

Agenda: Foraging Task Force Field Visit – Fort Snelling State Park

Date: Monday, October 20, 2025

Logistics:

- Time: 10am – noon
- Location: Fort Snelling State Park
- Address: 101 Snelling Lake Rd, St. Paul, MN 55111
- Map: See attached map for the location of the park office where you can receive a DNR vehicle pass (if needed) for access to park and directions to the Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center.
- Meeting Location: Thomas C. Savage Visitor Center
 - Gather outside at the lower parking lot below the visitor center by 10:00 AM
 - Welcome Foraging Task Force/Guests – Chair Sen. Susan Pha
 - Welcome to Fort Snelling State Park with DNR staff introductions – Kelli Bruns (DNR)
 - Review agenda for the morning including safety and restrooms – Kelli Bruns (DNR)
- Dress: Wear sturdy shoes, layered clothing and plan for the weather. This will be a light walk on a level surface. The park has two track chairs for anyone in need of an accommodation.
- Park passes will be provided to members and the public from the park office as needed.

Agenda:

- 10:00 – 10:15 AM – Gather and Welcome (see timeline above)
- 10:15 – 10:20 AM – Fort Snelling State Park Naturalist - Kao Thao - Fort Snelling State Park
- 10:20 – 10:30 AM – DNR Dakota Relations Liaison - Mat Pendelton - Dakota History
- 10:30 – 10:40 AM – Walk to Pike Island
- 10:40 – 11:00 AM – DNR staff observations and concerns around foraging at a state park – Kao Thao
- 11:00 – 11:15 AM – Walk back to Visitor Center – Gather in meeting room
- 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM – Open forum for additional Q&A for participants