

□ **Fun for All (Cottage Grove).** This park boasts an inclusive playground with 82 pieces of play equipment. It is the largest inclusive playground in Minnesota. The playground was funded and built by the city, grants, and donations and was built in three days by local residents and businesses. Take a picture of you playing on your favorite piece of equipment.

Additional Hints: Located at 9000 90th Street South, this park also contains two baseball fields, a sand volleyball court, two lit tennis courts, two lit basketball courts, an ice skating rink, and a bridge that might be perfect for a Girl Scout bridging event! Woodbury also has a park with an inclusive playground called Madison's Place Playground.

□ **Patience and Precision (Cottage Grove).** Katniss Everdeen and Princess Merida would be quite happy here! This park houses South Washington County's only free, public, outdoor archery range. The park is named after the nearby pond that is surrounded by lush pine trees. Take a picture of one of the archery targets.

Additional Hints: You can find the archery range by entering the park from 81st Street South east of Innsdale Avenue South.

□ **Show Me the Way (Cottage Grove).** In an era before radar, airplane pilots used ground-based landmarks to guide their way. One such landmark is a series of large concrete arrows scattered around the country. Cottage Grove is home to one of these mysterious landmarks. The arrow is located on private property, so instead of sending a photo, send the latitude and longitude of the landmark.

Additional Hints: A Google search will help you here. Search "Cottage Grove Concrete Arrow" and you will find this site with photos:
<http://highwayhighlights.com/2017/11/concrete-arrow-cottage-grove-mn/>. You will also find an aerial photo showing you where along 90th Street South in Cottage Grove this arrow exists. It is on private property, so please do not take photos yourself. Instead, provide the latitude and longitude of the site to complete this task.

□ **Founding Fathers (Cottage Grove).** Built in 1871, this home with Italianate architecture was owned by the local shopkeeper. He was one of several brothers from New Hampshire who founded one of Washington County's first inland settlements. In 1982, the site was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the barn is often used as a venue for weddings and events. Take a photo of this historic property.

Additional Hints: This is located on Lamar Avenue in Old Cottage Grove.

□ **Not All Heroes Wear Capes (Cottage Grove).** The groundbreaking of this facility occurred on October 11, 2018. It currently provides training for Health Emergency Response Occupations for the cities of Cottage Grove and Woodbury and public training opportunities.

Additional Hints: This is located near the current City Hall building.

□ **A Place of Learning (Newport).** Established in 1889, this library was first located in an old church. In 1897, it was relocated to its current location. It currently serves as both a library and a community center, offering programs such as P.A.W.S. to Read. Take your photo in front of or inside this historic building.

Additional Hints: The city of Newport and Washington County jointly contribute to the maintenance of this mostly independent library located on 7th Avenue.

□ **Feeding the Hungry (St. Paul Park).** Founded in 1992, this community-funded nonprofit serves 28,000 people by distributing more than 750,000 pounds of food each year. Consider making a donation of non-perishable items when you stop by to take your photo outside this food shelf.

Additional Hints: Located near the oil refinery, this nonprofit's stated vision is "Improving lives by ending hunger."

□ **Fulfilling Basic Needs (St. Paul Park).** Opened in 1997, this community-based nonprofit provides low-cost household goods, furniture, and clothing to those in need. Over the past 20 years, it has provided more than \$1 million of free merchandise to those in need. Visit, shop, and take your photo with the sign for this local thrift shop.

Additional Hints: The thrift shop is located in the old Oltman Middle School building. The organization is actually much more than just a thrift shop, offering programs as well as services to local residents in need.

□ **Old Man River (St. Paul Park).** A combined effort of the local Lion's Club, the city, Minnesota DNR, and the local oil refinery, this park offers a boat launch, picnic area, and a scenic overlook of the Mighty Mississippi. Take your photo with the river as the background.

Additional Hints: Located near the refinery and Supermom's bakery, this park is a hidden gem. It provides a peaceful retreat where you can just sit and watch the river flow by.

□ **Volunteerism (Newport).** In this city's oldest park, men assembled to join the Union Army and leave to fight in the Civil War. A wooden plaque was nailed to a tree that read, "Here on Sept 26th, 1861 the 3rd Minn. Regiment Mustered into Service." The park also houses a heritage monument and war memorial. Enclosed in the heritage monument is a time capsule destined to be opened in the year 2100. Take your photo near the heritage monument.

Additional Hints: This park, located on 4th Avenue, also contains two covered shelters, a volleyball court, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, and a basketball hoop.

□ **Sacred Ground (Newport).** An 1837 settlement was named a large granite boulder that was held in great reverence by the Sioux people. The Sioux painted the rock red with vermillion. This sacred stone is located near a restored two-story log cabin that served as both a school and a

residence. The building and the stone were designated a Minnesota Conference Historic Site in 1971. Take a photo of the stone or the historical marker.

Additional Hints: The early pioneers in this area established a Methodist camp near the boulder in an attempt to convert the Sioux to Christianity. When the Methodist church moved, it moved the boulder with it.

□ **Gathering Place (Cottage Grove).** This original town hall was built in 1881 to house government meetings. A subsequent city hall was recently demolished and the current city hall is located on the eastern edge of town, near the HERO Center. The city's police department is also housed in the current city hall building. Take your photo in front of the original town hall building.

Additional Hints: The old town hall is located in what is known as the Langdon area near the public works facility. This video may give you additional clues:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4qDy4YrXik>.

□ **Grey Cloud Woman (Cottage Grove/Grey Cloud Island).** This 1-acre park is named after an early settler and fur trader. It is located on an island named after the fur-trader's wife, Margaret Aird, whose mother was a Dakota Indian. Today, the park is a fabulous place to launch a canoe or kayak to explore the channels of the Mississippi River. Take your photo enjoying this park.

Additional Hints: Paddling equipment is now available for rental at this park, located on Grey Cloud Trail South.

□ **1870's Living (Woodbury).** This historical home and garden reflect the architecture of the early European settlers to the area. The garden showcases heirloom plants and is gardened by volunteers. The butterfly garden was dedicated in 2008 to Bernice Bielenberg. Take your photo in front of the house or gardens.

Additional Hints: You've probably driven past this landmark a dozen times and wondered what it is. Now is a good time to stop by and find out. Located at the corner of Lake Road and Radio Drive.

□ **Oasis (Woodbury).** This park features an indoor waterfall and vegetation that remains green year-round. Visit the library, get some exercise, or enjoy a play or concert as you stroll around this relaxing space.

Additional Hints: The building that houses this park connects to the YMCA and contains Lookout Ridge Indoor Playground, the R.H. Stafford Library.

□ **Preserving Nature (Woodbury).** This 169-acre wetland is surrounded by woodlands. Its topography resulted from the last retreat of the glaciers from this region more than 10,000 years ago. It is home to one of the southernmost strands of tamarack trees in Minnesota. Take a stroll and enjoy the great biodiversity of marsh plants, birds, and other wildlife as well as floating

hummocks. Help the friends of this park by bringing gloves and a trash bag and picking up any garbage you may find. Take a photo of an interesting plant, animal, or other feature.

Additional Hints: This nature preserve has its own project on the free inaturalist app. Download the app and join in the fun: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/tamarack-nature-preserve-in-woodbury-minnesota>.

□ **Man's Best Friend (Woodbury).** This 70-acre park is named for the city's first K9 officer. It includes walking trails with benches, a shelter area with picnic tables, a pet watering station, and pet waste disposal stations with bags. Bring your favorite four-legged friend (or your favorite stuffed animal) and take a photo of the two of you enjoying this park.

Additional Hints: This off-leash dog park can be found on Dale Road.

□ **Fins, Feathers, and Fur (Woodbury).** This nonprofit organization's core values are to "Be good to animals. Partner with People. Lead Responsibly with Compassion." Serving more than 22,000 animals in need each year and helps thousands more through programs for people and pets. Take a tour, make a donation, adopt your new best friend, and/or take a photo.

Additional Hints: Located on Hudson Road, this animal shelter places so many animals in new homes each year that it has to bring animals in from other states to satisfy the demand for pets in the Twin Cities.

□ **Land of the Free, Home of the Brave (Woodbury).** This site recognizes the contributions of those citizens who have served in the military to honor and protect the United States of America. Its groundbreaking occurred in October 2007. Stones carved with the names of military veterans line the pathway as flags fly in the breeze. Take a photo of this monument.

Additional Hints: This monument is located near Woodbury City Hall.

□ **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (Woodbury).** This county facility offers recycling of unwanted household products as well as food scraps and organics. It hosts community paper-shredding events, sells compost bins and rain barrels, and houses a free product room. Take your photo as you learn more about composting, water conservation, and recycling.

Additional Hints: This facility, located on Cottage Grove Drive, offers tours for groups between 5 and 25 people.