

TRAIL MAP



Who we are

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District is a local government organization that works to protect, manage, and enhance the water resources in our boundaries for the benefit of all.

We cover the land area draining to Nine Mile Creek – about 50 square miles including parts of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Richfield.

What we do

We work in collaboration with our partners and community stakeholders, always using sound science to guide decision making. Our main areas of work include:

- Implementing large-scale projects
- Monitoring our lakes and the creek
- Educating those who live, work, and play in the watershed
- Regulating construction sites

How you can help

Adopt a drain: Keep the grates in your neighborhood clear of leaves and trash year round. Adopt a drain in your area at: mn.adopt-a-drain.org

Pick up trash: Trash and dog waste can hurt our lakes and creeks. Bring bags with you to pick up litter and clean up after your pet on walks-make sure it gets into a garbage can afterwards!

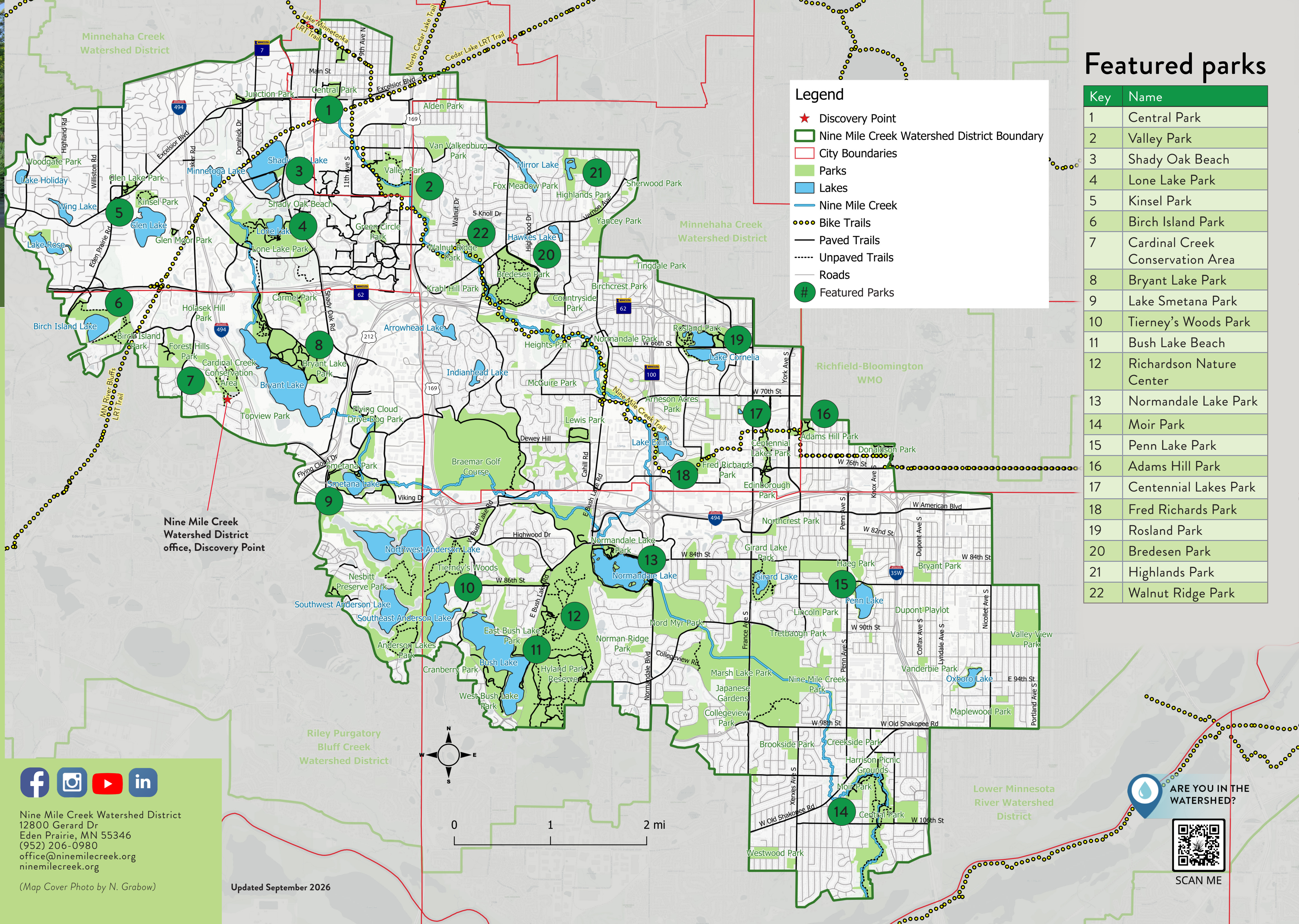
Use salt wisely: Chloride, one part of road salt, is a permanent pollutant in water; there is no cost-effective way to remove it from our lakes. The best prevention is to use it wisely and reduce where you can. Learn more at: ninemilecreek.org/salt-reduction



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Legend

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- # Featured Parks

Featured parks

Key	Name
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2	Valley Park
3	Shady Oak Beach
4	Lone Lake Park
5	Kinsel Park
6	Birch Island Park
7	Cardinal Creek Conservation Area
8	Bryant Lake Park
9	Lake Smetana Park
10	Tierney's Woods Park
11	Bush Lake Beach
12	Richardson Nature Center
13	Normandale Lake Park
14	Moir Park
15	Penn Lake Park
16	Adams Hill Park
17	Centennial Lakes Park
18	Fred Richards Park
19	Rosland Park
20	Bredesen Park
21	Highlands Park
22	Walnut Ridge Park



ARE YOU IN THE WATERSHED?



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Parks & Trails



Recent projects: protecting lakes and creeks

Protecting lakes and creeks

Many of the water quality projects around the district blend seamlessly into the landscape; read about some of our projects that protect water in your area.

Bush Lake Izaak Walton League shoreline project

Over the years, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District has worked with many partners to keep Bush Lake’s shoreline healthy. We do this by managing invasive and weedy species and replanting with native plants and seeds. Controlled burns were also used as a management tool. Thanks to the City of Bloomington, the Bush Lake Izaak Walton League, and Three Rivers Park District for their partnership and support.



Swamp milkweed on Bush Lake

Lake Cornelia

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and City of Edina are conducting a multi-phased project to improve the health of Lake Cornelia.

Management techniques used in this project include:

- goldfish management
- aquatic plant surveys and revegetation trials
- cattail removal
- alum treatments

Staff also installed a monitoring buoy in North Cornelia to measure lake level, dissolved oxygen, and water temperature. These management techniques, over time, will contribute to a healthier Lake Cornelia system.



Patch of cattails removed from shore

South fork streambank restoration

This project reconnects Nine Mile Creek to its floodplain through Eden Prairie and Bloomington to slow water flows, reduce erosion, increase flood storage, and improve habitat for fish and other aquatic life.

Restoration techniques included:

- Biological engineering techniques such as root wads and toewood
- Native vegetation plantings
- Selective tree removal; trees were then used in streambank stabilization structures
- Buckthorn removal

We partnered with Great River Greening on the award of Outdoor Heritage Funding, as well as the use of watershed-based implementation funding through the Clean Water Fund.



South fork streambank restoration

Featured parks



Walking trails



Biking trails



Picnic area



Playground



Swimming beach



Public boat launch, motors allowed



Public boat launch, non motorized only



Fishing pier

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Key	Name	Address	Amenities	Description	Past NMCWD projects in/near this park
1	Central Park	101 16th Ave S, Hopkins	  	This 17.9 acre park includes softball fields, sunken soccer field, pickleball courts, indoor and outdoor skating rinks, shelters, tennis courts, and an ADA playground. Bathrooms open seasonally. Features numerous stormwater infiltration practices, including raingardens and a dry creekbed featuring the Nine Mile Creek headwaters.	NMCWD partnered with the City of Hopkins to install multiple stormwater infiltration practices and move the headwaters to this park in 2026.
2	Valley Park	700 8th St S, Hopkins	   	This 14.5 acre park includes an archery range, sand volleyball court, hockey rink and sledding hill. Also includes baseball and softball fields, basketball court, and a community garden. Bathrooms open seasonally. Connects to Three Rivers Park District regional trails.	Streambank restoration and planting in 2012.
3	Shady Oak Beach	5200 Shady Oak Rd, Minnetonka	      	Entrance fees charged for swim beach. Beach and high dive monitored by lifeguards seasonally. Other amenities include concessions, sand volleyball court and boat rentals. Bathrooms open seasonally. Connects to Three Rivers Park District regional trails. Boat launch and walking trails are free to access.	NMCWD has conducted herbicide treatments for invasive plant management and has done fish tracking.
4	Lone Lake Park	5624 Shady Oak Rd, Minnetonka	     	*Mountain bike trails (5 miles). Also includes 1.6 miles of hiking trails. Also, grills, picnic areas, football/soccer fields, basketball court, pickleball and tennis courts. Bathrooms open seasonally. Access to Bryant Lake Park, Shady Oak Beach & Three Rivers Park District trails.	Raingardens in the lower parking lot capture and filter water before entering Lone Lake.
5	Kinsel Park	14107 Kinsel Rd, Minnetonka	  	Kinsel Park has 0.6 miles of trails, including a 600-foot boardwalk through the wetland area connecting one side of the park to the other. Several picnic areas are located off the trails, as well as benches for stopping and enjoying the natural scenery of Glen Lake.	
6	Birch Island Park	6225 Eden Prairie Rd, Eden Prairie	  	Unpaved hiking trails through woods. Near Birch Island Woods Conservation Area (6410 Indian Chief Road) and Three Rivers Park District regional trails.	Conveyance pipe installed under Highway 62 in 2008 to better manage lake levels.
7	Cardinal Creek Conservation Area	12800 Gerard Dr, Eden Prairie		Park at Nine Mile Creek Watershed District’s Discovery Point office to access the trail, which borders Discovery Point to the west. Boardwalks and turf trails wind around the Cardinal Creek wetland.	Wetland restoration, trail construction and a weir, or low head dam, installed in 2008.
8	Bryant Lake Park	6800 Rowland Rd, Eden Prairie	      	Bryant Lake Park offers an 18-hole disc golf course, boat rentals, off-leash dog area, hiking trails, and geocaching. Life guards monitor swim beach seasonally. Bathrooms and concessions open seasonally. Operated by the Three Rivers Park District.	Alum treatments in 2008 and 2013 reduced phosphorus levels and algae growth.
9	Lake Smetana Park	7620 Smetana Ln, Eden Prairie	     	1.6 miles of paved trail around the lake. Picnic shelters and lake overlooks.	Enlarged to store more flood water in 1999 by making a weir, or low head dam.
10	Tierney’s Woods Park	8163 Highwood Dr, Bloomington		1.8 miles of unpaved trail travel through forests and wetlands. Operated by the Three Rivers Park District.	
11	Bush Lake Beach	9140 E Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington	       ⁺	Swimming beach open seasonally. Free parking. Bathroom open seasonally. Connects to Hyland Lake Park Reserve. Managed by Three Rivers Park District. *Note: motors may not exceed 6 horsepower.	Outlet installed in 2000 to control high water levels; ongoing shoreline restoration projects.
12	Richardson Nature Center	8737 E Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington	   	Indoor and outdoor play areas, live animals, and educational programs. Equipment rental including exploration kits, snowshoes, and walking poles. Bathrooms open year round. Part of the Hyland Lake Park Reserve and operated by the Three Rivers Park District.	
13	Normandale Lake Park	5901 W 84th St, Bloomington	     ⁺	1.9 miles of paved walking and bike trails around Normandale Lake. Community events held at the bandshell. Boat launch off Chalet Rd. Bathrooms open seasonally. Managed by Three Rivers Park District. *Note: motors may not exceed 6 horsepower.	Lake drained 2018, alum treatment 2019; ongoing plant treatments & fish management.
14	Moir Park	10320 Morgan Ave S, Bloomington	  	Paved and unpaved trails follow Nine Mile Creek to the Minnesota River. This park also offers disc golf, grills, picnic tables, softball and baseball fields. Bathrooms open seasonally. Trails connect to Harrison Picnic Grounds. Bikes are not allowed on trails.	Streambank stabilization projects in 1991, 2009, 2015, and 2020. Corridor renewal 2026.
15	Penn Lake Park	1925 W 86th St, Bloomington	  ⁺	Picnic area that overlooks shoreline buffer. *Note: motors may not exceed 6 horsepower.	NMCWD works to remove invasive fish from Penn Lake.
16	Adams Hill Park	7200 Washburn Ave S, Richfield	 	0.6 miles of walking trails. Also includes playground, picnic tables, basketball court, and walking trails. Overlooks Adams Hill Pond and connects to Three Rivers Park District regional trails.	
17	Centennial Lakes Park	7499 France Ave S, Edina	  	Paddleboats and ice skates available to rent seasonally. The park also offers fishing events, 18-hole putting course, and lawn games. 1.5 miles of paved trails circle the lake. Bathrooms and warming house available. Edina Farmer’s Market held seasonally. Concerts held in summer in the Maetzold Amphitheater.	
18	Fred Richards Park	4400 Parklawn Ave, Edina	   	The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail winds through Fred Richards Park, located on the grounds of the former Fred Richards Golf Course. More amenities will be added, including a pavilion, ball courts, and more. Only street parking is currently available.	
19	Rosland Park	4300 W 66th St, Edina	   	Trails circle Lake Cornelia. Other amenities include: inclusive playground, tennis courts and pickleball courts, baseball fields, sand volleyball court, disc golf, grills, and large gazebo. Bathrooms open seasonally. Near the Edina Aquatic Center and Edina Art Center.	Alum treatment in 2020; Rosland Park filtration project installed 2021. ongoing plant treatments & fish management in Lake Cornelia.
20	Bredesen Park	5901 Olinger Blvd, Edina	 	2 miles of walking and biking trails offer views of Nine Mile Creek and scenic woods. Bathroom available year round. Connects to Three Rivers Park District Regional Trails.	Created in 1985 for extra flood storage area; originally a marsh.
21	Highlands Park	5200 Doncaster Way, Edina	  	This 44 acre park features a baseball field, soccer field, multi-use field, picnic areas, playgrounds, a skating rink, a shelter building, and tennis courts (striped for pickleball). Overlooks Highlands Lake.	
22	Walnut Ridge Park	5801 Londonderry Rd, Edina	   	Other amenities include open fields, tennis court (striped for pickleball), and hockey rink. Bathroom open seasonally. A half mile multi-use trail with views of Nine Mile Creek connects to Three Rivers Park District regional trails.	Creek had natural bends remade to slow water and protect banks (west of the park).