

FATHER HENNEPIN STATE PARK

FACILITIES AND FEATURES

- 103 semi-modern camp-sites
- 41 electrical sites
- Primitive group camp
- Water, toilet and shower facilities
- Trailer dump station
- Picnicking, parking areas and two picnic shelters
- 4.5 miles of hiking trails
- 2.5 miles of cross-country ski trails
- 2 drive-in boat ramps
- 2 fishing piers
- Sandy swimming beach
- Fishing on Mille Lacs Lake



Because lands exist within the boundaries of this park that are not under the jurisdiction of the D.N.R., check with the park manager if you plan to use facilities such as trails and roads other than those shown.

Please Observe These Park Rules:

- Pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet.
- Bikes are not allowed on park trails.
- Motor vehicles are not allowed on park trails.

Additional Winter Rules:

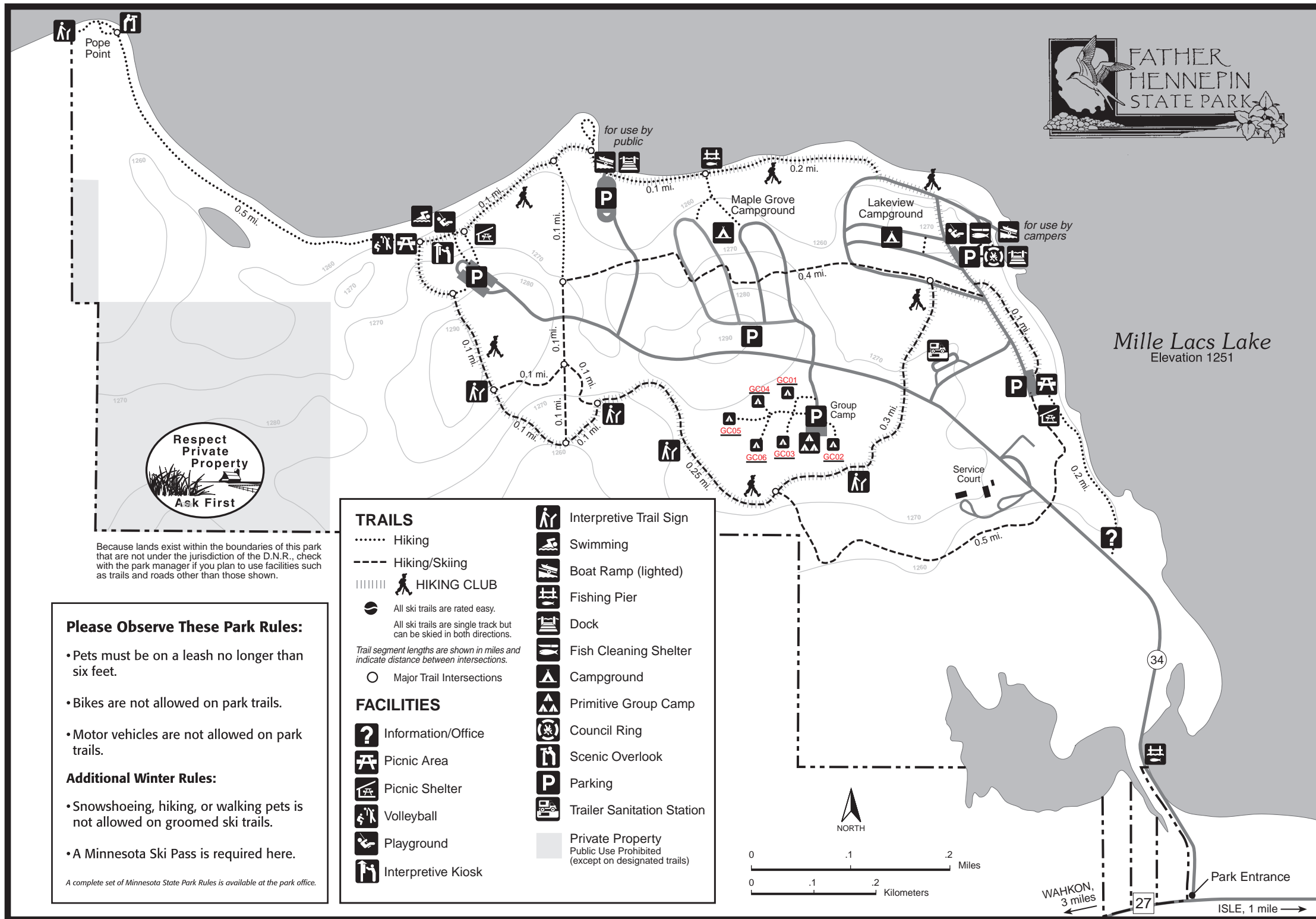
- Snowshoeing, hiking, or walking pets is not allowed on groomed ski trails.
- A Minnesota Ski Pass is required here.

A complete set of Minnesota State Park Rules is available at the park office.

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ?

The DNR has mapped the state showing federal, state and county lands with their recreational facilities. Public Recreation Information Maps (PRIM) are available for purchase from the DNR gift shop, DNR regional offices, Minnesota state parks and major sporting and map stores.

Check it out - you'll be glad you did.



Mille Lacs Lake
Elevation 1251

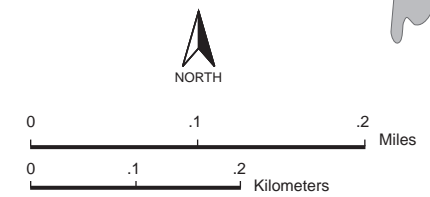
TRAILS

- Hiking
- Hiking/Skiing
- ||||| HIKING CLUB
- All ski trails are rated easy.
- All ski trails are single track but can be skied in both directions.
- Major Trail Intersections

FACILITIES

- ? Information/Office
- Ⓜ Picnic Area
- Ⓜ Picnic Shelter
- Ⓜ Volleyball
- Ⓜ Playground
- Ⓜ Interpretive Kiosk

- Ⓜ Interpretive Trail Sign
- Ⓜ Swimming
- Ⓜ Boat Ramp (lighted)
- Ⓜ Fishing Pier
- Ⓜ Dock
- Ⓜ Fish Cleaning Shelter
- Ⓜ Campground
- Ⓜ Primitive Group Camp
- Ⓜ Council Ring
- Ⓜ Scenic Overlook
- Ⓜ Parking
- Ⓜ Trailer Sanitation Station
- Ⓜ Private Property
Public Use Prohibited (except on designated trails)



WAHKON, 3 miles
27
27
ISLE, 1 mile
Park Entrance



FATHER HENNEPIN STATE PARK

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Father Hennepin State Park
Box 397
Isle, MN 56342
(320) 676-8763

Department of Natural Resources
Information Center
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040

(651) 296-6157 (Metro Area)
1-888-646-6367 (MN Toll Free)

TDD (Telecommunications
Device for Deaf)
(651) 296-5484 (Metro Area)
1-800-657-3929 (MN Toll Free)

DNR Web Site: www.dnr.state.mn.us
State Parks page: www.mnstateparks.info

FATHER HENNEPIN STATE PARK is located in Mille Lacs County on the southeast shore of Mille Lacs Lake. This 320-acre park was established in 1941. It is named after Father Louis Hennepin, a Franciscan Recollect priest, who was the first recorded European explorer to visit the region now called Minnesota.

His visit to this region occurred in 1679–1680 and was under duress, since he and his two companions were captured by Indians in the Mississippi River valley. They were brought to this area and held until Sieur Du Luht from the French post at Grand Portage on Lake Superior came to this region and negotiated their release.

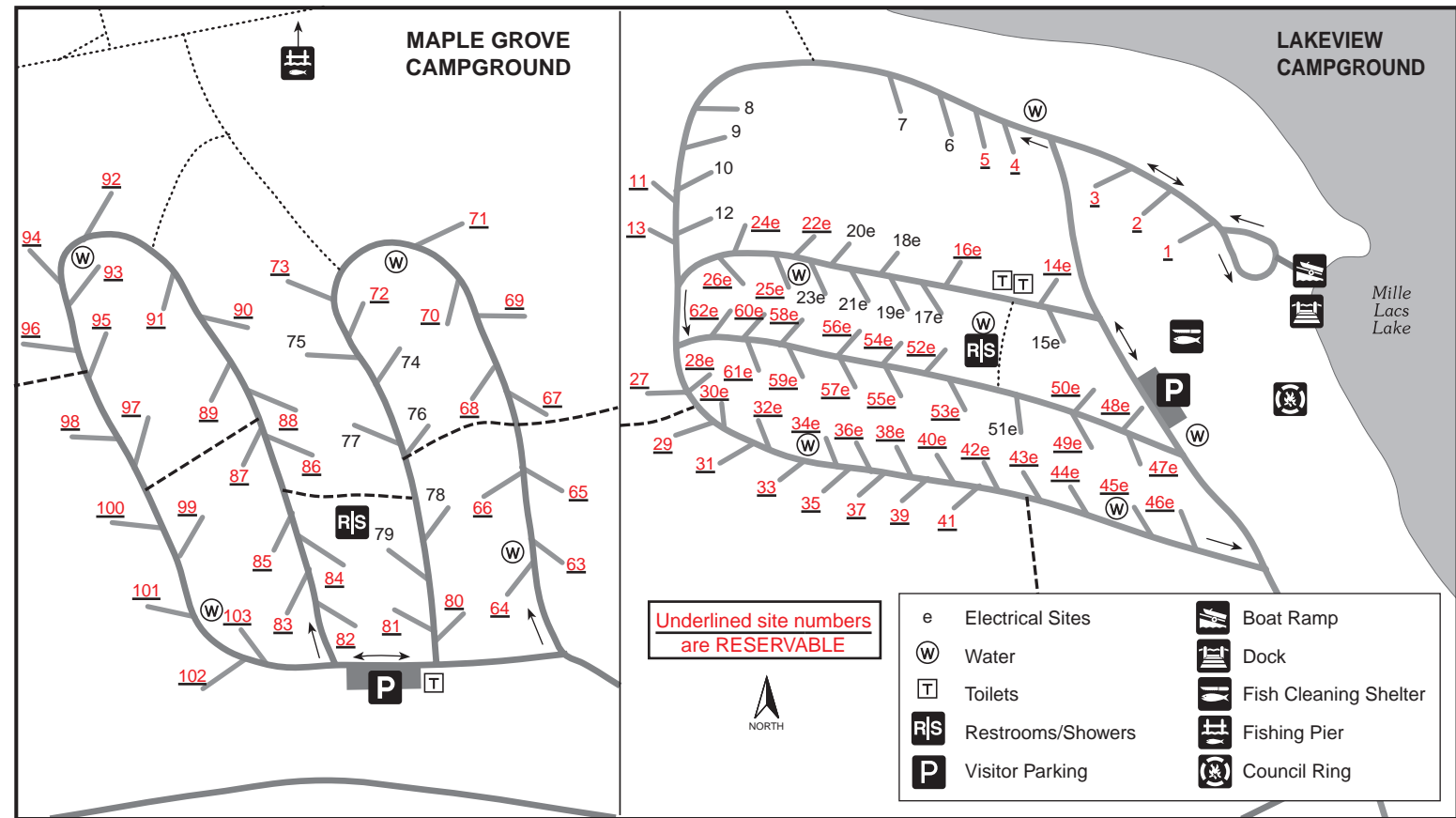
The park does not represent the site where Father Hennepin was held. It does however, represent a unique natural headland forming the west side of Isle Bay of Mille Lacs Lake, the second-largest freshwater lake entirely within Minnesota. The park boasts of a delightful sandy beach for swimming, sunning and strolling.

VEGETATION: Originally the park area was covered with northern hardwoods vegetation mixed with marsh areas and stands of virgin pine along the rivers and lakes. Much of the pine and some hardwoods have been logged off, leaving the present vegetative cover of hardwoods with a scattering of pine.

WILDLIFE: Mille Lacs is the home of a variety of wildlife. Hawks, ospreys, owls, and eagles are not uncommon. The tracks of beaver, raccoon, mink, and deer are often seen in the snow or soft earth. Northern pike, walleye, bluegills, muskies, sunfish, and bass are found in park waters.

A general understanding of the vegetation in the park allows visitors to know what animals to expect. The aspen stands and small clearings are excellent for ruffed grouse. Squirrels and chipmunks thrive in maple and oak stands. The small ponds and streams provide homes for amphibians and insects, which in turn attract larger fish, birds, and mammals.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: Schools and other groups are encouraged to use state parks for environmental education activities. Interpretive signs at points of interest introduce visitors to scenes sometimes missed by the casual observer. Park visitors can acquaint themselves with the



natural uniqueness of the park by hiking the trails or participating in interpretive programs occasionally held in the park. Visitors should inquire at the park office or check park bulletin boards for information about scheduled programs.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

- The park belongs to all Minnesotans. Please treat it with respect and help us to protect it by following the rules.
- The park is open year-round. On a daily basis, the park gate is closed from 10:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. the following morning except to registered campers and boaters.
- Camp only in designated locations.
- The use of firearms, explosives, air guns, slingshots, traps, seines, nets, bows and arrows, and all other weapons is prohibited in state parks.

- Pets must be restrained on a leash no longer than six feet. Pets are not allowed in park buildings or on the beach.
- Motor bikes and other licensed vehicles are allowed only on park roads, not on trails. No bicycles on trails.
- Enjoy park wildlife and plants but please respect them. Do not pick or dig up plants, disturb or feed animals, or scavenge dead wood.
- Build fires only in designated locations—fire rings or fireplaces. Wood is available for purchase from park staff. Portable stoves or grills are permitted.
- Daily or annual permits are required for all vehicles entering a state park. They may be purchased at the park headquarters or the information center in St. Paul (see “FOR MORE INFORMATION” to left).

- In camping areas, the hours between 10:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. are for outdoor solitude. Noise levels above a quiet conversation are prohibited.

This information is available in alternative format upon request.

“Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is available to all individuals regardless of race, color, creed or religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, age or disability. Discrimination inquiries should be sent to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4031; or the Equal Opportunity Office, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.”