



MEANDER AROUND MINNESOTA

Mantorville, MN

- Marigold Days Festivities

Northfield, MN

- Defeat of Jesse James Days

St. Paul, MN

- Martin Luther King Center / State Capitol Walk

Eagan, MN

- Holland Lake Trailhead @ Lebanon Hills Regional Park

Nerstrand, MN

- Nerstrand Big Woods State Park

Social Gatherings:

Thursday 5PM: Pizza, pop, and games at the Springhill Suites Hotel in Eagan Located at 3635 Crestridge Dr Eagan, MN. Adult beverages are allowed. But not supplied.

Friday: No social events scheduled, but, along with the walks, Mantorville is holding its annual Marigold Days celebration and Northfield is holding its annual Defeat of Jesse James Days and there will be many activities and food vendors to enjoy.

Saturday 4PM: At the Lebanon Hills Regional Park Holland Lake Picnic Shelter, there will be an all-you-can-eat, meat or vegetarian Booya dinner with salad and dessert, along with a social gathering. We will have pop and water available. Beer and wine are allowed in the park but not supplied.

Sunday 11AM: At Nerstrand State Park there will be NSTT's famous brat lunch and social gathering.

Host Hotel: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Springhill Suites by Marriot at 3635 Crestridge Dr, Eagan, Mn 55122 (651-686-0600) \$109 per night for a queen suite, breakfast, pool, hot tub, laundry, Wi-Fi, fitness center, and parking are included. Reservations must be made by August 21st Under the group "Volkssport".

Camping: Nerstrand Big Woods State Park has 51 sites with 27 electric and 1 pull through site. They also have 4 walk-in and 6 cart-in sites. There are also showers, flush toilets, and a dump station. Reservations can be made up to 120 days in advance, reserve early, they fill up fast. For on-line reservations

go to Minnesota State Parks or call 866-857-2757.

Lebanon Hills Regional park in Apple Valley. Has electric sites with full hook-up including water and sewer, and non-electric sites available. Showers, flush toilets, and a dump station are also available. For Lebanon Hills Regional Parks go to "Dakota County Parks" on the internet. They take on-line reservations only.

General Information: These events are non-competitive. Participants may go at their own pace; it is not a race. Events are open to everyone. All ages are welcome and family participation is encouraged. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Stipulations: All events are sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association {AVA}, a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports {IVV}. By registering for these events, participants accept the guidelines for AVA events and agree to observe the principles of good sportsmanship. Pets are allowed but must be kept on a leash and cleaned up afterwards.

Disclaimer: The sponsors of these events are not liable for lost or stolen items, accidents or injuries, and/or material damage at any time incurred by participants during an event. Every reasonable effort will be made to make events safe, enjoyable and memorable.

Fees & IVV Credit: There is a fee of \$4 per participant for each walk. These events count toward IVV achievements awards.

Choose where you Meander

All the walks are within easy driving distance from each other. It is your choice if you want to do one or all of them. The Friday walks are Online Start Boxes and will have a specified start time with tables set up if you are not set up with an AVA/OSB account so you can register at the event. Or, at the Thursday evening social gathering there will be registration and maps available for the Friday and Saturday events. The Saturday and Sunday events are traditional events where registration and walking directions will be available at registration site.

Pre-Registration Deadline:

August 21, 2026:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ **Thursday Pizza \$ 10**

Gluten free will be available, Please specify Which one you prefer _____ Regular _____ Gluten free

_____ **Saturday Booya Dinner \$10**

_____ **Award \$10**

The award is a 4X4 ceramic coaster with the Meander Minnesota medallion printed on it.

Pre-registration is recommended for planning purposes.

Does not include participation fees.

Mantorville, MN

Start Point will be staffed on Friday from 9AM to 11AM. At the Riverside Park, 320 N Main St, Mantorville. MN 55955. Directions from Springhill Suites. Turn Right onto Crestridge Dr. Turn Left onto Pilot Knob Rd. At .2 miles take a slight Right onto I-35E. Go 1.3 miles and take exit 98 onto Lone Oak Rd toward CR-26. Go .3 miles and turn Right onto CR-26. After 1.2 miles turn Right onto MN-55 E. Go 8.1 miles and keep Right on US-52 towards Rochester. Go 31 miles to take exit 86 onto MN-57, CR 8 toward Wanamingo, Mantorville. Turn Left onto MN-57. Go 21.8 miles and the destination is on your Left.

Northfield, MN

Start Point will be staffed on Friday from 12PM to 2PM at Northfield Dog Park, 916 Bollenbacher Dr. Northfield, MN 55057. From Riverside Park in Mantorville turn Left onto Main St/ MN 57. Approx. 5 miles turn Left on 562nd St/Co Rd 22. Go 3.5 miles and turn Left on to Co Rd 24. After 3.2 miles turn Right onto State St. N. Go 9.3 miles then turn Left onto Second St. Go 450 feet and turn Right onto Red Wing Blvd. Go .5 miles turn Left onto MN 56. After 8.9 miles, turn Left onto Co Rd 9. Go 11 miles and at the roundabout take the second exit onto Division St. Go .6 miles and turn Left onto Woodley St. Go .5 miles and after crossing MN 3 the destination is on your right and Culvers Restaurant will be on the Left.

Martin Luther King, St. Paul, MN

The Starting point will be staffed on Saturday from 9 AM to 11 AM at Martin Luther King Recreation Center located at 271 Mackubin St. Saint Paul, MN 55103. Directions from Springhill Suites in Eagan, Turn Right on Crestridge Dr. Turn Left on Pilot Knob Rd. go .2 miles and take a slight Right onto I 35E North. Go 9.1 miles to exit #106A exit onto Grand Ave. towards the Hospital. Go .3 miles and turn Left onto Grand Ave. At 450 feet, go Straight onto

Ramsey St. at.2 miles turn Left onto Summit Ave. At .4 miles turn Right onto Dale St. At .6, miles turn Right onto Inglehart Ave. Go 700 feet and turn Left into the parking lot.

Holland Lake Trail Head in Lebanon Hills Regional Park

Start Point will be staffed on Saturday from 12PM to 2PM at 1100 Cliff Rd. Eagan, MN. In the picnic shelter. Directions from the Martin Luther King Recreation Center. Turn Right onto Inglehart. Go 700 feet and turn Right onto Dale St. Go 700 feet and turn Right onto Rondo Ave E go 250 feet and merge Left onto I-94E. Keep Right on I-94E 2.1 miles, take exit #242D onto US-52. Go 8.3 miles, take the exit onto 80th St E towards MN-55 West. Go 3.5 miles and turn Left onto Rich Valley Blvd. Go .5 miles and turn Right onto Cliff Rd E. go .9 miles and at the signal light for Lexington Ave. turn Left into the parking lot.

Nerstrand Big Woods State Park

9700 170th St E, Nerstrand MN, 55053. On Sunday Register between 9AM and 2PM and be off the trail by 4PM. Directions from Springhill Suites, Turn Right onto Crestridge Dr. turn Left onto Pilot Knob Rd. Take a slight Right onto I-35E North. After 1.3 miles, take exit 98 onto Lone Oak Rd toward CR-26. Turn Right onto CR-26. After 1.2 miles, turn Right onto MN-55 E. After 8.1 miles, keep Right onto US-52 S towards Rochester. After 12 miles, exit Right on MN-56. Continue Straight toward Randolph, Kenyon. After 14 miles, turn Right onto CR-9. After 5 miles, turn Left onto MN 246/Kane Ave. After 4.6 miles, turn Right onto 170th St E. Go 1.2 miles and turn Right into the park. Event payments to made at the event.

For Pre-Registration, make checks payable to: Twin Cities Volkssport.

Send registration to: Wayne Heath

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