as possible. Designated boat trailer parking and enforcement of the parking area

I am very concerned that the park will become run down, not properly maintained

Improve boardwalk around lake at Crosby so that it’s not under water when flooding

I love the park BECAUSE it has natural walking paths in the woods. Please don’t change this. The one negative is so many car break-ins.

less infrastructure, more nature. It is a flood plain subject to regular and damaging flooding. Don’t build fancy things in the flood plain.

Keep it safe because the trails can be fairly isolated. My fear is being attacked. This has not been a problem.

Riverbottom wet/mesic natural habitat restoration incl. removing paved trails that are in floodplain
Please leave this space wild. It is unique among St. Paul parks.

reduce flood impacts if feasible safety is a concern. Need good lighting, "eyes on the streets",

It's a great park with lots of history. Please keep it for the future generations

Clean up graffiti and trash. Bring more amenities to bring more activities, therefore making it safer. Now I only run or walk there during organized events.

I really treasure Crosby as a place that feels removed from the city and wouldn't want development that takes away from the feeling of being in nature.

We live very close to the North entrance to Hidden Falls and there is frequent late night activity in the park making safety questionable. Is it supposed to be a 24-hour park for underage drinking, etc, or is it patrolled after-hours?

These are great parks...don't change too much.

Safety is a concern for me as well. I had my vehicle broken into when parked at the parking lot at shepherd and 35e entrance a couple years ago. I've been extra careful ever since. That same parking lot has seen vandalism on the porta potty there.

Invasive species are bad at Hidden Falls--sometimes both sides of the trail are nothing but invasives. Makes for an ugly, stressful hike.

A portopotty or bathroom would be nice on the south end of Hidden Falls

Mosquitoes were so bad down in Hidden Falls this summer. I don't know if there is a way to manage it without insecticides, but I would go to Hidden Falls more often if the bugs were less.

Also: young people smoke weed in their cars in the parking lot.

There was a park ranger who interrupted my run on 2 occasions to tell me I maybe shouldn't be running there because of mountain lions or events that were going on. It was weird and I didn't go back for a while. I still don't know why he singled me out among all the people in the park. You should screen you applicants
Have the police regularly sweep the area for homeless people

I’m not sure how to rank the choices in question #6 because I

love the park just the way it is

I really like the park as it is, so I’m a bit concerned. I don’t want to spend a lot of money to ‘fix something that isn’t broken’

More police presence would be nice. We see a lot of drug use,

used condoms, trash, it would be nice to see more patrols.

Improving unpaved trails so they stay above water, and are usable. Tracking for skiing in the winter.

Maintain the wooded paths minimally -clear trees that block the path, but keep it natural

It's such a wonderful natural place. Don't "improve" it too much.

Better access to park from Shepard Davern Neighborhood. There are lots of condos and apartments on Graham Ave and Norfolk etc. Perhaps a bridge from Shepard/ Davern to Crosby park. I have lived at Highland Pointe condos for 13 years. I love this area and there is so much potential.

I think http://www.villagemh.com (The Villages of Mendota Heights) would be a great concept for the former US Bank Site/ Johnson Brothers Property. Housing, retail and restaurants. Imagine having lunch/dinner or ice cream and being able to walk to the parks and having easy access. I think the park's vision needs to include the development of the neighborhood

I want this park to stay wild. Over the last 5-10 years it's become a dog park, with dogs almost always off leash, running wild, etc. They scare wildlife, they don't belong ,and people let them run free. It's very upsetting. There should be big signs at both entrances that dogs off leash is a $250 fine, and be enforced. One year of enforcement would get the word out. This is the single most damaging thing occurring at this park that is taking wildlife out of it. I don't want more buildings, infrastructure, etc. Outside of improving the north paved trail on the pond, which is dangerous, and the boardwalk, a little, please do not add trails, or begin more development. We have enough manicured parks in the city. Leave this one wild! Just get the dogs out or under strict control.
Enforce leash laws, please! Very few dog owners keep their dogs on leash and there are many of them running free. The signage is ludicrously small and inconspicuous and the meaning is lost due to lack of enforcement.

Provide additional access point to Crosby Farm Park between Davern and Montreal.

My #1 suggestion: make more gravel trails (soft) for running/walking AND, also #1, in winter, have consistent and high quality grooming for classic XC skiing.

The paved trails really need to be resurfaced. Also, creating ways to get around or over areas that commonly flood would be helpful.

It's a wonderful natural area- don't groom it to death.

There is a feeling of wilderness here that exists nowhere else in Saint Paul, including habitats for both migrating and nesting birds. I am very concerned that 'improvements' will damage the very things that make Crosby Farm special.

An anti-graffiti coating of paint for the highway 5 bridge would be helpful! I would consider personal funding (within reason) for this. Or if an artist were to paint the cement then put the anti graffiti coating on may help it blend in more to nature?

To include a center for all paddle sports. Including educational training on boat use, safety, along with invasive species management and water quality.

Build the environmental learning center with a national park service office

The National Park Service needs a headquarters facility and a physical presence in this area. They need to be part of this discussion as they help glue multiple communities together as part of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. They are a natural fit. The Marina should also be included in the discussion as a high potential location for a new National Park Headquarters and a great location for urban school outdoor programs. It is time for the Marina site to go full public and be transformed into a space that can nurture new outdoor enthusiasts.

Emergency call box would make me feel a lot safer.

Better parking management for vehicles with trailers Vs passenger vehicles. Spaces are used up by cars without trailers leaving a limited space for those with trailers.

There ought to be an OFFICIAL off leash dog area
area for storing non-motorized boats as well as possibly renting

Oct 03 2018 1:some out.

Oct 03 2018 1:I'd be interested in an enclosed dog play area
Keep the hand of humans to a minimum. Allow the magnificence
Oct 03 2018 1:of nature to be the focus.

Oct 03 2018 1:More security
connections to the adjoining 'Victoria Park' tail system would help
give us a unique Mississippi waterfront (not highway front)

Oct 03 2018 1:experience that could extend to downtown

Navigational signs would be great. I remember getting lost the
Oct 03 2018 1:First couple times I was at Crosby Farm Park and Hidden Falls
When trees fall on the trail it often takes weeks or even months
for the city/whoever to take care of it. Also, there are missing
planks and potholes on/near the first foot bridge at hidden falls
north trail that have been there for a few months to more than a

Oct 03 2018 0:year.

Don't change the names. Hidden falls is the name of that park
that I remember from childhood. Upgrade the parks but don't
change their names. It has history in the city Many people are

Oct 03 2018 0:attached to nostalgically

Please do not put more concrete or turf grass in these parks.
The limited running/walking/biking trails are fine. Do not
undertake major hardscape infrastructure (e.g., building/parking
Oct 03 2018 0:lots). This is a vital ecological corridor. Don't screw it up.

Oct 03 2018 1:would like to see roads and parking lots repaved.

Oct 02 2018 0:Sidewalk at the south entrance
Oct 02 2018 0:No

I'm repeatedly frustrated by picnickers leaving trash behind and
fishermen and women cleaning fish and not throwing away
Oct 02 2018 0:remains. More enforcement would be great.

A dog beach area like the one right across the river would be
great. And along with better facilities more water fountains would
Oct 02 2018 0:be great

I like the park the way it is. Finding peace and nature so close to
my home is important. I don't want picnic grounds and shelters at
Oct 02 2018 0:Crosby. Just safer, better walking paths.
Keep it wild and don't over develop. We have a habit of building
things in St. Paul and hey don't get maintained. Put the money
into Homecroft Park - rebuild the ice rink that used to be there,

Oct 02 2018 0:keep the park clean and in good repair.
Oct 02 2018 0:No

Oct 02 2018 0:Bathrooms could use freshening.

Oct 02 2018 0:n/a
I live near the entrance to Crosby Park. I used to bike to Hidden Falls and I recall that the trails were/are in need of improvement. I don't bike anymore, and walking into Crosby is a bit scary alone! It is beautiful however! A couple open areas might be helpful.

Repave the existing paved trails so it is more accessible to rollerbladers, and people with physical disabilities. Also, keep it as natural as possible for migratory birds and other wildlife who pass through the metro area to continue to use undisturbed.

Encourage more citizen science!

Police should do more staking out or bait cars or something where windows are smashed and cars are broken into in the parking lot.

more parking and spots for trailer parking since people going for a walk tend to park in the trailer spots, or give them tickets for parking there.

Please don't dramatically change this wonderful park. It is a gem as-is and used by so many.

I worry that building on the land will disrupt habitats. Why not do minor improvements to pathways, etc to allow service workers to keep it clean, but nothing major?

I hope that the trails through the trees and the open spaces are maintained. I like feeling like I am not in the city when I am at the park.

After flooding/storms, please cut fallen trees as soon as possible. As I get older, I can’t bike on dirt as well. Is garbage an issue? I like the idea of an environmental learning center, but don't we have Ft. Snelling just across the river? I think informational signs are just fine.

I love this park, the Hidden Falls and the natural appearance of the 1930s design. I wouldn't like to see a renovation or modernizing of this park. Perhaps making trails in Crosby more usable when flooding occurs...that's about it.

Trees which have fallen over the paths are not cleared in a timely manner which prevents hiking. I used to be a on a Park Board and our crews were always out the day after a storm to clear the paths.

This is one our family's favorite city parks as it is less groomed and quieter. We love being able to explore in the forest and along the riverbank with fewer people.
Please protect this park, keep it as wild as possible. So much wildlife comes here, they need to be protected. There is too much buckthorn and garlic mustard. More native species need to be planted and protected. There is quite a bit of drinking by young people and littering, erosion, etc. from them. Would be nice to have school groups (high school students in the area) involved with taking care of the area and learning about it, so that they can have more empathy for nature and their surroundings.

Not really - the park is really wonderful and we are there all of the time.

Figure out a way to deal with trails constantly underwater.

Boardwalk? Bridges?

no

Upgrade bathrooms, but please don’t change too much

Year round bathroom use please! Also, as commented above some trail areas are too steep and dangerous to walk with a stroller or bike with younger children (going toward hidden falls from watergate marina). I’d very much like to see those fixed for safety issues so our family could use those routes. Also flooding especially around Crosby lake (trail split by parking lot and boardwalk area specifically) has greatly hindered our use. Better drainage under the trails or some sort of bridge system would be nice and make the trails more accessible in a variety of seasons.

It’s a beautiful area. I’m all for improvements where needed, but don’t change the overall feel of the park.

Please be working thinking about erosion management and flooding issues at both parks - be planning for global warming and water issues

LEAVE “HIDDEN FALLS” as a quiet, fairly private, MEDITATIVE, CONTEMPLATIVE AREA. It is widely used for ceremony/ritual activities— important Sanctuary Space in the hubbub of the Cities.

Very hard to get our little boat down to the access.

Just that sometimes it feels a little unsafe if you are alone in these parks.

Improve management and facilities at Watergate Marina

Develop purpose-built singletrack trails

Make more walking access points to the park. Make the really long car path have stairs-walking next to it as i’m always concerned i’ll get hit.
It would be nice to have activity areas for kids swimming, playground. Think hyland park reserve in Bloomington
The river is coolest part, and increasing usage and ease of use should be priority #1 imo.
I would like to see a safe and easy to access boat launch. There are tons of parks in Minneapolis, but this one is specifically located on pool 2 of the greatest American river. It would be wasteful to use this opportunity to make more trails when it should be a river focused park.
The park is so beloved because it is wilder (in terms of nature) and less maintained than other parks. People go there so they can feel like they are outside the city even though they are right within city limits. Keep the park as is.
I hope whatever changes are made, they don't disturb the birds and wildlife living there too much. The area along the river should be preserved for them.
I'm concerned about the mentioned storm drainage "feature" that could flow into Hidden Falls. That sounds like garbage/pollutants could flow from the Ford Plant area into Hidden Falls and then the river. How would this be prevented?
Walkable entrances down to the park/river/especially Hidden Falls area by the Mendota Bridge would be nice. The driveway down there is dangerous for walkers/bikers.
#1 Other = no changes. Don't do anything that doesn't promote the natural environment. Don't chase away animals by building
What will happen to the parks if they remove the dams--will they flood/change? Wider, resurfaced, more extensive bike paths.
Enclosed dog park.
Could there be an off leash dog park?
There needs to be dedicated boat trailer parking where access by auto's is not allowed. Many times, the spaces are filled with cars and there is no room for trailers. There should be warning and fines for those parking improperly.
On the "improvement" of trail surfaces. How is "improve" defined? By you mean "pave" then this would be the WORST thing you could do for the park. There are countless miles of paved paths in the twin cities. Access to well-maintained dirt and gravel paths -- like this found on Pike Island in Ft Snelling State Park or at Theo Wirth Park in Mpls should be a priority. This would set Crosby/Hidden apart.
There are plenty of parks with amenities. Keep Crosby as simple and natural as possible. Victoria Park is close by and can have more amenities.

When I have been at Hidden Falls around dusk, I have noticed that suddenly there are many cars coming and parking. It is apparently a gay pickup spot. Even though I am a woman, I do not feel safe. Even in broad daylight, I feel I have to keep alert. I think they need park personnel as in most parks on site from time to time or maybe all the time.

Preserve Cottonwood Trees as much as possible

Restore the Crosby farm trail on the North side that goes along the hill. Fix boardwalk so that it doesn't become unusable during high water.

Hidden Falls-Crosby would greatly benefit from having a long, designated off-road (dirt) mountain biking trail that includes/links both parks.

I would love to see groomed classic ski trails.

I would like to see a portion of the parks dedicated to a dog park along the river. St Paul is behind Minneapolis in having a nice dog park. I now drive to Minneapolis 3 times a week to use the dog park.

The idea of building an environmental learning center on a flood plain--especially as flooding is predicted to be more frequent (climate change)--is a waste of a good idea. Yes to an environmental center but in an accessible, visible area that will not be underwater with growing frequency.
change to Crosby Park, is to keep in mind that any change should not step on or disturb the unique, wonderful, quiet, tranquil piece of urban nature that it already is. As a lifelong resident, this is my favorite place in the Twin Cities. There is nowhere else like it, nor have I seen any big city parks anywhere that are so wild, so immersive and peaceful as Crosby Park. Any changes and attempts at improving the park must first and foremost not take away from what makes it so special to begin with. Treating this like any other park will not work.

1) Add bike racks where people can lock up their bikes at both parking lots.
2) Water fountain at the north parking lot.
3) Possibly develop an app shows all of the trails (paved and unpaved). It could map out the trails by seeing where people walk, if they allow location tracking. This could apply to other local parks as well.
4) Signs that remind both pedestrians and bicyclists to share the (paved) trails with each other.
5) Don't add too many signs in the middle of the park. In my opinion, this takes away from the immersion in nature. Keeping any added signs near the entrances would work well, I think.
6) Consider establishing trails (probably unpaved, at least to begin with) at Crosby North of 35E. This whole side of Crosby is pretty wild and lacks any trails. I think adding a few small, dirt trails (maybe hiring a crew/volunteers to maintain them) through this side of the park could be a great opportunity to get people immersed in some wild urban nature. I would be sad to see it completely "tamed" out there, however, as it is an interesting and extremely wild little area - a fairly unique place to find in the heart of the urban wilderness.

I'm a male. Not sure how safe women feel? Get some strange people at times. I've walked there for years.
A major concern is the lack of sidewalk/safe pedestrian access up the big hill at Hidden Falls south gate (you have to walk on the road with the cars). There is a sidewalk up the hill at Hidden Falls north gate, but it is not in great shape, and there is a sidewalk up the hill at Crosby near the marina, but it is not great either as it is narrow and hugs an awkward guard rail. Creating safe pedestrian sidewalks at all of the park entrances would be a major improvement. ALSO, it's a small thing, but please make sure all trails connect smoothly. For example, if I bike down the hill at Hidden Falls south gate, I have to stop, lift my bike over the curb, and then bike across the grass to join the trail in either direction. Please create smooth trail transitions for all types of users.

Including those using wheelchairs or other mobility aids.

Concerned about less desirable activity by patrons in Hidden Falls south parking lots.

Disability access is high priority.

I honestly would hate to see Crosby Farm developed further. It is a natural hidden gem in the Twin Cities. Great place to hike and enjoy nature. Adding a natural center/additional picnic shelters would make the park less attractive for me. There are plenty of developed parks nearby that fill this niche.

I love this park! We have had many celebrations there over the years. Most often we use the trails to go for walks with our dogs in fall and spring a friend and I regularly meet to walk at Crosby and both enjoy the park. Thank you. Hidden Falls seems trickier to get to so don't go there. Perhaps better signage??

Would love an archery range

No

Important to have the park be attractive to families with kids of various ages. Would be great to improve the paved and nonpaved trails.
As mentioned above, the number 1 thing I would like to see improved is the amount of garbage. There are old fishing lines and plastic debris along the riverbank. Garbage along the path, empty drink containers, beer bottles; the firepits often have garbage in them. I have volunteered at park cleanup events, and have seen the amount of garbage that collects there over the year. Some years the park cleanup event gets cancelled and the garbage goes uncollected. I used to bring a plastic bag with me and pick up garbage along the way, but I simply don’t make it there as often due to having little kids now. It would be nice if at least more trashcans were located along the paths. Another thing is the really gross looking embankment on Mpls side, I wish they

321 Sep 28 2018 0 would just jackhammer the whole thing down.
322 Sep 28 2018 0 No.

I'm not sure how connected the parks are to biking trails, but it seems to me that making the parks appear more welcoming and accommodating is crucial. The perception of both parks is that one might get propositioned for an illegal activity and/or have their

323 Sep 28 2018 1 car broken into.

My perception of the areas is partying by young people. This may or may not be as real as my experiences in the past but I rarely go there now because I perceive it as a place where younger

324 Sep 28 2018 1 people (including young adults) party disruptively

Please don't make it feel modern -- except for the bathrooms. Like there's a wooden dock overlooking a pond. It's charming the way it is. Please don't take the naturalness out of this area with more modern stuff. Also it would be cool to have canoe share

325 Sep 28 2018 1 here.

More handicap parking at lower level; make two trails--one for

326 Sep 28 2018 1 biking and one for walking.

Crosby Farm is an amazing asset to our urban area because it is relatively well-conserved and provides access for city residents to natural green space and the river. I really love it for exactly what it is and don't think it requires improvement. To the extent improvement is required, I would focus efforts on conservation efforts: managing and minimizing human impacts (ensuring sufficient trash receptacles and staff for cleaning up; signs asking park users to minimize impact; bags for people to pick up dog poop; expanding the no-wake zone on the river etc.) and wildlife

327 Sep 28 2018 1 preservation and conservation.
328 Sep 28 2018 1 no
329 Sep 28 2018 1 Less steep path to get out of park, or stairs
At this point, I think "less is more." If you overdevelop these two parks you will be killing the goose that laid the golden egg. I am not opposed to environmental education, but I'd hate to see more land in the parks devoted to centers, buildings, you name it. The parks are valuable because they have not been ruined by development. Please keep it as natural as possible. If you want an environmental center, put it up on top of the bluff. I'm sure the 8,000 residents the city wants to shoe-horn into the 120-acre Ford site would love to have it there.

With regard to signage and wayfinding, I would like that to include natural and cultural topics along with wayfinding within the park and connections to other parks and trails throughout the city, Ramsey County, and nearby Dakota County trails. And of course, things like QR codes on these signs so we can access digital versions of these maps (and links to live options like Google maps) so that we can enjoy these as we bike around the whole system.

Would like to see support for development that intentionally minimizes our 'footprint' which may be key to conserving & protecting our marginally wild park. For example, maintaining trails of rock/stone or other suitable material rather than frequently repaved asphalt where flooding is inherent. Limiting lighted areas though those designated should be well thought out & maintained. Education in the park encouraging & supporting conservation. Hoping that you will invite & seriously consider input from professionals trained in environmental conservation. Love walking along trails listening to the sounds, seeing the birds,

Conserve, protect and restore natural resources, develop a faunal element goal for the park, e.g. return of Yellow Cheeked Warbler. Maintain the park in a natural state--it is along the Mississippi River flyway and provided important resting and habitat for Birds and other Animals. Add land to the park.

Minimize asphalt and the built environment.
I usually walk down from the Prior Avenue entrance. Erosion and fallen rocks make this entrance a little scary. Also, it would really nice if there was a separated pedestrian path. Cars coming up/down on the slope are especially scary if I am walking or running.

Please limit invasive improvements to Crosby as much as you can. I forgot to say that I've also seen snowy and barred owls there, as well as field mice and shrews. So much habitat, so many species! I am concerned that they would be driven away.

You need to add more signalized and safety-enhanced crossings of Shepard Road. Right now the only signalized crossing is at Davern and it is not very safe for pedestrians. It's only on one side of the intersection, has a slip-turn for vehicles (who only look left for on-coming traffic as they turn right). There is not another signalized, or signed/safe pedestrian crossing of any kind for over a mile (maybe two miles). There are tons of apartment buildings and housing northeast of Davern and Shepard but there isn't even a SIDEWALK to get to this intersection along the north side of Shepard Road. The only sidewalk is on Youngman Ave and ends in a circle at the end of this street, at least a half-mile from Davern. A signalized, pedestrian crossing of Shepard Road, with high-visibility crosswalks and warning signage and pavement markings (for drivers) should be added at Alton and Rankin to allow all the nearby residents access to Crosby and the Mississippi River Trail. Right now, the park is hard to get to and thus less known.

Because the park is so close to the city is it is nice to have it a bit more natural. The serenity of the park may be harmed by some of the improvements mention. Because of increase flooding, erosion and loss of tree cover I think it is better to keep most of the trail unpaved.

Improving police/ranger presence so people feel comfortable walking alone. Engineer trails better at Crosby so paths aren't constantly flooded and impassable. A dog park including river access would be nice. More trash cans along paths for waste disposal.

I would love to see some kind of outdoor play/activity area (jungle gym, obstacle course, etc.) for my kids to play on. I would love to see a park built for children to play on. An environmental learning center would also be amazing!

The sites feel remote and for a women walking alone, uninviting.
Love Crosby & Hidden Falls!! Would love to have some of the flooding resolved so the park doesn’t close during some of the best weeks of spring/summer due to flooded paths. It is a special place for our family.

Concerned about integrity of Ford landfill upstream from parks, how to safely remove and clean without ruining park and poisoning land and water, hoping the parks will remain truly FREE and no paid parking, would rather their historical character be preserved as to not make it look like a sterile place, the wildness and easy accessibility is important, and I go there many times a week and have for decades.

Enforce leash laws in Crosby park. Most dogs are off leash and it's not a dog park.

Would love a public fire pit that isn't full of glass. There are a few unpaved trails. I like those. Maybe even make those a formal part of the park.

Crosby farm is my favorite regional park. Looking through the woods between the tall canopy and expanse of underbrush, it's not unlike flying between cloud layers. So beautiful. Thanks for loving on our parks with this survey & future improvements.

Please continue to have unpaved paths.

Keep it natural, people enjoy nature in the city. It's therapy for me, to just take a walk to the river and through the woods for a sense of peace at the end of the week or a start of a weekend. I do like the environmental education concept. Education is always a pathway to a good steward of our Earth.

More goats!

More planned activities like canoeing, nature hike, kids games

Make the falls at hidden falls more accessible and safer. Need to repair the stairs. Get rid of weeds that block the path to the small catch basin put signage explaining the falls and allow access from the hilly side. Make a path and viewing site accessible from the river road by foot that would also let you see the Mississippi river.

Think Minnehaha falls viewing area bridges

I use the parks daily. There is a lot of litter and graffiti in some areas and a lot of people loitering. As a female I would not feel safe at night and think it would be nice to have more lighting and more presence of patrolling to feel safe since it is so secluded.
Quite a bit of trash left over from people either fishing or hanging out after dark in the park and lighting fires that I notice by the river. I think things are pretty great! Would like to see the invasive species handled.

Building an Environmental Learning Center in one of the parks is such a bad idea that I placed it below Other. Keep what we have as wild as possible without more buildings. Please. Please.

Be sure that there is adequate and safe access by people walking and biking. Also, improved bike parking would be very valuable. Don't make this another damned urbanized park. It is somewhat wild and keep it that way. I walk it daily.

Add a small dog park area in the Hidden Falls park on St Paul side. Keep the locks.

I am happy with the park the way it is. Keep it natural. Please do not gentrify one of the last wild spaces within the city!!!!

Definitely needs more signage. I was visiting the park for three years before I found out how to get back to the falls. Water in the spring is definitely an issue. Don't know if it would be possible to build bridges or boardwalks so that the paths would be accessible during the spring?

No

Please build an archery range.

I'd love to see an archery range built on the property.

Having a natural place that is not “slick” is unusual in the city and important. Do not try to upgrade nature, leave it alone!

People letting their pets run free is really a barrier for me. There's one area near the lake at Crosby that often floods. It would be good to have a boardwalk there, too.

Crosby is a hidden gem.

I enjoy the closeness of the woods, and remote access to the riverbank. Walking in the woods with my dog. I think the biggest priority is to protect the flora and fauna.

I live on the 900 block of Bayard and appreciate the new bike trail on Otto. However, it is still hard to cross Shepard Road. Can I somehow someday get to Crosby from the new city park that is being built near Nova Academy??
These parks create little sense of safety, especially at night, given constant police activity.

Most of these ideas just seem like making it more like any city park anywhere. I am against them. Especially more lighting. If that's what people want they can go to Harriet Island or Como Park. You should be working to enhance the character of the park not change it. The city of St. Paul just fiddles things into mediocrity.

I appreciate that the parks need some improving but I'm concerned that the wild feel of the park will be lost.

I have contacted the parks dept numerous times about the entrances/exits to Hidden Falls, regarding cars exiting. Drivers do not pay any attention to bikers, pedestrians, etc. when leaving. I have almost been hit several times when I ride along the River Rd. I have emailed and called a number of times about this and haven't gotten any response at all. If and when I get hit by a car leaving the park, I will hold the driver as well as the city responsible for not addressing this issue.

My husband and I were regular hikers in Crosby until last summer when we started noticing vandalism in the parking lot and in the rest shelters. We've seen cars with broken windows and people who appeared to be vagrants.

As a St. Paul resident on fixed income, I'm being overtaxed, with now annual property tax increases, a garbage tax, increased garbage fees, and more school referenda. If improving the park is going to cost me another nickel, I don't want it. It's been fine for the decades I've used it.

Fix and maintain bike paths

Leave the park alone!

New Mountain Biking trails would be an excellent new activity option. This would help the park compete with other trails that currently or have plans to add mountain biking trails.

MTB (of road) biking trails

Bike trail down to highway bikeway rather than stairs by hidden falls

It's a great park! Please don't wreck it with clutter, more infrastructure.

Efforts to upkeep existing improvements should far out weigh additional improvements. No additional improvements would be perfect, don't ruin the natural setting

Love this park

Add mountain bike trails!!
Tell the Met Council to worry about roads and bridges and leave nature alone. These are floodplains and flood often. There's a reason they aren't highly invested in and we have plenty of areas funds would be better used and suited.

Love it when parks connect to bike trails—this one is an easy route. Have met scout groups here a few times and had confusion identifying which entrance to meet at. Clarifying signage would be great.

I live very close by so I'll go no matter what you do to change them lol

Would love an off leash dog area (fenced is fine!)

How about some play equipment for kids at Hidden Falls.

Shepard Road is a huge barrier from the neighborhoods to the park. Better pedestrian access from West 7th is sorely needed. My neighbors and I are hoping there is a trail access from Victoria Park underneath Shepard to the undeveloped Triangle below Victoria Park. Also better pedestrian access at the Elway entrance.

Invest more money into poorer neighborhoods. Highland park already receives extensive funding.

The #1 thing that would increase my use of the park (question #6), would be increased dirt surface trails for riding mountain bikes.

Improve hidden falls part by the Ford Site and extend to the Park into the site

Build a bike pump track

I'd love more benches.

There is a huge demand for bike parks and mountain bike trail access across the metro. It would be awesome to have more single track in the states capital.

Leave the parks mostly undeveloped and natural; limit paving of trails and fancy picnic facilities. The area floods every so many years so why develop in a flood zone.

I want it to stay wild, more "improvements" will bring more people and more damage.

Too many wild turkeys...

I think it's pretty awesome the way it is. It's my favorite outdoor get-a-way in St Paul.

Park is great just as it is. Make the creek/falls at hidden falls more natural. Keep the unpaved trails in both parks the way they are.
Revamping the high-line trail on the north side of upper and crosby lake would be fantastic for mountainbiking. Don't make water access easier to drive up to. Sure, making it more accessible is fair, but the amount of flooding that area sees does not suggest loads of pavement are needed. Sparse, well-maintained paved trails are certainly welcomed and beneficial, but natural surfaces should dominate the landscape.

I'm at the parks pretty often. I like that there are some paved paths but also prefer how many unimproved paths there are.

Some very basic trail markers are more than sufficient.

Add off road biking!

So many mosquitos - is there a natural way to reduce these around trails that will not harm wildlife?

More park security

Keep up with the graffiti on the bridge

Leave as undeveloped as possible - there are few areas in St Paul where it's possible to find as much unimproved area to recreate on.

Restoring shoreline, limiting mowed areas, native plantings, removing parking lots near the water

The city should promote the Marina. It's a hidden gem right in our neighborhood which took me 43 years to discover. I love it and think others would too if it was better advertised.

Please keep changes to a minimum. It's already such a beautiful space

Enforce the leash law

off leash areas

This park is so convenient, but very underused, likely because it has a poor reputation for safety and security - it's dark, few people on the trails, car break ins and other shady business. I've talked to people who say they'd never go there alone. If I knew there would be more people (families, park staff, activities, etc.) there, I'd be inclined to visit more often. Maybe this could be an opportunity to partner with Public Arts St. Paul to create an arts destination (sculpture garden, poetry trail, etc.)?
Two things: I think adding more dirt trails for hiking/running would be amazing. Note, I think these should be in addition to paved trails, not in place of. Additionally I think security is a concern in the park and increased patrolling is necessary. Folks go down here to smoke pot and speed in and out of the parking lot all the time making it dangerous for walkers and bikers.

Better signage along Mississippi River Blvd, at the MRB/Hwy 5 intersection, and MRB/Ford Parkway intersection would be very helpful. I only know of this park because I live in the immediate neighborhood. No one else I talk to has heard of Hidden Falls or knows there is a park down there, even if they regularly bike/walk along Mississippi Blvd. For the few events I’ve attended in the park, people always struggle to find it. Connecting the South entrance and the North entrance would be helpful too since turning into the wrong entrance is a very common mistake.

We need food vendors! Places to sit down and enjoy a meal or coffee.

I would like to see this largely unspoiled area stay that way. On the weekends that we can’t make it out of the city, it’s a little piece of wilderness in our backyard. Every time we visit Crosby/Hidden Falls we see so much wildlife and there’s nothing like hiking in the woods off the beaten path.

The current design/control of the waterfall and creek through the park is very dilapidated and uninviting. The low areas of the park are also so very overgrown with great swaths of nettles, that walking unimproved paths can mean having to be very careful not to accidentally brush up against nettles crowding toward the paths.

There are often shenanigans happening in the parking lots (drugs, people sitting in their cars for hours, etc.) and we live by Crosby and can often times hear loud music and parties going on late at night. More patrols, video surveillance, and additional lighting would help deter this. There are often car break-ins too.

Please build singletrack MTN bike trails here. I have been riding here since the 90’s and have always wanted something like this.
I would like to see more natural surface single track mountain bike trails.

I would be very interested in single track mountain bike trails, provided that there would be a way to manage spring and summer flooding.

Combination of paved/unpaved trails is great; kayak/canoe access at Crosby would be great! Have not tried crosscountry skiing here but the environment would be great for it.

Would love single track mountain biking trails. Something similar to what Carver Lakes park in Woodbury has.

Would love MORC maintained mountain bike trails. It would take advantage of the long linear park and not conflict with other activities at either end of park.

Dirt trails for multiple uses like mountain biking or trail running

No

Thank you for your hard work improving these great parks!

More mountain bike trails

Build mtb trails and I will come

Add more bike trails

No

Outside of geocaching I don't know of any other family activities, nor the total area of Crosby Park. It's a mystery!

I love Crosby Farm Park. It provides a wonderful break from city pavement, which is important for physical and mental health. I am concerned about increased off road cycling. They disturb the wildlife and create unsafe trail conditions.

Crosby Farm/Hidden Falls has endless recreation potential. If there were singletrack mountain bike trails, I would go way more often.

Mountain bike trails would be awesome down there

Singletrack mountain bike trails, even if only a few miles. Just don't make them like Carver Lake. Make them like Lebanon.

Mountain bike trails would be great!
Please add mountain bike singletrack. A bonus if you do that, mountain bikers are great stewards and will promote, maintain and monitor the park in a responsible and inclusive way. Please add mountain bike trails! This would be the most positive addition that would increase park usage and healthy outdoor activities!!

Would like to see actual off road mountain bike trail system developed.

Mountain biking trails would be the be the best! I would also love if the old Ford site was turned into the "Theodore Wirth of St.Paul". Connect it to Crosby Farm via trails=)=)=)

Biking is one of the most used and popular ways to experience the parks. There should be river paths above the flood plains for both road/walking, as well as Mountain Biking. Mountain bikers have been asking for sustainable and city funded trails for years along the Mississippi - i.e. higher up where it doesn't flood. They would be used a LOT. Just look at Theo Worth, Lebanon Hills etc. Connecting the river trails with the Battle Creek trails would be a bonus as well.

There is already a lot of dirt trail use, designate some to mountain biking. It’s a good spot for beginners and those with limitations.

Allowing MORC to groom legitimate mountain bike trails would be a great addition

Dirt trails for hiking and mountain biking would be amazing!

With the kids riding mountain bikes in a high school league now I think some Mountain Biking trails is a good idea. Also Fat biking in the winter could utilize the same trails

Overall Crosby is a great place because it is a simple place- the woods, wildlife and river are enough. Please keep it that way.

I recommend constructing sanctioned mountain bike trails. Singletrack in this area is a fabulous idea! The accessibility of the park would mean many city kids would get to try out mountain biking who otherwise wouldn't.

More hiking or off road biking trails through wooded areas.
The area needs legitimate mountain bike trails. Some legit mountain bike trails would be amazing. It's already a fantastic place to ride plus- or fat-tire bikes year round.

Mountain bike trails would be sweet. Purpose built off road cycling trails would be a huge improvement!!

Mountain biking opportunities please. Mountain bike trails would be a very good use of the land. Please add this to the master plan. Please let MORC add mountain bike trails. I will come to ride often and I will be spending money while in the area. MORC volunteers will build and maintain the trails so it wouldn't be an expense for taxpayers but would bring income to the area. Everyone wins.

Mountain Bike trails would be a very good addition. The existing trails are fine, but there is a lot of potential to develop unpaved, multi-use trails for mountain biking and hiking. If there were legal mountain bike trails I could easily see riding a couple of times a week after work.

Add off-road mountain bike single track and a skills area. Off road bike trails! Singletrack please!

Cross county ski trail grooming. Ideal place for off road cycling track. Singletrack mountain bike trails

How about some winter fat bike groomed trails! Make off road cycling an official activity in the park I would use the park more with single track trails for both hiking and mountain biking

Single track trails! offroad cycling, snowshoeing, more dog friendly stuff would be great.

More mountain biking trails would be nice. Singletrack for mountain bikes

Off road bike trails!

Would love to see more mountain bike/multi use trail. Mountain biking is a great way to explore our parks! There are so many parks that go unused while the limited mountain bike trails are frequently used
I would like to see mountain bike trails at hidden falls park. I would love to see technical mountain bike trails built here. We do not need more green trails in the cities. We lack more advanced trails to keep those who are into riding, into it by offering more challenging features.

The best improvement right now would be to have a biologist and land management officer evaluate the health of the forest. The constant flooding and foot traffic are degrading the land at a visually obvious rate every year. I have seen many trees fall naturally and watching others die. Simple forest management practices could greatly improve the land for future recreational activities.

Some single track mountain bike trails would be awesome! And to allow access to the Ford dam area which is off limits to extend the size of the park would be a bonus as well. Maybe this site could be made safe and some history of the dam and the lower portion of the Ford site could be provided?

Allowing bicycles on dirt trails would be a wonderful addition to the park.

Single Track Mountain bike trails

Mountain biking trails would be the #1.

Mountain biking trails!

More off road trails for biking and hiking

It would be great if there was a mountain bike trail.

You guys should build a singletrack trail for mountain bikes!

Awesome place to do it.

Mountain biking, or natural multi use trails would be great!

If this park had purpose-built soundtrack for mountain biking (even if designated as multi use) that would be a major draw. This would be an incredible place for a mountain bike trail network.

As a mountain biker, I would love to have singletrack trails available within biking distance of my house. Even if it were simple, non-technical trail (ex MN River bottoms), I would make use of it on at least a weekly basis.

Mountain biking trails is a huge draw for me and my teens.

I'd love to see more off-road (non-paved), natural surface trails developed. Dirt underfoot (or under bike tire) helps users connect with nature.

Off road biking/running trails
Mountain bike trails would be a great addition. Dedicated off road cycling trails would be most helpful to my enjoyment of the park.

Wish there were mountain bike trails for off-road biking. Install cameras or 'panic' boxes at distant parts of the trail. I don't feel safe here if I'm alone during the day.

Mountain bike trails would be great. I would love to see some single track mountain bike trails. This would draw me and my friends to the park with much more frequency. It would also occasionally draw me there the winter, which is something I don't do currently.

Need to invest in mountain biking.

Some mountain bike trails would make my trip more enjoyable. Signage leading people to the park before they arrive is VERY important. Also helpful would be signage about trails/features within the park. I've seen a more than a few people go down the wrong trail both heading into the park and trying to get out (and helped them get to the right place). The falls at Hidden Falls are TOOOO hidden.

Benches along the trails and along the river I rank 3rd in question #6.

I am very concerned that the attempts to "improve" Crosby might actually cause it to be ruined. There are many parks with lots of amenities, but very few with wilderness left in them. Please keep the area wild.

My favorite park(s)! Keep it natural. Do something about the men cruising. It makes bringing family there awkward.
**Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm Regional Park Master Plan**

**What would improve your experience, or encourage you to visit the park more often?**

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We don't always need bright shiny new things - sometimes quiet spaces to be with nature are what is needed to decompress and engage with the outdoors.

As a white male I can't think of one

Better trail surfaces

A more comprehensive city wide trail system that connected me to the river trail

More/better marked and mapped natural surface trails

Keep open to ice climbing

less kids there throwing bottles

Play structure for kids/obstacle course that fits into nature (no plastic structures)

The new parking lot is great, an improved bathroom facility that is open year round with access to drinking water (example: one of the filtered water bottle stations) would be helpful for those that visit in the colder weather.

Protect the parks use cases.

Keep it wild

More of a loop option for the trails that doesn't involve walking

along Shepard ave.

More adventure opportunities

I would love to see more (official) dirt trails, not just paved trails!

Ice climbing

More ice climbing area ;)

More access

Cleaner and easier access to hidden falls

An ice climbing farm.

Programmed kid events? More parking

Better road surfaces

Allowing ice climbing

Ice climbing

Fewer creeps down along the river. They're not always there, but patrols

See #7

Better trail surfaces and clearer connections to other trail systems.

Mostly, leave it alone

Install artificial boulders like the one at St Paul academy
49 Oct 27 2018 1: Being able to ice climb on the waterfalls
   Maybe having more surveillance by park police so women can

50 Oct 27 2018 1: safer access park
   Replace current paved trails with more appropriate crushed
   limestone trails.
   The current paved trails cannot take the abuse of changing
   weather and make the flooding worse.

51 Oct 27 2018 0: Winter programming (nordic ski trails) w/chalet style rental
   building, canoe/kayak launch, connectivity between Hidden Falls
   and Crosby parks, unleash Hidden Creek back into Ford site and
   build bridge over creek along MRB.

52 Oct 27 2018 0: Fix trail between Crosby and Falls area

53 Oct 27 2018 0: Restore the waterfall

54 Oct 27 2018 0: More trail routes marked

55 Oct 27 2018 0: More playfields

56 Oct 27 2018 0: I would like more signs because I get turned around on the trails.

57 Oct 27 2018 0: Safer crossing of Shepard road would be helpful as well.

58 Oct 27 2018 0: Better trail markings - - easy to get lost. Ideally a number system,

59 Oct 27 2018 1: I like the parks the way they are, would just like to see ice
   climbing areas protected and developed better. There aren't
   many good places to climb are the Twin Cities. The MN Climbers
   Association has done great work up at Sandstone, it would be
   really nice to have a similar development of ice climbing closer to
   home.

60 Oct 27 2018 1: More trails or trails that connect better to other trails,

61 Oct 27 2018 1: Opportunities for kayak rental (paddleshare is so great!)

62 Oct 26 2018 1: Nothing. I love this park.

63 Oct 26 2018 1: More programs for youth.

64 Oct 26 2018 1: Better bike route

65 Oct 26 2018 1: Bus access to Crosby Farm -- the 84 is very infrequent.

66 Oct 26 2018 0: See #7.

67 Oct 26 2018 0: Riverside primitive camp sites

68 Oct 26 2018 0: See above comment

69 Oct 26 2018 0: Improved beach area. Playground area for kids. Less steep road

70 Oct 26 2018 0: (hard to walk with kids!).

71 Oct 26 2018 0: Single track trails that are maintained and challenging
   For Hidden Falls, a less steep road (or bike path) would allow me

72 Oct 26 2018 0: to visit the park by bike more often.

73 Oct 26 2018 0: Clearer guidelines for use.

74 Oct 26 2018 0: See previous answer. White people weren’t the first people here.
75 Oct 26 2018 01Better mountain bike trails
   The park sometimes has creepy people hanging out, also it
   needs play equipment! The picnic tables is also seemingly poorly
   done, it's weird and spread out. Please invest in making this park
   family friendly.
77 Oct 26 2018 01Time
78 Oct 26 2018 01Ice climbing
79 Oct 26 2018 01Getting rid of the freak trolling
80 Oct 26 2018 01Better access to ice climbing
81 Oct 26 2018 01Repaving the super rough trails.
82 Oct 26 2018 01I use the park seasonally.
   Smooth bike trails. They were very tough last time I was there so
83 Oct 26 2018 01haven't returned
84 Oct 26 2018 01It's pretty dang good as is.
85 Oct 26 2018 01Less drug dealings happening in lot
86 Oct 26 2018 01Family moving closer
87 Oct 26 2018 01Bike lanes
88 Oct 26 2018 01Better lighting and signs at trail intersections.
   Better bike and pedestrian safety. Right now I feel like people are
89 Oct 26 2018 01just trying to run us down for being there.
90 Oct 26 2018 01Nothing.
91 Oct 26 2018 01Better connection with other bike trails
92 Oct 26 2018 01More hiking trials
93 Oct 26 2018 01Better trails
   Better bus service to w 7th, better parking at the back end and
94 Oct 26 2018 01good trash receptacles to dispose of litter found along the route.
95 Oct 26 2018 01More trails would be nice.
96 Oct 26 2018 01Bicycle lift and better bicycle trails
   The only factor is the 15 minute drive it takes for us to get there.
97 Oct 26 2018 01The parking lots are sometimes rowdy as well.
98 Oct 26 2018 01I think it's a great park.
   Signage when trail is flooded, improve rough pave trail spots,
99 Oct 26 2018 01more lighting, water at Crosby Trailhead access point
100 Oct 26 2018 01Safety- Security that my won't get broken into or anything worse
   More enhancement of wildlife opportunities. Environmental
101 Oct 26 2018 01protection and education.
102 Oct 26 2018 01I am happy with the parks current condition.
   A safe area to lock/store my bike so I could explore the area
103 Oct 26 2018 01more on foot.
   Improve access across Shepherd Road. Crossings should be
   located at most 1/4 mile apart. Also would benefit from additional
104 Oct 26 2018 01ways to get down the bluff.
Increased park patrol during daylight hours/dusk. More group exercise classes. Its pretty great as is. Thanks!

Single track trails for running

Good signage and natural surface trails

More unpaved trails

Maybe a trail race or organized run in the park?

Unpaved trails

Snow making for cross country skiing.

Increase access places for pedestrians and cyclists across Shepard Road which is basically a 4-lane freeway that has many miles between its only safe, signalized crossings at Elway and Davern Streets. There are no sidewalks on the west side of the road to connect either of these intersections to all the Apartment buildings and neighborhood that extends for miles between the intersections. Many of these folks would enjoy the park but Rankin, Alton and all the other streets, lack crossings of this dangerous highway. It prevents thousands of people from reaching the park and the MRTrail, many of them low-income folks and east-african immigrants. Also, do what we suggested in question #7. Otherwise, it's a beautiful park-- one of the best in Saint Paul. Don't over build it!

Better lighting and better signage.

X-country ski rental in the winter

Improved hiking trails

Add culvert under trail and debris trap at base of bluff at Hidden Falls. Rain makes trail dangerous due to flowing water and debris on trail.

Add curb cut at base of S Prior Avenue hill to allow bike and other wheeled access to multi-use trail.

Improve drainage at SW side of Upper Lake trails to reduce risk of slipping and falling.

Don't change anything! Only negative is some of the bike trail is starting to deteriorate, but is still more than usable.

Improved surveillance of the parking lots.

Mountain biking trails

A police presence, or a feeling of being safe down there

Increased accessibility - safe pedestrian access across Shepard Road.

Road.

Safety
Bike parking!! I usually only ride through the parks because there are NO bike racks in either park which is super frustrating! If bike racks in both parks were available I would definitely spend much more time walking and exploring both parks.

Implement a separate walking path at Hidden Falls South gate to connect to River Road, or close the gate to car traffic.

If I had more time!

Keeping it as a nature reserve.

Nothing trails could use a resurfacing. I would love to see the additional more additional wood chip trails that cut through the hillside-middle part of the park (currently no trails go in the middle of the loop)

If I had more time!

More events to draw people down to the riverside.

Management of invasive species would be nice, but probably wouldn't alter my use of the park.

I want a natural experience, though I do see how smoother pathways would make the paths more accessible to all. I want woods and prairie and water and sand and wildlife and other quiet contemplative walkers and bikers.

Plowed lot and ramp in winter time.

Nicer bathrooms and maybe an environmental learning center

Maybe have some sort of park-wide scavenger hunt?

the bathroom

I'm not sure

An ELC

Year round bathrooms

Warm spaces in the winter, better bathrooms

Probably an environmental learning center that would have field guides for plants and animals, as well as binoculars, and hand lenses.

I like how it is right now.

fire pits it gets cold!!

If there were more shelters/fire pits and year round bathrooms

A heated building with possible rentals of skis or snowshoes

Bus service to the park.

More frequent litter cleanup, especially along the river.

overall improvements
If the trails weren’t flooded
See above about the big hill to enter/exit. On a week day, it feels a little isolated in terms of safety. More people would make it feel safer.

More birds.

Remove fallen trees from the beach and clear the river beach area.

I am just not available that often, so it is on me. I don't feel safe there because it is so secluded. And sometimes there are people there just sitting in their cars.

more picnic areas

my biggest barrier is that I don’t drive, its easily accessible by bike but harder to get to if you’re walking all the way down to the park.

Better park cleanup—people leave trash all over the beaches all the time, and my kids are always tripping on beer bottles and cigarette butts. If there were some infrastructure for keeping the park clean, that would be a huge benefit and contribution to park visitation.

Less development, more control of invasives, more river access, less road construction but that'll go away soon.

Safe bike lanes along Mississippi Blvd, no public boat/kayak launch in Crosby

Make sure parking lots and paved trails are maintained.

A playground like structure would be nice near the main entry points at either park, more naturalized plantings

It’s about perfect for me right now. I love how wild it is. I don’t think that we need more shiny centers, necessarily, unless they are truly integrated into the landscape.

I'm not sure why the city closes the park during flooding. Seems like a good time to go close and see the mighty River.

I appreciate the variety of opportunities in our park system and More turtles, frogs, dragonflies, fireflies, mix of waterfowl, etc.

The richer the biodiversity, the better.

Less mosquitoes in the summer

Just need more hours in the day

Please do not sacrifice any more of the natural areas.
Wish the waterfall was cleaned up of trash and weird cement and graffiti.

Better trails and flood protection.

More programming would help.

Better Parks leadership - fire Mike Hahm

Better maintenance of the boardwalk and deck structure.

Nothing

Trails that help negotiate high water

Improve access for canoes, kayaks, paddelboards.

Groomed winter ski trails

see above

Nothing. I really like this park as it is.

Dogs on leashes.

Good trails

Environmental Ed center with Naturalists on staff, educational signage and shelter/ bathrooms do for the winter

I visit Crosby Farm frequently, but haven't gone to Hidden Falls yet this year so can't speak about it.

It would be great if there were updates, particularly in the spring season, about current conditions in the park- oftentimes it's flooded and the trails are impassable (or bugs are extreme) and it would be awesome to have an updated source of information to check conditions before heading out to the park, instead of making an educated guess.

See above

just improvement of bike trails.

More seating, bathrooms along the trail. I'm getting older.

I could stay longer and enjoy the parks more if there were always open bathroom facilities, especially in the winter when bathroom buildings are usually closed for the season. Please at least provide portable toilets at all parks, in several locations at bigger parks.

More bike and park connections coming from Shepard Road. I bike from downtown St Paul.

Develop more opportunities for fishing Crosby Lake. Need weed control and shoreline improvements for access.

More welcoming entrance, improved paths.

I really enjoy visiting Minnehaha Falls, think it would be nice to have a similar feel, like the restaurant and used to go there for beer too. Not sure if it is feasible because of location being off the beaten path, which is nice too.
The entire area under St. Paul Parks & Rec suffers from neglect. Hopefully a more comprehensive strategy orchestrated with the various partners (DNR, Corps, National Parks, counties, and cities) The Mississippi River is the thread that connects all these spaces and its water is what gives these spaces context.

Food (beer) vendor

Nature-based playground area for little kids - log structures, stick teepees, etc.

I think everything I just listed in #7. Also, thanks for everything that you're doing to listen to residents about preferred improvements for the park.

Leave it as it is.

I feel very safe at Minnehaha park in Minneapolis.

We need to attract more people to the park to improve safety.

Access across shepherd road is challenging with two small kids.

There is very limited parking in the circular lot.

Signs explaining historical locations within the park would be great.

Keep as natural as possible.

Things that improve the feeling of safety - and if I had more free time!

Maybe another shelter somewhere for gathering? I appreciate the park a lot the way it is..

The outdoor Halloween program
further enhancement of the natural areas, i.e., additional
222 Oct 13 2018 0: plantings of native species
224 Oct 13 2018 0: More events held in the park (concerts, etc.).
225 Oct 13 2018 0: Not a thing...I love this park
226 Oct 12 2018 0: More places to enjoy being right by the river.
227 Oct 12 2018 0: physical challenges
228 Oct 12 2018 0: evening with dogs or family.
229 Oct 12 2018 0: more time off from work?
230 Oct 12 2018 1: Perhaps a newsletter about activities in the park
231 Oct 12 2018 0: park.
232 Oct 12 2018 0: See above
233 Oct 12 2018 0: Trail improvement paved. Addition of mountain bike trails.
234 Oct 12 2018 1: Year round bathroom access!
235 Oct 11 2018 0: path and crossing the road exiting the park
236 Oct 11 2018 0: Mountain Bike trails!
237 Oct 11 2018 0: Maps
238 Oct 11 2018 0: More parking spaces.
239 Oct 11 2018 0: NA
240 Oct 10 2018 0: additional dirt paths through the woods for Nordic classic skiers.
241 Oct 10 2018 0: no improvements needed.
242 Oct 10 2018 0: Taco truck
243 Oct 10 2018 0: surveillance
244 Oct 10 2018 0: Open 24 hours
245 Oct 10 2018 0: Adding in more trails or mountain bike trails
246 Oct 10 2018 0: Single track mountain bike trails
247 Oct 10 2018 0: Mountain bike single track.
248 Oct 10 2018 0: aware of the space.
249 Oct 10 2018 0: that already exist.
250 Oct 10 2018 1: as an example. They have great signage.
251 Oct 10 2018 1: Better trails, parking and restrooms
lighting improvements, better access to the falls and river and
definitely invasive species management
More fun activities

More fun activities

Lighting. More access to river

Improve the path from flooding, more lighting

More user amenities, grills, bathrooms, summer festivals.

Better walking access from across Shephard Road.

Please consider improving access for pedestrians and bikes to
to and from the park, especially at the south gate. Walking on
the road is dangerous. I suggest we improve existing
infrastructure before adding new, use native plants and maintain
the wooded area and path near the falls in the northern part of
hidden falls. It is a piece of solitude and quiet in the city. Be
careful when adding access to the river as it can be dangerous
and is ever changing. Increased signs in multiple languages
would help in the park. Trash along the river banks sometimes
prevents me from using that area. I would appreciate any efforts
to combat this. Education and enforcement would also be

Easier access from Shepard Rd. Now a almost always drive to
to the entrance at Gannon St.

Better trails and directions

The biggest barrier to visiting Hidden Falls is the hill into/out of it!
Not sure what can be done about that but it's the barrier for me.

I go there all the time; if this area becomes over populated, I will
no longer go there. Leave the river alone.

Safer feel

see above

Improvetrail down to Crosby. It's an ankle breaker


I used to go there to cross county ski and walk at night. That can
be a bit spooky now. How to make it more safe????

Events held at the park

better access to water and beach

Riverbottom wet/mesic natural habitat restoration incl. removing
paved trails that are in floodplain

better flood protection

Repaving the current trails

more programs

smoother trail for biking
if I felt safe without having to bring someone

Dunno

Kids programs

Better and safer parking areas. Better restroom facilities.

Unknown


Trails that are not blocked by flooding

Upkeep of area

More lighting so I felt safe to walk there alone

Trail resurfacing in the paved path areas

Clean it up a bit... lot's of litter... also, patrol at night to keep the

It would be cool if there was a way to get from Ft. Snelling or Minnehaha Falls over to the park at river level (like a pedestrian bridge below the Hwy 5 bridge) instead of going out of the park and across on one of the current bridges.

Not sure

more parking for events

Plow the trail in the winter

Love the idea of a Nature Center but you have to have more native nature. So if you build it be sure you are both removing the invasives (get volunteer help) AND planting new native replacements for the invasive Japanese Hedge Parsley, buckthorn, etc. The seedbed may be mainly invasives.

See #7

Fewer bugs

Just improving the trails

More parking areas towards Crosby Farms

Nice professional park rangers

More children’s activities

I occasionally feel unsafe when other walkers/runners aren’t on the Crosby trails because it’s so isolated

I can’t think of anything.

Nothing- I’m satisfied!

More time in my life!

Additional year round maintenance

As above.

Keeping it as a natural get away in the city that is not a heavily groomed, asphalt/concrete everywhere park.

Paved trails, better signs, better access to the river.

The absence of winter.

Making sure there are no coyotes or other dangerous animals in the park.
Safety. Lots of men still meeting up for sex in these parks. I would never walk the lower area of these parks alone. Never ever at night.

Easier to access the river via boat, more water sports.

A bit more parking at the bottom of Lexington Ave.

Keep the dogs out! This is a wildlife park, not a frisbee course, not a dog park, not a theme park. It’s rare and wild and should be kept minimally disturbed for wildlife, etc.

Maintaining access to the ponds at Crosby with functioning boardwalks would be great. The boardwalks are bogged down, no longer float and are often flooded.

See 7 above; drinking water of some kind; better pathing around big lake and little lake.

More hiking trails, or a surface that I can roller blade on. The one area is always flooded, reduce the flooding.

Crosby, specifically:
- Winter - consistently well groomed XC ski trails
- Summer - develop more gravel paths 1. on the current man-made narrow dirt trail along the lake at the bottom of Shepard Road embankment - the path that runs from near the boardwalk to the small parking lot on Shepard; 2. gravel path on the man made dirt path(s) in the woods from small parking lot going to the river and eventually joining the paved path.
- Hidden and Crosby:
  - Resurface all bike paths and maintain them for biking, roller skiing, rollerblading, walking.

Open up the south entrance

Better management of the mosquitos, easier access when flooded.

If parking were close and easy. Or if there was a safe way to access the bike trail from the west side not involving hwy 13.

Better upkeep of existing trails and facilities

I am right up the street from it. This will likely be the park I visit most often until I decide to move. But I agree there can be more improvements.

More attractive entrances from Mississippi River Boulevard.

If hours were extended

Not sure.

If I had a place to store my rowing shell I’d be there every day. More built features, better planned/interesting trails, a National Park Service presence.
A National Park Headquarters. I think you sense a theme here. This issue has been ignored too long. I think St. Paul has benefited greatly from the partnership already and would gain even more from an NPS interpretive and education center located within the park rather than in a downtown facility.

Flood management, more visible safety patrols, an emergency call box. I don't feel safe going there alone but I love it there.

I love going to both Crosby and Hidden Falls and love the access in between.

If there were an official off leash dog area

none

 Patrol it

More pathways and benches

I love it as at is, more wild than not!

To become younger.

Nothing

Leave it simple and a quiet place for people.

snow/ice clearing of paved trails in winter

Additional water stations would be lovely

Better trail maintenance

All of the items I rated

quality of trails for walking, biking, rollerblading and safety!

better trails like the improved part of crosby

Programs, access to river and better lighting

I visit both parks frequently. They are great. Best thing you could do to improve them would be to restore native plant species and habitats. Second best thing you could do is basic low cost clean up of trash, etc. I'd be happy to volunteer! I already pick up garbage when I visit (and am not on bike). Third best thing you could do is leave them alone.

does this a confusing question- I think I've already answered that.

I don't think people know what's back in the Crosby Farm area.

Some better public awareness would probably help.

Better trails

Parking lot cameras for safety.

better signage on the trails and upgraded restrooms

Like it the way it is

Safety improvements

Once the Ford Site is redeveloped, it'll be easier for me to walk there from the bus stop.
Large and small fenced in dog park. Better paved trails for biking.

Oct 02 2018 09
with signage. Bike/walk trails

Paved trails need subgrade correction, but I do not support raising long segments of the trails to reduce frequency of flooding.

Oct 02 2018 09
Same as above.

Oct 02 2018 09
Better paved trails for biking

Oct 02 2018 09
Better, safer walking paths

Oct 02 2018 09
Keep it as is

Oct 02 2018 09
None

Oct 02 2018 09
Lights automatically turn on at night.

Oct 02 2018 09
Better drainage for the trails around Crosby Lake.

Repairing the pavement of the trails would make biking and rollerblading for my kids easier and more enjoyable.

Oct 02 2018 09
Better lighting at dusk/dawn


Oct 02 2018 09
More events for the family. More picnic facilities

Oct 02 2018 09
Unlocked bathrooms

Oct 02 2018 09
Improved boat access.

Safer access for pedestrians and bikes from the streets that lead into the parks.

Oct 02 2018 09
More police patrolling parking area where cars are routinely broken into.

Oct 02 2018 09
better paths and better lighting

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Better access

Oct 02 2018 09
Better trail management

If the park had better facilities (restrooms, pavilion, etc) I would be more likely to visit.

Oct 02 2018 09
I like it as is.

Oct 02 2018 09
more patrols by park police and parking

Oct 02 2018 09
Nothing

Oct 02 2018 09
Nothing. Maybe less graffiti on the benches.

Oct 02 2018 09
Better parking near 35E and Shepard; better bathrooms.

I don't think these parks need any improvement. I like them a lot already!
My whole family really enjoys the outdoor experience we have at hidden falls and Crosby. With access to the river shoreline and trails both are wonderful places to bring the whole family for the opportunity to enjoy a walk in the outdoors surrounded by nature. I never visit alone because I feel it’s not safe. I have avoided Hidden Falls this season because of the coyote and wasn’t sure of it was safe to bring my dog there. We are looking forward to improvements but hope the feel of the spaces remains the same.

Probably the knowledge that there is a police presence showing up periodically, like on a horse or bike. I love the wild feeling of the park (especially during the week, but I’m at work now so I never go there during the week). XC trails would be nice too. Any more trash bins by the river for the fishing. People leave lure and bait all over the beach. I have stepped on a hook and my dog has eaten bait. As it is more discovered, people leave more glass and trash. Several people go around picking up as much trash as they are able to.

See above. I don’t know what you can do about flooding but there are times when the entrances for auto traffic are blocked due to flooding but the flooding is minimal and pedestrians are still using the park. Also, a dog park area would be nice. It would be cool if the Falls area could be picked/cleaned up more often, I feel like there’s often a lot of trash in the area.

Management of seasonal flooding so trails wouldn’t be blocked for so long that connect Hidden Falls with Crosby Farm.

I already visit it multiple times per day, but I think that dog owners should keep their dogs on a leash, as they are required to do. My dog has been attacked by off leash dogs there on multiple occasions. Further, there should be some policing on littering. The people who come there to fish constantly just dump their fishing stuff, including their garbage but also fish hooks, etc. I pick it up all the time. Better bathrooms are always a plus. Being able to use the trails despite rain/flooding. More time. It’s fine the way it is. Better bathrooms.
I have young children, so something like a voluntary scavenger hunt sheet at the pavilion or other child-centered learning opportunities would be nice. Also, I don’t want pesticides but if there are natural ways to reduce mosquito populations around the trails that would be helpful-build bat houses maybe?

My husband getting off the couch.

better management of the water/flooding/erosion of the waterbanks

Hidden Falls is lovely as is.

Better paving on trails. Improvement of the St Paul East River Road Trail, making it wider, a better surface, and separated walking and biking.

Bathrooms!

More public events like National Public Lands Day and kid-friendly activities. A dog park.

Weather is my biggest factor when choosing to come or not so nothing

Improve the walking surface down to the park at the south entrance to Hidden Falls

Possibly out cameras discretely along the trails to improve safety.

Better bathrooms

If there were a singletrack trail system

Better trail maintenance, easier access to the river for swimming. Easier walking access points. There are 2 on the side closest to Cleveland, but they are far apart and aren't walking friendly (Why have peds walking with cars?)

Maintain the rustic nature of Crosby Farm. It is a rarity and a gem in the middle of the city and does not need to be developed to resemble Como or Phalen. We already have parks that serve that purpose and if Crosby were to be developed in such a manner it would lose its uniqueness.

Improve the trails.

See comment

get rid of the long hill.

I want to hear more about the Native history of this land. It's mostly fine as it is. Staying on top of trail maintenance would be the most helpful. Grooming the ski trails in winter.

Having 24 hour safe access, and not worrying about my vehicle being broken into or trailer stolen.

Night lighting of the boat ramp (with motion detectors)
Safety of patrons and a better safer boat launch that doesn't have a 3mph current

More adventure elements

Please keep the park in its current state. The park should not build new shelters or paved trails for the sake of implementing a plan or modernizing the park. Such modernization could ruin the essence of the park.

More quiet areas. When I go to these parks, I go to get away from the lights and sounds of the cities, as much as possible.

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More Ice climbing

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Safety features to make the area more usable for single women/children such as emergency stations, etc.

Remove bike trails.

Play fields for frisbee, soccer, intermurals, lacrosse, dog activities.

Longer bike trails

Activities

Easier access across Shepard Road at multiple points. Maybe a tunnel or bridge?

I like the park overall but more rule enforcement around the boat launch would be helpful.

More hours of operation, especially at the boat ramp.

More non-paved paths.

The boat ramp area needs signage that clearly communicates ramp etiquette. There are very often anglers fishing from the ramp when a boat is trying to launch or load. Other times there are people throwing rocks, or sticks to their dogs. Or groups of 20 people on kayak trips that lay their gear all over the boat landing for 40 minutes, rendering the ramp useless to those for whom it was designed -- people launching and loading boats on trailers.

Better access to public transportation

Maintaining the existing trail surfaces
Feeling as a single elder woman that I am safe while visiting the park. I have never seen any park personnel at either site. I would not go to Crosby alone. On the other hand, I do not want to see the natural features and wilderness destroyed by more ball fields and parking lots. At either or both parks, it would be nice for those who do not have canoes or boats to have pontoon or canoe rides available and maybe some facilities to teach those of us who do not know much about fishing.

Interpretive signs about the trees and directional signs would be helpful.

The falls should connect to the Ford Site under Mississippi River Boulevard. It would be a great way to connect the neighborhood.

We often enter the park via the South Entrance. It would be nice to have a pedestrian walkway down to the park. With kids/dogs/etc. it seems unsafe if there is a vehicle on the road while pedestrians are going down to the trails.

See #7, above. Also parking lots surfaces need repaving, better signage, better lighting, etc.

Nothing. Love the accessibility, love the trails, asphalt and off trail.

I would go more often if there was a dog park because a dog park brings people out throughout the day, and I find it makes the area feel safer.

A regular facebook, newspaper, community bulletin board listings of activities and available resources.

As mentioned above, adding spots to lock up bikes would certainly help. I, like many other I imagine, like to ride my bike to the park. Sometimes I would like to lock my bike up and enjoy the park on foot, only using my bike to commute. Currently, there isn't anywhere to really do this (other than locking my bike on trees, of course, which isn't the worst thing in the world).

Maybe a bench or two along the paths.
Encourage all visitors to get out of their cars. Some don’t get out and try to talk to you. They leave patrol cars come along...

I like these parks and they are close to home, but I have general safety concerns about using the parks alone. I wouldn’t mind more park ranger presence or maybe some call boxes. It would also be nice if there were a few clear bypass options for the trail that goes under the Hwy 5 bridge at Hidden south gate -- for example, multiple trails that connect the road and parking area to the riverside trail, so that users have options for choosing routes according to the people/scenario they encounter on any given day.

More people seeking healthy outdoor time. Theodore Wirth and the Loppet foundation is a model with striving for Super concerned about whether another bridge will be built under Hwy 5. I really don't want to see this happen because of the negative impact to the wildlife, the river, and this beautiful area of our city.

I like the fact that it is less visited than Minnehaha Park for example and thus hesitate to build "things" when it is the experience that is most valued.

Bike trails need to be resurfaced. The board walk around the marsh is beautiful, but needs some repair as well. Better pedestrian/bike crossings across Shepherd road would help as well. A small canoe/kayak rental place on the river would I think be nice, but making a large nature center would be detrimental to the park.

Already mentioned and ranked above

clearer signage of trails (indicating where they lead to)

More safe feeling after dark, archery range

Nothing

Smother trails, connectivity to the neighborhood

The Hidden Falls bike path/walking path floods in two specific places at least yearly and in most years multiple times per year. A 20 yard stretch just north of the Hwy 5 bridge floods when the Miss. River reaches the 10 foot mark as measured by the downtown St. Paul river gauge. A five yard stretch 30 yards south floods at the same time. This could be easily fixed by raising the path in those areas and installing a small drainage culvert under the path. A one time fix would be less costly than the maintenance done multiple times per year by Parks and Rec staff. Check the maintenance records against the river gauge reading to verify this.
Improved trails (better surfaces, more clearly marked) and more access options

Figuring out how/where to make a dog park so that dog lovers can use the space without encroaching on the comfort and experience of those who are not dog lovers.

More visible security (if they're not already routinely present), modernize the physical space where people gather (again, it's been awhile but it always seems rather run down and overlooked).

I think there are some creepy guys that park there probably trolling for sex. Find a way to get rid of those people. It's a family oriented place and you shouldn't have to worry about your kids going there on their bikes.

better walking access to the river

More trash/debris cleaned up. There is a fair amount of flotsam that washes up, as well as litter that park users leave behind.

Lower Hidden Falls would be a perfect place for an archery range. We have to travel 7-9 miles to the nearest range. The Archery in Schools program would benefit.

More bathrooms

See survey

See response above.

Removal of coyotes in the area. I had a VERY close encounter with one while walking my dog. I'd rather not do that again.

patrols by park staff to assist with security

Accessibility

See comments above about better wayfinding and natural and cultural information. And especially information and maps about the larger parks and trails system in the region available digitally with links to live maps.

Good trail connections to adjacent parks and trails.

Better access that connects the parks to surrounding neighborhoods, including pedestrian bridges over Shepherd Road.

There is too much human trash everywhere. Some days I don't want to leave the house because of it. The river takes much of this as it all goes down the stream.

Better signage about and control of off-leash dogs
having a restored native plants garden or region with signage & sitting areas would be wonderful! Would appreciate bike racks nearby, & also bike racks at anticipated scenic stops along the river. Possibly widening trails a bit when they are being redone at intervals. Designated trails for walking only might be really nice.

The area has a negative reputation. Maybe if the public areas---entrance area, picnic areas, etc. were spruced up this would go away.

I would love to be part of a team that would make materials about Crosby (or hidden falls) available in Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Vietnamese, and the other major languages spoken in our community. I would love everyone to feel encouraged to visit the park and to respect and treasure it as I do. That would improve everyone's experience.

Signalized crosswalks of Shepard Road at Alton and Rankin/Homer Streets to enable folks in the nearby residential community to access Crosby Farm and the Mississippi River Trail.

I would love to see some kind of outdoor play/activity area (jungle gym, obstacle course, etc.) for my kids to play on. Some educational children's programs would be nice as well.

Keeping the trails paved well for stroller/bike access, and more open times. Biking with a road bike can be uncomfortable, as the paved trails are quite bumpy. Running/walking on trails is great. I don't go to the park at night alone due to safety concerns.

Don't mess with what already works, keep it free and wild. Not like Minnehaha which is now sterile and requires money to enjoy.

Maybe allow food trucks to come at set times.

Improved trails and bathrooms with drinking water.

If there was less trash around. We love this park!!

Path maintenance
Nothing, I go daily year round

Would love a snow plow through there in the winter so people could more easily run/walk on the paved trails. Not sure anything could be done about the flooding in the spring - I like it in some ways but makes it hard to access some of the best parts of the park.

I’m honestly here as often as possible and choose it for a meeting place whenever possible. An indoor learning space for winter is probably the only improvement that would increase my time spent at the park.

Fire pits, small non-bookable pavilions. More grills.

The paved trails could use some help. It’s a really bumpy ride for my stroller riding kiddo.

Better walking/biking surfaces

Better path around Crosby lake from the Shepard road/I35S access side. It floods often and is too close to the lake in spots.

Add a beach area, maybe, but we really like it the way it is.

See above

Nothing, I love the area and feel it’s being utilized well. Maybe have some more events for neighbors to meet each other, becoming closer as a community through this park. I feel a lot of people already know each other by seeing them at the park on a weekly basis

I love Crosby because of the peace and serenity. It should be accessible for those who are disabled and more interpretative signs would be great. Otherwise, it’s perfect as is. Do not open it up to more private events, runs, etc.

I live near Otto street, only a mile from the entrance to the park. Shepherd Road is so noisy! I would go more often, particularly on my bike, if there were a quieter way. I am hoping one day Victoria Park will link with Crosby along the river and through the lovely trees.

Keeping the City’s wild areas wild is more important to me than making "improvements" which take away from the wild nature of the parks. Ridding the park of exotic plant life to allow native species a better chance would be good.

My car window got busted once. Also kids and others smoke pot down there a lot. More SPPD patrols
I visit about as often as I would mean to, I would just need more time in life :) But again, better bike access and parking is always good.

I like the park as it is; it would help to improve the paved trails perhaps some portable toilets in a couple of places some benches bathrooms available year-round Feeling more safe at the parks.
dog park area in hidden falls park

If I didn't have a job. I try to be there whenever I'm not working

Trails are often closed due to flooding. If there is a noninvasive way to control that I would support that.

Leave it wild so it feels like history there. Not such a steep hill out of Hidden Falls haha. I avoid riding my bike there because I assume I wouldn't make it back up that hill. (not a serious suggestion, I realize there's probably no way to fix that)

better directions to the parks (signage) Improved trails with signage, regular visits by park staff to improve safety, more lighting.

An archery range

Keeping it in it's natural stste. Must we “improve” everything? Dogs have to be on leash. A little worried about car break-ins at Crosby parking lot.

I visit the parks every other week. Access to the river, access to the natural forests should be protected. Smoother trails... bumpy trails prevent my husband from wanting to ride there with me.

Definitely need improved trail surfaces (especially Crosby farm) Local events, for Saint Paul residents

Work to remove the garlic mustard, buckthorn, trash. Replant the river banks with native species. Try to enhance the plant and wildlife diversity. Have crossings that don't require traffic lights on Shepard road.

mosquito control
Place warning signs near the exits telling drivers to slow down and look for bikers and pedestrians before they even look for oncoming traffic. I just want someone to contact me!

We now go to FT Snelling park. It seems safer perhaps because visitors need a permit to enter and there are park rangers around during daytime hours. Perhaps some type of park personnel presence would make Crosby/Hidden Falls more welcoming and safer.

If there weren’t a bunch of new lights, pavement, sidewalks down to the river and giant building that gets used occasionally to teach a bird watching class but costs the tax payers millions.

Singletrack for mountain biking

Single track mtb trails.

Improved trail system and invasive species management.

Less dog poop

more parking

Minneapolis has so cluttered up and monetized the regional parks that I’ve been looking for good parks for grandkids, now ages 6, 8, 10, 12: Como, Crosby, Ft Snelling, MN River Valley, out of metro. Because of driving farther, we just don’t go as often. better signage. posted maps of the paved and lesser developed paths

Watergate has too many vandalism reports so I don’t go there anymore. Make this park safer somehow.

The addition of mountain bike trails, managed by MORC for all skills levels!

These parks are fine as is.

Hiking trails are our main use, so anything that improves that experience, from signage to options, to maintenance is great.

Unsure

a seasonal food/beer place, like the sea salt eatery at minnehaha

More single track trail

Signs guiding within the park/trial map

Off leash dog area, otherwise I like the area for walks regardless.
Have the bathroom closer to the water. Or a couple portapotties.

Nicer paths, playground

Efforts to make women feel safe in park

Better pedestrian access from the surrounding neighborhoods - Again Shepard Road is a huge barrier

More parking

Safer trails.

More mountain bike opportunities.

More bathrooms and river access

Better trail surface

Park for kids

More trails.

Improved bike access from surrounding neighborhoods

Better bike trail entrance to Hidden Falls, or at least a protected area to make riding down the hill safer

I would be here regularly if there were mountain bike related activities, single track and skills park. If you build it, they will come.

I like the parks as they are.

Nothing, I like it the way it is and have since I was a kid.

Get rid of the turkeys

Unflooded trails

Better access between the two parks.

Feeling safer

Only really having more time to visit, which is not something you can control! I’ve heard that others have had cars broken into in the parking lot. While I’ve never had that problem, perhaps more patrolling of the area would be helpful.

I would love to walk down there more, but alone as a female, it feels rather isolated. If there are large parties at the picnic tables,

its a little intimidating as well.

Nothing

More activities

See above

The parks are great as they are. Don’t over improve them. Basic trail marking and maintenance is plenty. It’s great to be so close to a natural environment with

Minimal improvements.”

Add off road biking
Paved trails hands down. The fact that I can’t easily bring my
stroller with my kids is the only reason I’m not there weekly.

Raised paths or boardwalks for frequently wet and flooded areas,
especially at west end of ponds in Crosby Farm and low-lying
areas between shelter and river in Hidden Falls. Slightly better
shoring up/leveling of the path on the bluff side of the ponds - a
few areas there could also use boardwalks in wet seasons.

More security

improved access to river

Manage the flooding if possible

Leaving woods/water as intact as possible

Safety concerns

Restoring shoreline, limiting mowed areas, native plantings,
removing parking lots near the water

A path for walking/running by the entrance to lower hidden falls
as currently it’s just a road. It is an accident waiting to happen as
drivers don’t expect to see people on the road.

The park is extremely nice - I am glad we are trying to improve
our parks. It is a nice space - so all changes welcome.
Again, parking lot security. Also mildly concerned about the
coyotes. Even though they don’t tend to attack humans, I’m
reluctant to take my small kids there right now.

Public transportation

Management of flooding areas. Trails often flood out for months
at a time

Have the leash law enforced, I used to walk there every day but
don’t want to endanger my dog so hardly ever go there anymore

off leash areas

More attractions to bring visitors (nature center with coffee shop,
naturalist-led activities, rental facility, marketing it as a
destination). Better lighting. More staff or security presence.

Nothing I can think of

see above

More lighting to make it more welcoming, more inviting entrances
(better pavement, less of a gigantic hill, less of a super sharp
gle to try to maneuver your car around)

Traffic free trails from the Summit-University neighborhood

Know that my car would not be broken into

Food vendors, restaurants

Better lighting and access to the waterways

Easy access to river
I know there are improvements that could be made, but I really enjoy the park just the way it is.

More trails

Improved bathroom facilities, cleaned up paths in the Hidden Falls areas, a playground for children, fixed up benches/shelters that currently exist.

See previous response.

I need more free time.

nothing

More bike trails

Mountain bike trails

Off-road bicycle trails (single-track)

Nothing

add mtb trails

MTN bike trails

Repaving of trails.

Making some bike features, skills park or mtb course

Mountain biking

Mountain biking would bring me to the park.

Mountain bike trails

Off-road cycling trails

Mountain bike trails

Better management of spring and summer flooding.

Security. We have had a couple car break ins while using the park.

Elway @ Shepard is a bit of a mess for crossing: signal retiming or ped priority would be desirable.

Mountain bike trails

Mountain bike trails, and modestly trimming current dirt paths for both biking and walking.
Better maps, Facebook events for family seasonal activities, a

Let it be wild.

Discouraging bicycles

Designated shared single track for MTB and trail running, winter
fat biking, and kayak access from Crosby Farm would be a dream

None at this time

Single track mountain bike trails

Better mountain biking trails

Add MTB singletrack to area

Better parking.

Dog park?

Free time

Easier parking access

Hiking trails and mountain biking trails. And Cross country skiing

Expanding MTB trials, connecting with and improving Battle

Creek MTB trails.

More trails

Bike trails and off leash dog areas.

Activities - dog friendly areas.

More off road trails. I love the surface down there, and go to it,

now that the River Bottoms are being overrun with mouth

breathers.

Access to offroad and trail cycling

More non-paved trails. Maybe some kind of camping.

Allowing MORC to use for mountain bike trails

Better bike connections from Minneapolis and St Paul.

Less itch weed in the Summer would help

Single Track trails

keeping it simple

Mountain bike trails

Sanctioned off-road mtb trails

Singletrack! And plowing the access roads/paths in the winter.

More hiking or off road biking trails through wooded areas.

Mountain bike trails!
Mountain bike trails.

Natural surfaced trails

Mountain bike/single track trails

More bicycle friendly trails, especially dirt trails.

Off-road bike trails

Mountain bike trails would be awesome

See above....

Mountain bike trails please.

Mountain bike trails.

See above....

Mountain bike trails.

More bicycle friendly trails, especially dirt trails.

Off-road bike trails

Mountain biking paths would be great! The woods around the falls are gorgeous and it would be cool if People could bike through

them

Mountain bike trails and improved restrooms

Mountain bike trails

See 7

Mountain bike trails.  

Cross country ski trails and grooming.

Ideal place for off road cycling track.

Mountain biking would get me out there!

I love it.

Dedicated MTB trails!

I would use the park more with single track trails for both hiking and mountain biking

Bike trails

more non-paved trails

Nicer facilities i.e. bathrooms, changing rooms, shelters, bike racks

Singletrack for mountain bikes

Repeating myself since this field is required. MTB trails!

More trails to ride. More than our and back rides

Mountain bike trails!

Dirt, single track mountain bike trails.

MTB trails.

Some single track mountain bike trails would be awesome! And to allow access to the Ford dam area which is off limits to extend the size of the park would be a bonus as well. Maybe this site could be made safe and some history of the dam and the lower portion of the Ford site could be provided?

Off road cycling

Forest Management. It is getting to be a sight for sore eyes

watching all of the healthy trees die due to no maintenance.

MTB friendly trails
Dedicated bike trail network

Having MORC manage mountain biking trails.

Mountain bike trails

I like it now!

Mountain biking trails

More off road trails for biking and hiking

If there was single track mountain bike trails to ride in.

mtb trails

Parking

Build more natural surface/non-paved trails for hiking, running

I and biking

more natural, dirt trails

Purpose built singletrack trails for mountain biking

Dirt trails.

Mountain biking options

A single track

Better paved trail surfaces, restrooms at the North parking lot

Mountain biking trails.

Singletrack, natural surface trails

Well built/maintained mountain biking or trail running trails

between the two sections of the park.

Mountain bike/singletrack trails

More information about the area, signage, etc. public events held

in the park.

Dedicated off road cycling paths.

Wish there were mountain bike trails for off-road biking

More safety features.

Add mountain bike trails

Mountain bike and or hiking trails.

I would visit biweekly if there was some decent mountain biking.

Mountain bike trails

Mountain biking trails

Build a mountain bike trail

Off road trails

Mountain bike support

Single track mountain bike trails!

Singletrack!

More trails, mtb, hiking

Oh, Singletrack trails. Guess I could have answered that here

instead.

Knowing how to find the interesting places.

Nothing
Flooding is a major issue. The boardwalk around the lake needs to be raised, as it is dangerous when wet (much of the time, this summer.) The asphalt path is breaking up in some areas due to flooding, and can make walking unnecessarily treacherous. Having the bathrooms open in the winter would encourage me to come there more in the winter.

Please leave it as natural as possible, that’s what makes it unique.

We go pretty regularly. My biggest concern is related to safety, during the day it’s fine (well, lunchtime can be interesting). I try to be out of there before the sun starts setting.
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