

PROTECTING ACCESS TO MINNESOTA'S OUTDOORS

When you give to the Minnesota Environmental Fund (MEF), you are helping preserve Minnesota's outstanding natural areas and helping connect people with these places. You are supporting valuable programs that create the necessary bridge for people to benefit from outdoor experiences, particularly people who lack access, knowledge and skills. Together we can protect these special places for people to learn, play, and help care for the outdoors, enriching communities throughout the state. Your donations are working to shape Minnesotans' access to the outdoors by:

- **Ensuring critical land is preserved by acquiring it for preserves, parks and trails**
 - When critical lands are at risk of development, MEF member groups step up to acquire and preserve those places for future generations to enjoy as parks, trails, or preserves.
Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota: Land Protection;
The Trust for Public Land: Parks for People;
Voyageurs National Park Association: Land Preservation Initiative
- **Providing the bridge to empower diverse peoples to get outdoors with confidence**
 - Each year, MEF member groups organize hundreds of outings that introduce people to the outdoors and provide them with the skills they need to confidently return. These trips include field trips for urban youth, families, and people with disabilities, many of whom have never before had the opportunity to hike, camp or canoe in the wilderness.
Friends of the Boundary Waters: Thomas Flint Canoe Trips;
Sierra Club Foundation: Outdoors Programs;
Voyageurs National Park Association: National Park Teen Ambassadors;
Wilderness Inquiry: Share the Adventure, Canoemobile, Families Integrating Together, and Gateway to Adventure.
- **Advocating for critical legislative protections and vital public investments to preserve the health and natural beauty of Minnesota's outdoors**
 - Educating people about the issues that affect our parks, trails and natural areas is key to ensuring that they remain protected. MEF member groups reach people and diligently track outdoor issues and funding, defending Minnesota's outdoors for future generations. Together we provide a strong voice to ensure elected officials understand and appreciate the importance of protecting and providing access to Minnesota's outdoors.
Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota: Research and Public Policy;
Sierra Club Foundation: Protecting Minnesota's Wildlands and Waters;
The Trust for Public Land: Northwoods Initiative and Big Rivers;
Voyageurs National Park Association: National Park Outreach & Education
- **Building a community of people caring for our great outdoors:**
 - We support people who give their time to help others enjoy and care for the outdoors. MEF member groups coordinate volunteers to clean up litter, remove invasive plants, plant trees, educate visitors and interpret natural resources in parks and on trails.
Friends of the Boundary Waters: Superior Wilderness Volunteer Connection;
Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota: Friends Groups;
Tree Trust: Green Future's Community Tree Planting;
Voyageurs National Park Association: Volunteer Rendezvous.

Want to learn more? Visit mnenvirofund.org and the pages of these MEF members
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