

## About the Unit

Upland prairie, lake and marsh, river bottom forest, and forested river bluffs can be found on the Rapids Lake Unit. The area also includes the Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center.

There are several parking areas at the Rapids Lake Unit. The following directions are from Hwy. 212 westbound from the Twin Cities (all addresses are Zip Code 55315):

1. Bluff Park (**102 Carver Bluffs Parkway**): Proceed two miles south of Hwy 212 on CR 11 (Jonathan Carver Parkway), then turn left on CR40 to Carver Bluffs Parkway, turn right, then turn left at the first stop sign.
2. North Hunter Lot (**14905 Jonathan Carver Parkway**): From Hwy 212, turn south on CR 11, proceed 2.5 miles, turn left on CR11, and proceed about 3/4 mile to the parking area on the left.
3. Carver Highlands Lot (**15847 Carver Highlands Dr.**): As in #2, but proceed another 1 mile and turn left on Carver Highlands Drive. Proceed 1/2 mile to the parking area on the left. No trails leave from this lot. Continue east from this lot 1/2 mile to park at the Rapids Lake Environmental Education and Visitor Center (**15865 Carver Highlands Dr.**).
4. South Hunter Lot (**17000 Jonathan Carver Parkway**): As in #2, but proceed another 2.8 miles to a parking area on the east side of the road, just before the Minnesota River bridge. No trails leave from this lot.

To reach the Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center from Jordan, proceed north on County Road 9, which becomes CR 11 at the Minnesota River. Continue for about 2 miles to Carver Highlands Drive and turn right.

## Getting There



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

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
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)  
<http://www.fws.gov>

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## Rapids Lake Unit Trail Map



