

About the Unit

The Chaska Unit occupies a bend in the Minnesota River stretching between the towns of Chaska and Carver. It consists of about 600 acres of lake, marsh, old fields, and river bottom hardwood forest. There are ample opportunities for observing waterfowl, shorebirds and other waders during spring, late summer, and fall.

Getting There

The Chaska Unit can be reached from two parking areas.



North (Chaska Athletic Park, 725 West 1st St., Chaska 55318): from downtown Chaska, proceed south on First Street (near the bridge). Enter the Ballpark gate and proceed around the back side (outfield) of the Ballpark and park at the refuge gate. If the Ballpark gate is closed, park at the nearby cul-de-sac and walk around the south side of the Ballpark.

South (Carver Riverfront Park, 300 Main St. East, Carver 55315): from Jordan, proceed north on CR 9/45, then turn right on Jonathan Carver Parkway (CR 11). Turn right on County Road 40 into Carver. At the stop sign downtown, proceed straight ahead over the levee and proceed to the end of the road (about 1/4 mile) to the trailhead and boat launch.

*Our parking lots have **addresses**, to assist you in locating them.*

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3815 American Boulevard East
Bloomington, MN 55425-1600
952/854 5900

Minnesota Valley's website address:
<http://midwest.fws.gov/minnesotavalley>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD (9453)
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Deaf/hard of hearing individuals may reach Minnesota Valley NWR through the Federal Information Relay System at 1 800/877 8339

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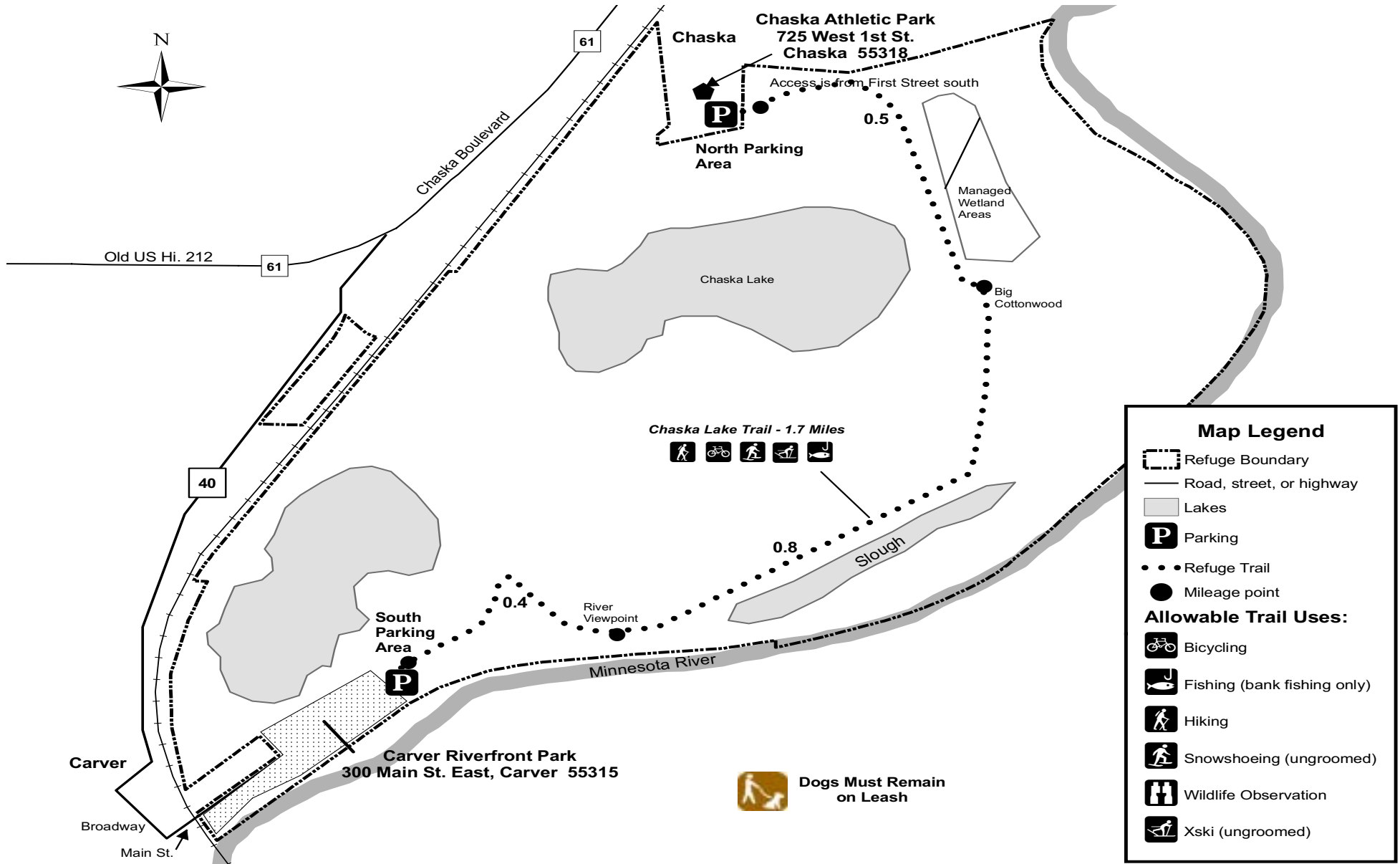
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Chaska Unit Trail Map



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Chaska Lake Trail (1.7 miles - linear) - From the Chaska Athletic Park, the trail enters river-bottom forest, then passes between some managed wetland areas and Chaska Lake. At a large cottonwood tree, the trail veers right through overgrown fields, following a wooded slough on the left. After passing a viewpoint of the Minnesota River, the trail then passes through more river-bottom forest before exiting at Carver Riverfront Park.

For your safety and to protect and preserve the refuge, please obey all refuge regulations. Pets must be on a leash at all times.