



Ritter Farm Hike

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Meet 10:15; Depart 10:30

This park has a 340-acre natural environment/wildlife refuge, rolling hills and pristine water views. It offers cross country skiing, hiking trails, archery range, picnic area, shelter, equestrian trail and snowmobiling. About 130 Species of birds have been identified here.

In the fall of 2005, a young female bald eagle was discovered building a nest at Ritter Farm Park in Lakeville. As of May 2008, Lakeville's pair of bald eagles appears to have at least one eaglet. Last year, their first as a nesting pair, the two successfully hatched two eaglets that grew up, learned to fly and left the nest. The eagles have been spotted in various locations throughout Lakeville in every season.

Directions to Ritter Farm Park, 19300 Ritter Trail, Lakeville, MN 55044

1. Take I-35 South to XT#84 (also CR60 and 185th St. W)
2. Turn left onto CR60 and get in right lane
3. Drive under the freeway to Kendrick Ave (Frontage Road) and turn right
4. Drive to 195th St. and turn right
5. After crossing over freeway, turn right immediately into Ritter Trail.
6. Park and meet at the Silo at 10:15 a.m. Leave on hike at 10:30 a.m.

Optional lunch at Harry's Café, 20790 Keokuk Avenue South, Lakeville

Directions:

1. Turn left out of Ritter Trail onto 195th Street.
2. Turn first right onto Kendrick Ave (Frontage Road)
3. Drive 1 mile and turn right onto 205th St. W.
4. Turn first left onto Keokuk Ave W. and go past Walmart Store
5. Harry's will be on the left.

In case of bad weather or to verify this hike has not been cancelled, call our home phone:

Karen or Gary Gray: 952-895-8960

On the day of the hike call our car cell phone: 952-358-1098