

## Making a difference for Minnesota parks and trails.

### WHAT YOU GET

Membership has serious benefits.

- You get an effective voice in the Legislature with a fifty year track record of success. You make a difference.
- You receive our newsletter – *Special Places* – that keeps you abreast of important park and trail news. You're in the know.
- You gain insider knowledge about Minnesota's parks and trails system. You're ahead of the game.
- You get to make a personal contribution to the preservation and expansion of your state parks and trails. You make a difference.

Please invest in the future of your state parks and trails. Contribute to the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota.

By making a \$20 or more contribution you can become a member of the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota.

Send your contribution to:

**Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota**  
275 E. 4th Street Suite 642  
St. Paul, MN 55101-1651

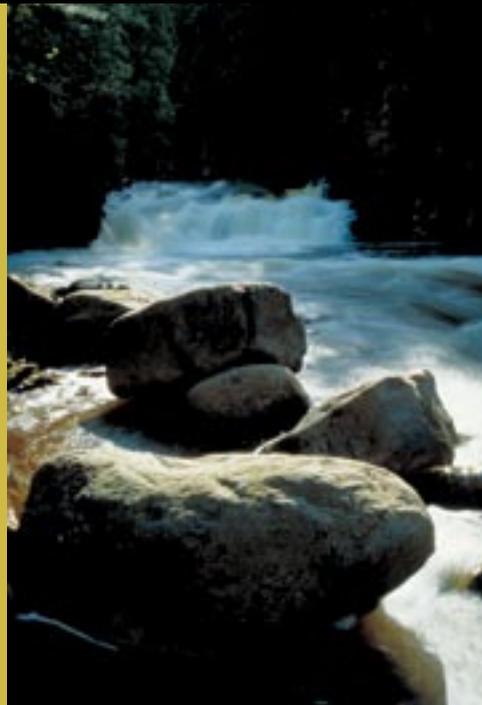
Or call: 651-726-2457  
[www.parksandtrails.org](http://www.parksandtrails.org)



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**Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota**



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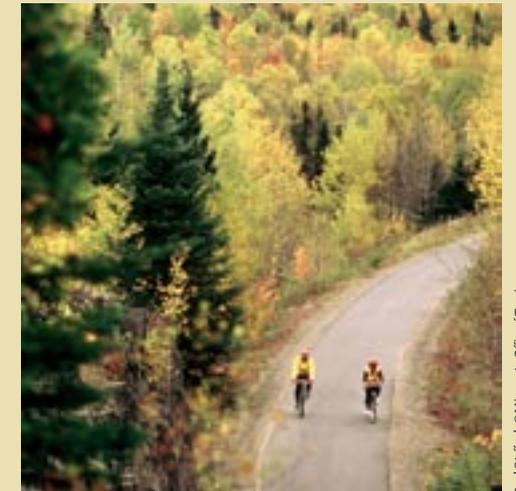


Rudi Hargreaves, North Shore Photo Art

Adjacent to Split Rock Lighthouse, Gold Rock Point was preserved for future generations in 1998 by Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota

## Minnesota is a vast garden of natural treasures.

Sparkling water, fiery rocks, and glorious trees seem randomly tossed across the state like jewelry on a velvet summer lawn. Have you ever enjoyed the laughter of waves on the rocky North Shore, sunlight shimmering across a late summer prairie, or your wintry path moonlit through crystal chandeliers of snow covered trees? You, like so many Minnesotans before you, delight in these treasures as you explore the state's parks & trails system. **Have you ever wondered who saves these joyful lands so that all Minnesotans may share them?**



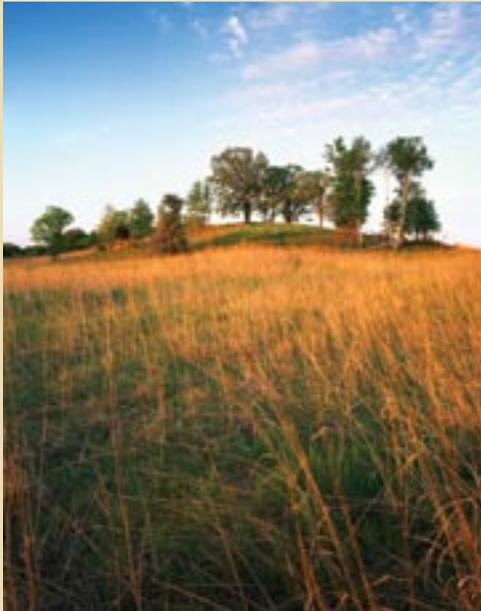
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With Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota support, Minnesota's system of surfaced biking and skating trails are some of the best in the country.

## Your advocate for Minnesota's parks and trails

### WHO WE ARE

We are Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota, a non-profit organization of private citizens working together for fifty years to create, defend and expand parks and trails in Minnesota.



Mark Lissick, Wildlight Photography

Oak Savanna in Afton State Park. Saved with contributions from Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota members.

We are your advocate for parks and trails and we want you to join the effort. We're not asking you to chain yourself to a tree, march in protest, or camp out on the capitol steps. We're asking you to show your support for preserving our beautiful Minnesota by joining the team of citizen advocates for Minnesota's parks and trails. Make a contribution to Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota.



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Your Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota membership will help preserve more of scenic Minnesota like this beach at Afton State Park.

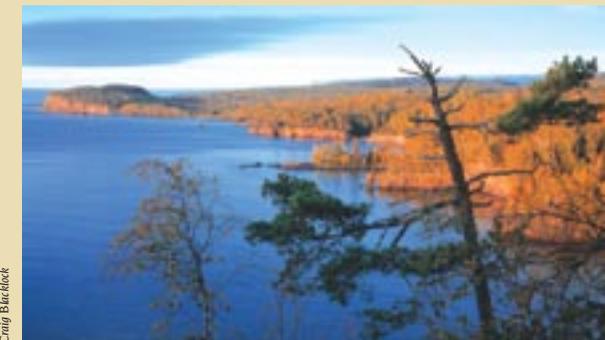
*We invest in preservation.*

### HOW WE WORK

Imagine that a farmer with land adjacent to a state park retires. He could sell to the state but it might take years to get the necessary funding and approvals. Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota is the white knight that can step in and acquire the land at full market value. Then our volunteers work with government officials to arrange for the State of Minnesota to buy the land from us. The farmer gets fair market value for his land, you've helped preserve more of beautiful Minnesota for future generations, and our money returns so we can invest in more preservation.

### WHERE YOUR MONEY

Investing for the future isn't just about having enough money to retire on. It's also about having the right world to retire in. With your help, we can create a world that preserves Minnesota's parks and trails for future generations. We need your support. Your investment in Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota supports our work at the Capitol to convince our legislators to fund the operation of our parks and trails and to purchase the new land we help make available. Your contribution also helps fund outreach programs for other parks and trails supporters across the state. With your help, we can divert more land into Minnesota's park system where everyone can enjoy it. Help us create the park and trail system that you want. Invest in Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota today.



Craig Blacklock

Development or state park land? Your membership in Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota lets your voice be heard throughout the state.

*We save Minnesota's parks and trails for future generations.*