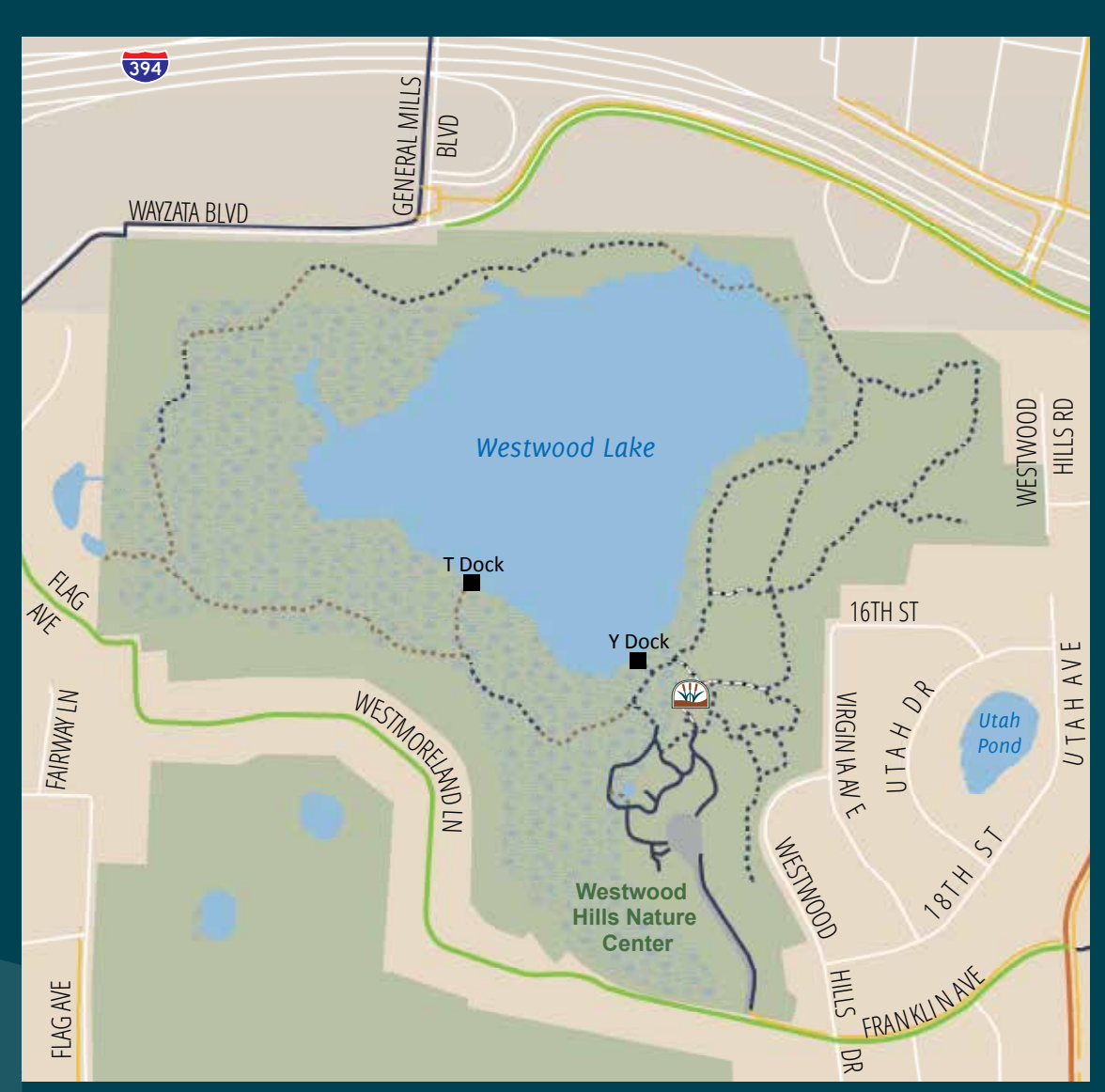


Welcome to Westwood Hills Nature Center where you'll find an oasis of nature nestled at the edge of the city. Trails lead you along a wooded hillside, through a cattail marsh and around picturesque Westwood Lake offering anything from a short quarter-mile stroll to a three mile hike. A play area, adjacent to the parking lot is perfect for families with younger ones and features opportunities for climbing, picnicking and nature play. Whether you come to venture into the woods, spark your imagination or take time to rejuvenate, there's something for everyone at Westwood Hills Nature Center.

- ### Programs
- Westwood Hills Nature Center offers engaging year-round programs led by experienced naturalists. Programs offer hands-on opportunities to learn and explore.
- Family programs
 - Early childhood classes
 - Summer nature camps
 - Home school programs
 - Special events
 - Annual Halloween party
 - Puppet shows
 - Volunteering
 - Field trips
 - Adult programs
 - Birthdays parties
 - School release days
 - Honeybee observation apary
 - Enclosed pavilion with adjoining picnic area, playground and climbing rock
 - Free use of Park Packs full of nature activities
 - Canoe, snowshoe and kiksled rentals
 - Fishing pole checkout
 - Building rentals

Directions

From 169: Exit at Cedar Lake Road then go east. Turn left on Texas Avenue. Turn left on Franklin Avenue. Nature Center entrance will be on the right.
 From 394: Exit at Louisiana Avenue then go south. Turn right on Wayzata Boulevard (frontage road). Turn left on Texas Avenue. Turn right on Franklin Avenue. The Nature Center entrance will be on the right.



Park Amenities



FACILITIES

Public Art	Concession Area	Off-Leash Dog Park	Off-Street Parking	Picnic/Sun Shelter(s)	Restroom (seasonal)	Special Use Building	Baiting Cage(s)	Basketball/Softball Field(s)	Basketball Court(s)	Canoe Landing**	Community Garden	Drinking Fountain	Fishing**	Horsehoes	Open/Nature Area	Outdoor Grill(s)	Picnic Table(s)	Play Structure	Paved Trails	Sand Volleyball Court(s)	Skateboard Park	Soccer Field(s)	Swimming Pool/Splash Pad	Tennis Court(s)
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SUMMER RECREATION

Figure Skating Rink	Hockey Rink	Hockey Rink (end boards only)
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WINTER RECREATION

Kickstarting**	Skiing Hill	Snowshoeing**	Warming House	X-Country Ski Trail
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Park Finder (cell)	W-F	W-F
E6 Ainsworth - 7700 28th St. W.		
D7 Aquila - 3110 Xylon Ave. S.		
L8 Bass Lake - 3450 Glenhurst Ave.		
K8 Bass Lake Preserve - 3501 Bettline Blvd.		
H5 Birchwood - 2701 Zarthan Ave. S.		
H3 Blackstone - 6094 16th St. W.		
G6 Bronx - 2900 Idaho Ave. S.		
J11 Browndale - 4955 Morningside Rd.		
J7 Carpenter - 4900 Hwy. 7		
F4 Carrol Hurd - 7520 Cedar Lake Rd.		
F5 Cedar Knoll - 2541 Nevada Ave. S.		
B5 Cedar Manor/Lake - 9350 Cedar Lake Rd.		
J3 Cedarhurst - 1601 Natchez Ave. S.		
H9 Center - 3750 Wooddale Ave.		
G10 Creekside - 7341 Oxford St.		
F5 Dakota - 2643 Dakota Ave. S.		
F9 Edgebrook - 3920 Pennsylvania Ave. S.		
D8 Elie - 3450 Wyoming Ave. S.		
K6 Fern Hill - 4421 28th St. W.		
B4 Ford - 2115 Ford Rd.		
F7 Freedom - 3261 Gorham Ave.		
G3 Hampshire - 6520 18th St. W.		
H11 Jackley - 4215 Brookside Ave.		
G3 Jersey - 1601 Jersey Ave. S.		
H8 Jorvig - 6210 W. 37th St.		
H9 Justad - 5917 Cambridge St.		
H7 Keystone - 3034 Alabama Ave. S.		
C8 Knollwood Green - 3450 Flag Ave. S.		
E3 Lamplighter - 1800 Pennsylvania Ave. S.		
I7 Lilac - 3401 Salem Ave. S.		
F8 Louisiana Oaks - 3520 Louisiana Ave. S.		
F10 Meadowbrook Manor - 4072 Meadowbrook Ln.		
K9 Minnikahda Vista - 3901 Ingelwood Ave. S.		
G5 Nelson - 2500 Georgia Ave. S.		
F4 Northside - 2200 Louisiana Ave. S.		
E7 Oak Hill - 3201 Rhode Island Ave. S.		
F7 Oregon - 3100 Oregon Ave. S.		
G3 Otten Pond - 1440 Dakota Ave. S.		
G7 Parkview - 6801 33rd St. W.		
F3 Pennsylvania - 1459 Pennsylvania Ave. S.		
D6 Rainbow - 2908 Sumter Ave. S.		
J8 Rec Center - 3700 Monterey Drive		
J8 Recreation Outdoor Center (ROC) - 3700 Monterey Drive		
H7 Roxbury - 3110 Brunswick Ave. S.		
A1 Shelard - 390 Ford Rd.		
D7 Sunset - 3328 Xylon Ave. S.		
I6 Sunshine - 2900 Vernon Ave. S.		
D6 Texa-Tonka/Lake Victoria - 2750 Virginia Ave. S.		
J5 Twin Lakes - 4750 26th St. W.		
F8 Walker - 3500 Pennsylvania Ave. S.		
I7 Webster - 3301 Webster Ave. S.		
D3 Westwood Hills Nature Center - 8300 W. Franklin Ave.		
E5 Willow - 2500 Rhode Island Ave. S.		
J9 Wolfe - 3700 Monterey Drive		

*Fishing poles are available for checkout at Westwood Hills Nature Center. **Canoe, snowshoe and kiksled rentals are available at Westwood Hills Nature Center.

About the Trails

Whether your idea of fun is a bike ride or sitting back and enjoying an outdoor picnic, St. Louis Park is the place for you! Here's a sample of outdoor facilities available in our community. For more about activities, team sports, nature classes or skating lessons, call the Operations and Recreation Department at 952.924.2540, Westwood Hills Nature Center at 952.924.2544 or visit stlouispark.org.

Regional Bike Trails

Three bike trails, managed by the Three Rivers Park District, run through St. Louis Park. These trails connect to miles of additional trails running from Minneapolis to Chaska. For details about the regional trail system, call Three Rivers Park District at 763.559.9000 or visit threeriversparkdistrict.org.

Cedar Lake Trail

This 3.6-mile trail links St. Louis Park to downtown Minneapolis. It has separate lanes for bikers and walkers. Trail entrances include:
 • Highway 100 east frontage road near Cedar Lake Road
 • Ewing Avenue and Cedar Lake Road (near Penn Avenue exit off I-394)

Cedar Lake Extension Trail

This 4.3-mile paved trail connects the Cedar Lake Trail from downtown Minneapolis to the Southwest Trail in Hopkins following the Hutchinson Spur rail line.
 Trail entrances include:
 • Highway 100 east frontage road near Cedar Lake Road
 • Dakota Park, 27th Street near Georgia Avenue
 • Aquila Park, 31st Street near Aquila Avenue
 • Virginia Avenue south of Cedar Lake Road
 • 36th Street near Phillips Parkway

Cedar Lake Regional Trail

This 5-mile paved trail goes from the Kennilworth Trail near 31st and Chown Avenue to 11th Avenue in Hopkins. It follows the rail line along Highway 7 and continues west through Hopkins to Chaska. The Southwest Trail also links east to the Kennilworth and Midtown Greenway Trails in Minneapolis. The only designated automobile parking lot at a trail entrance is at the Hopkins Depot.

Trail entrances include:

- 31st Street and Chown Ave, Minneapolis
- Beltline Boulevard south of Highway 7
- Wooddale Avenue south of Highway 7
- Louisiana Avenue south of Highway 7
- Edgebrook Park, 3920 Pennsylvania Avenue
- Hopkins Depot, Excelsior Boulevard and Highway 169, Hopkins

Bike Trail Etiquette

- Please make trail use safe and enjoyable for walkers, bicyclists and runners. Thank you!
- Obey all traffic signs and stop at all road crossings to look for cars.
 - Trail users are required to stop and yield to motor vehicle traffic when crossing roadways.
 - Travel on the right.
 - Pass on the left, in single file only.
 - When coming behind a trail user, warn individuals by using a bell or calling out, "passing on your left."
 - If you stop, move off the trail.
 - Dogs must be on a leash and under the owner's control at all times.
 - If you're walking a dog, bring a plastic bag and pick up your pet's feces. Properly dispose of droppings in waste containers.

St. Louis Park Trail Map

Sidewalk	
Bike Route - Bike Lane	
Bike Route - Share the Road	
Paved Trail	
Stairs	
Boardwalk	
Unpaved Trail	
Pedestrian Bridge	



About St. Louis Park

St. Louis Park's convenient location as a neighbor to Minneapolis means you're only minutes away from some of the Twin Cities' most attractive amenities: the Chain of Lakes, the downtown theater district, shopping, universities and major league sports. St. Louis Park has a sound economic base, healthy mix of new and traditional housing, and a nationally renowned school district. Get out and experience life in the park!

Nature Trails

Westwood Hills Nature Center, a 160-acre nature preserve, has nearly three miles of trails that wind through hardwood forest, pine/spruce plantation, restored prairie and marsh. Park entrance is free.

Rentals

There is something for everyone year-round! Snowshoes, kick sleds and canoe rentals are available at Westwood Hills Nature Center, 8300 W. Franklin Ave.

Fishing

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources stocks Lamplighter, Westwood and Wolfe Lakes with northern pike, black crappies, bluegills and small mouth bass. Westwood Hills Nature Center has fishing poles for visitors to use on-site at no charge.



About the Parks

St. Louis Park is proud of the numerous trails and parks in our community. The many trails connect us to downtown Minneapolis, the Uptown area, Hopkins and Chaska. There are 52 parks throughout the city to provide recreation, community space and beauty to all residents and visitors in any season.

Park Shelter Rentals

Our park facilities can accommodate events of practically any size. Park buildings and picnic shelters are available to rent in many of our parks including Westwood Hills Nature Center.

To view our picnic shelters and park buildings, visit slppm.us/recreation. To book a site, call 952.924.2540.

Park Rules

- Please observe the following rules in our parks:
- Pets must be leashed and waste disposed of in a sanitary manner.
 - Alcoholic beverages not allowed.
 - Motorized vehicles not allowed.
 - Golfing not allowed.
 - Parks close at 11 p.m.

Please enjoy your visit and thank you for helping keep our parks clean!

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St. Louis Park, MN 55416-2216

City Hall (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) 952.924.2500
Emergency 911
Police (non-emergency) 952.924.2618
Municipal Service Center 952.924.2562
Winter Parking Hotline 952.924.2180
The Rec Center 952.924.2540
Westwood Hills Nature Center 952.924.2544

For city events, activities and news, visit stlouispark.org
Facebook facebook.com/stlouispark
Twitter [@stlouispark](http://twitter.com/stlouispark)
Instagram instagram.com/stlouispark
YouTube youtube.com/stlouispark
Make service requests or receive city information via the app or visit www.stlouispark.org

Outdoor Skate Park

Carpenter Park, 4900 Hwy. 7
We have constructed a 6,500 square foot all concrete skate park designed with stairs, rails, mini half-pipe, etc. replicating a plaza style skate park. Come check it out and watch for a grand opening coming spring of 2018! For rental information, call 952.924.2540.



Water Fun

The Rec Center Outdoor Aquatic Park
Our 20,000 sq. ft. aquatic park, located at 3700 Monterey Drive, features a "wade in" water playground with geysers and splash toys. Another side of the pool offers the adventuresome choice between drop slides or a winding water slides that are nearly four-stories high. Swimmers will enjoy 25-meter lap pool. There's also a wet sand playground, water obstacle course, picnic gazebo and refreshment stand. Entrance to the Aquatic Park is through a daily fee or season pass.

Oak Hill Park Splash Pad

The 2,350 sq. ft. splash pad, located at 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, lets tots activate bubbling hoses, water nozzles and sprinkler arches. Splash pad entrance is free for residents.



Ice Skating

The Rec Center Ice Arenas
The Rec Center, 3700 Monterey Drive, has two indoor ice arenas. The east arena serves as a practice and youth game rink, while the west arena is the home ice for the St. Louis Park and Benilde-St. Margaret's hockey teams. There is an admission fee for skating.

Outdoor Skating

Each winter city crews flood rinks in various city parks. St. Louis Park's premier winter recreation area, located at Oak Hill Park, features colored lights that shine from mid-November through mid-February.

See amenities list on the other side for all rink locations.

Public Outdoor Skating at the ROC

Visit the newest outdoor skating venue in the area. Public open skating at the ROC is an experience like no other! Please note the skating schedule exceptions or call 952.924.2567, option 7, to confirm dates and times.

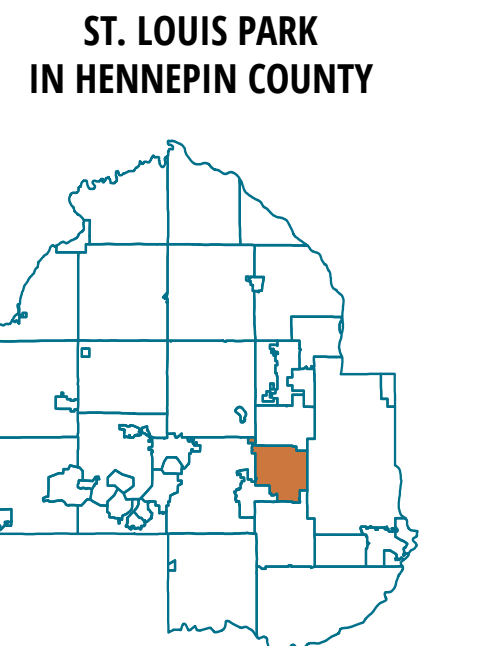
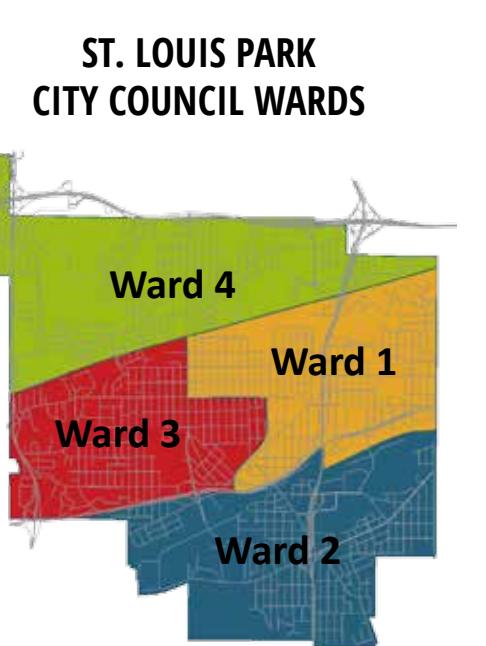
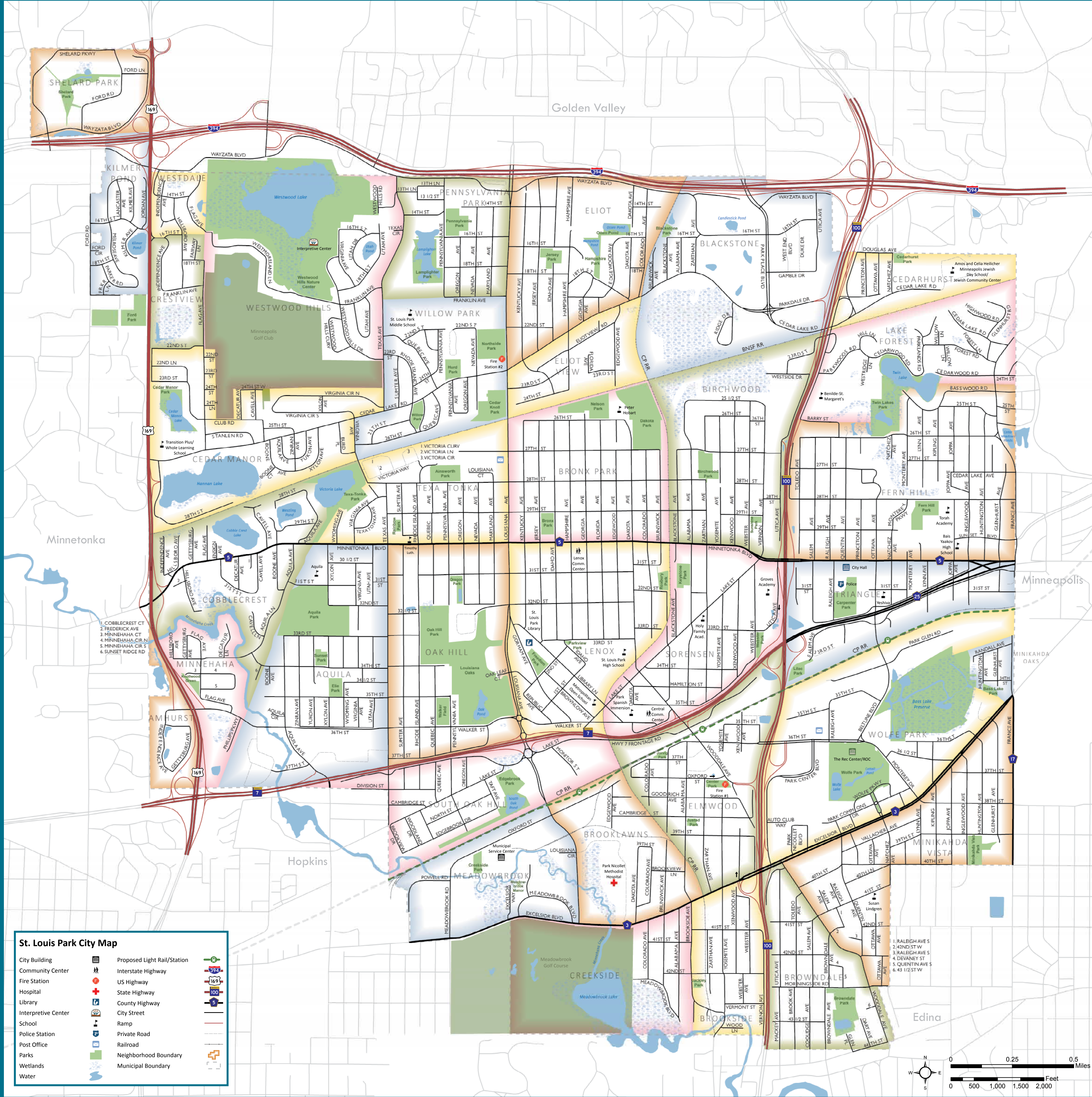


Off-leash Dog Parks

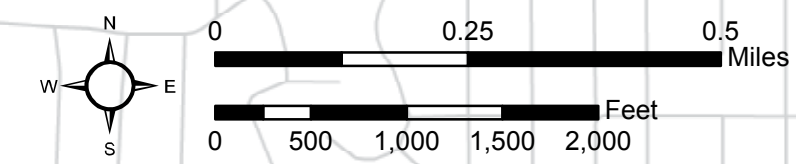
St. Louis Park's two off-leash dog parks offer a fun opportunity for you and your pet to get out and enjoy the great outdoors! Visit our dog parks at Cedar Knoll Park, 2541 Nevada Ave. S. and Dakota Park, 2643 Dakota Ave. S. Dakota Park includes a small dog area.

To use the parks, St. Louis Park residents must have a current St. Louis Park dog license. Non-residents must purchase a permit for the parks, which is good January through December of the current year. Dog license and permit forms can be printed from the city website, stlouispark.org, or at the Inspections Department in St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Daily hours for the dog parks are 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.



St. Louis Park City Map			
City Building		Proposed Light Rail/Station	
Community Center		Interstate Highway	
Fire Station		US Highway	
Hospital		State Highway	
Library		County Highway	
Interpretive Center		City Street	
School		Ramp	
Police Station		Private Road	
Post Office		Railroad	
Parks		Neighborhood Boundary	
Wetlands		Municipal Boundary	
Water			



City Map & Trail Map

St. Louis Park
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