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Minnesota History Center

This action-packed museum stimulates your curiosity about Minnesota stories, people, and history through permanent and changing exhibits, programs, and events. • Exhibits include *Then, Now, Wow* and *Minnesota's Greatest Generation* • Concerts, lectures & other events • Immersive environments & hands-on learning • Museum store & café
345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102
Admission & Hours: 651-259-3000

GALE FAMILY LIBRARY AT THE MINNESOTA HISTORY CENTER

Dive into Minnesota and family history using books, maps, photographs, government records, and more. The Library provides research assistance and access to all of MNHS's collections in one easy-to-use location, as well as through a variety of distance services. Free and open to the public.
Hours and Questions: 651-259-3300



Sibley Historic Site

Explore the many faces of the state's first governor, Henry Sibley, a fur trader who lived at this site. Through events and seasonal guided tours, you can explore four of Minnesota's oldest surviving buildings and learn about Mendota's past. • Managed by Dakota County Historical Society
1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Mendota, MN 55150
Admission & Hours: 651-452-1596

James J. Hill House

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Learn about the life of famed railroad magnate James J. Hill, his family, domestic workers and his legendary 36,000 square foot Summit Avenue mansion. • Guided and self-guided tours, art exhibits & special events • Original stained glass, woodwork & chandeliers • Museum store
240 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102
Admission & Hours: 651-297-2555



Marine Mill

Outdoor interpretive signs provide the history of Minnesota's first commercial sawmill, built in 1839, as well convey the historic importance of the landscape and river to Native Americans. • Scenic walking trail above sawmill foundation ruins and views of Mill Stream and falls • Managed by the City of Marine on St. Croix
Judd St., Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047
Admission & Hours: Free, dawn to dusk. 651-433-3636



Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post

Explore Ojibwe culture and history through videos, exhibits, demos, and activities at this interactive museum, and shop for a wide selection of Native American art by local and regional artists in the adjacent 1930s trading post. • Traditional Ojibwe garden • Outdoor interpretive signs • Workshops and special events • Tour of Four Seasons Room, with life-sized dioramas • Seasonal demonstrations • Museum store
43411 Oodena Dr., Oranmala, MN 55359 • Admission & Hours: 320-532-3632

SOUTHERN



Lower Sioux Agency

Learn about the causes of the US-Dakota War of 1862 through special programs and exhibits. In the place where the war's first attack took place. • Exhibit on Dakota culture • Minnesota River trails • Museum store • Managed by Lower Sioux Indian Community
32469 Co. Hwy. 2, Morton, MN 56270 • Admission & Hours: 507-697-8674

Birch Coulee Battlefield

Guideposts pinpoint the US and Dakota positions at the site of one of the hardest-fought battles in the US-Dakota War of 1862. • Free self-guided outdoor experience • Self-guided prairie trail • Markers with accounts of the battle by an Army captain and a



Historic Fort Snelling

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Discover the many voices and stories of the people who crossed paths here on Dakota homeland over the centuries—including Native people, enslaved and free African Americans, soldiers, veterans, Japanese Americans in the language school during WWII, and the landscape itself. • Costumed and non costumed interpreters • Demonstrations of historical games & skills • Guided and self-guided tours Self-guided & theme tours • Interactive activity stations • Exhibits • Outdoor interpretive signage exhibits • Programs & events • Dred & Harriet Scott's 1836-1840 living quarters • Museum store
200 Tower Ave., St. Paul, MN 55111 • adjacent to Fort Snelling State Park • Admission & Hours: 612-726-1171

Minnehaha Depot

Visit "The Princess," an authentic 1875 gingerbread-style train depot built along the first Minneapolis-to-Chicago rail line—located within walking distance of the famed Minnehaha Falls. • Managed by the Minnesota Transportation Museum • **Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis, MN 55417 • Admission & Hours: 651-228-0263**



Snake River Fur Post

Tour the reconstructed 1804 trading post, explore the museum to discover the intersection of voyageurs, fur traders, and Ojibwe culture, or take a walk on the Snake River or Woodlands Trail. • Guided tours • Exhibits on the fur trade • Demonstrations • Snake River heritage trails • Museum store
12551 Voyageur Lane, Pine City, MN 55063
Admission & Hours: 320-629-6356

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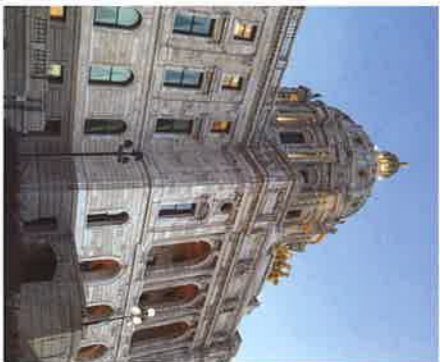


Historic Forestville

Illuminate the 1853-1910 history of this site as you visit the historic house, office, store, garden, and barn. Explore questions about the

USEUMS THROUGHOUT MINNESOTA!

TOURS AND ADMISSION



Minnesota State Capitol

Tour a newly restored masterpiece by influential architect Cass Gilbert, featuring the second-largest self-supporting marble dome in the world. • State Senate, House & Supreme Court chambers • Civil War & Spanish-American War flags • Decorative & fine art throughout building • Monuments on Capitol Mall • Guided tours
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155
Admission & Hours: 651-296-2981



Mill City Museum

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Built within the ruins of what was once the world's largest flour mill, this fun, interactive museum invites the whole family to ride the Flour Tower elevator, experience hands-on fun in the Water & Baking Labs, and enjoy rooftop views of the Mississippi River, St. Anthony Falls, and Stone Arch Bridge. • Award-winning short film, *Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat!* • Special events • Exhibits • Museum store & café 704 S. Second St., Minneapolis, MN 55401
Admission & Hours: 612-341-7555

Oliver Kelley Farm

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

See, touch, do, and taste as you learn the story of Minnesota farming, food, and agriculture—past and present. • Modern Farm Lab • Learning Kitchen • 1860s farmstead, fields & garden • Heritage & modern breeds of farm animals • 2.5-mile Mississippi River trail • Museum store
15788 Kelley Farm Rd., Elk River, MN 55330
Admission & Hours: 763-441-6896



Alexander Ramsey House

This 1872 mansion is one of the best-preserved Victorian homes in the world, filled with over 14,000 original family objects and furnishings. Guides will highlight both political and personal stories to bring the complex world of 19th century Saint Paul to life. • Guided house tours and events • Museum store
265 S. Exchange St., St. Paul, MN 55102 Admission & Hours: 651-296-8760

Folsom House

Tour the meticulously restored 1855 New England style home of W.H.C. Folsom—Maine transplant turned lumber baron and Minnesota state senator. • American Empire & Louis XV Revival furniture • St. Croix River views • Historic Angel Hill District location • New outdoor interpretive signage • Managed by Taylors Falls Historical Society
272 W. Government St., Taylors Falls, MN 55084
Admission & Hours: 651-465-3125

Forest History Center

Explore a recreated 1900 logging camp, climb a 100-ft. 1930s fire tower, board a floating cook shack, participate in adventure-based nature programs, and enjoy a variety of special events. • Blacksmith, cook, & lumberjacks • Draft horse logging demonstrations • Horse-drawn trolley and sleigh rides • Guided kayak tour programming • Exhibits on ecology & forestry • Walking/biking/XC ski trails • Outdoor interpretive signage provides the history of forest use in the area. Information about forested ecosystems, as well tree and plant identifications • Museum store
2609 Co. Rd. 76, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Admission & Hours: 218-327-4482



W. W. Mayo House

Tour the hand-built 1859 home of the first Dr. Mayo of Mayo Clinic fame and his medical practice—a home later owned by a founder of Minnesota Valley Canning Company (Green Giant). • Managed by the New Nature Center
118 N. Main St., Le Sueur, MN 56058 • Admission & Hours: 507-665-3250

Traverse des Sioux

At this centuries-old Minnesota River crossing—the site of the 1851 US-Dakota land treaty—you can walk trails and view exhibits on the treaty, Dakota culture, and the fur trade. • Adjacent to the Treaty Site History Center • Managed by Nicollet County Historical Society
1851 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, MN 56092
Admission & Hours: 507-934-2160



Split Rock Lighthouse

A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

One of Minnesota's best-known landmarks, this North Shore icon was built after a rash of 1905 shipwrecks. Enjoy spectacular Lake Superior views and photo opportunities, plus self-guided tours of the restored lighthouse and keeper's home. • Film & exhibits • Museum store
3713 Split Rock Lighthouse Rd., north of Two Harbors, MN 55616
Admission & Hours: 218-226-6372



Jeffers Petroglyphs

Find 5,000 sacred Native American rock carvings of buffalo, turtles, thunderbirds, and humans in a native prairie setting. • Outdoor interpretive signage provides history about the site and information about plants • Estimated 5,000 carvings up to 7,000 years old • Tallgrass prairie including over 300 species of prairie plants • Special events • Guided tours • Museum store
27160 Co. Rd. 2, Comfrey, MN 56019 • Admission & Hours: 507-628-5591

• Research the history of your family, house, and community

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