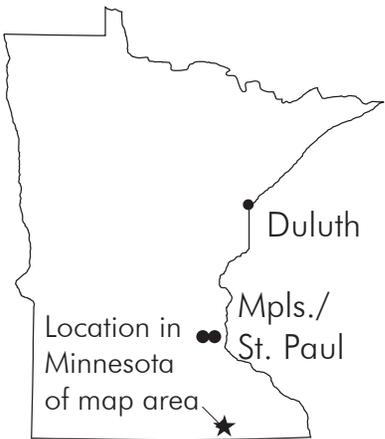
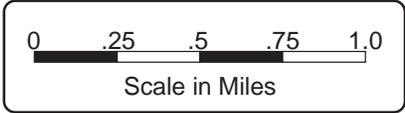


# Blazing Star State Trail

## Map Legend

- State Trail (asphalt)
- State Trail (unpaved)
- Other Hiking/Biking Trails
- Park Areas
- Parking
- Picnic/Rest Area
- Toilet
- Information
- Camping



PARKING AVAILABLE:

**\* Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.**

- In Albert Lea, at Frank Hall Park at the trail head.
- In Big Island State Park at the New York Point Group Center and at the Little Island Pioneer Campground.



This trail requires a permit for anyone cross country skiing. For more information about the Ski Pass, please call the DNR Info Center at 1-888-MINNDNR or check the website at [www.mndnr.gov](http://www.mndnr.gov).

**Share the Trail with Others:**

- Stay on designated trail.
- Keep right so others can pass.
- Keep all pets on leash/Dispose of pet waste.
- Obey traffic signs and rules.
- Pack out all garbage and litter.
- Respect adjoining landowners rights and privacy.
- Warn other trail users when passing by giving an audible signal.
- Overnight camping and campfires are permitted only on designated campsites. Do not leave campfires unattended.
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants & animals, but leave them undisturbed for all to enjoy.
- Trail users are legally responsible for obeying the rules and regulations provided in Minnesota Rules, 6100.3000.



**DNR Information Center**

500 Lafayette Road  
Saint Paul, MN 55155-4040  
(651) 296-6157 (metro area & outside MN)  
1-888-MINNDNR (MN toll free)  
(646-6367)

TDD(651) 296-5484 (metro area)  
1-800-657-3929 (MN toll free)

**Minnesota Department of Tourism**

100 Metro Square  
121 - 7th Place East  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2112  
(651) 296-5029 (metro area & outside MN)  
1-888-TOURISM (MN toll free)

**Minnesota Bikeway Maps**

**Minnesota Department of Transportation**

John Ireland Boulevard  
Room 110  
Saint Paul, MN 55155  
(651) 296-2216

MnDOT produces two maps (east and west MN) that grade the quality of road shoulders suitable for biking. There is a charge for these maps. Maps not available for the Metro area.

**City of Albert Lea Parks and Recreation**

221 East Clark Street  
Albert Lea, MN 56007 (507) 377-4370  
<http://www.city.albertlea.org/parks.htm>

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**This information is available in alternative format upon request.**

**You can also check out state trail information on this website:**

**["www.mndnr.gov/trails\\_waterways/index.html"](http://www.mndnr.gov/trails_waterways/index.html)**

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# Blazing Star

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The Blazing Star State Trail runs from Albert Lea Lake in Albert Lea through Big Island State Park. When completed, the Blazing Star State Trail will connect Albert Lea and Austin via Big Island State Park and Hayward.

Currently, six miles are constructed between the city of Albert Lea and Big Island State Park. This trail also connects to Albert Lea's city trail system. Once the trail reaches Austin, it will connect to Austin's city trail system, as well as the Shooting Star State Trail.

Trail users will enjoy views of rural landscapes along the entire trail. Big Island State Park affords the opportunity to experience a diversity of natural environments including wetlands, oak savanna, big woods and prairie. The park is considered one of the many good birding spots in southern Minnesota, especially during spring and fall migration.