

## 9. Miller Creek to Enger Park Route



**View from bottom of large waterfall, off of 3<sup>rd</sup> St., photo spot #1**

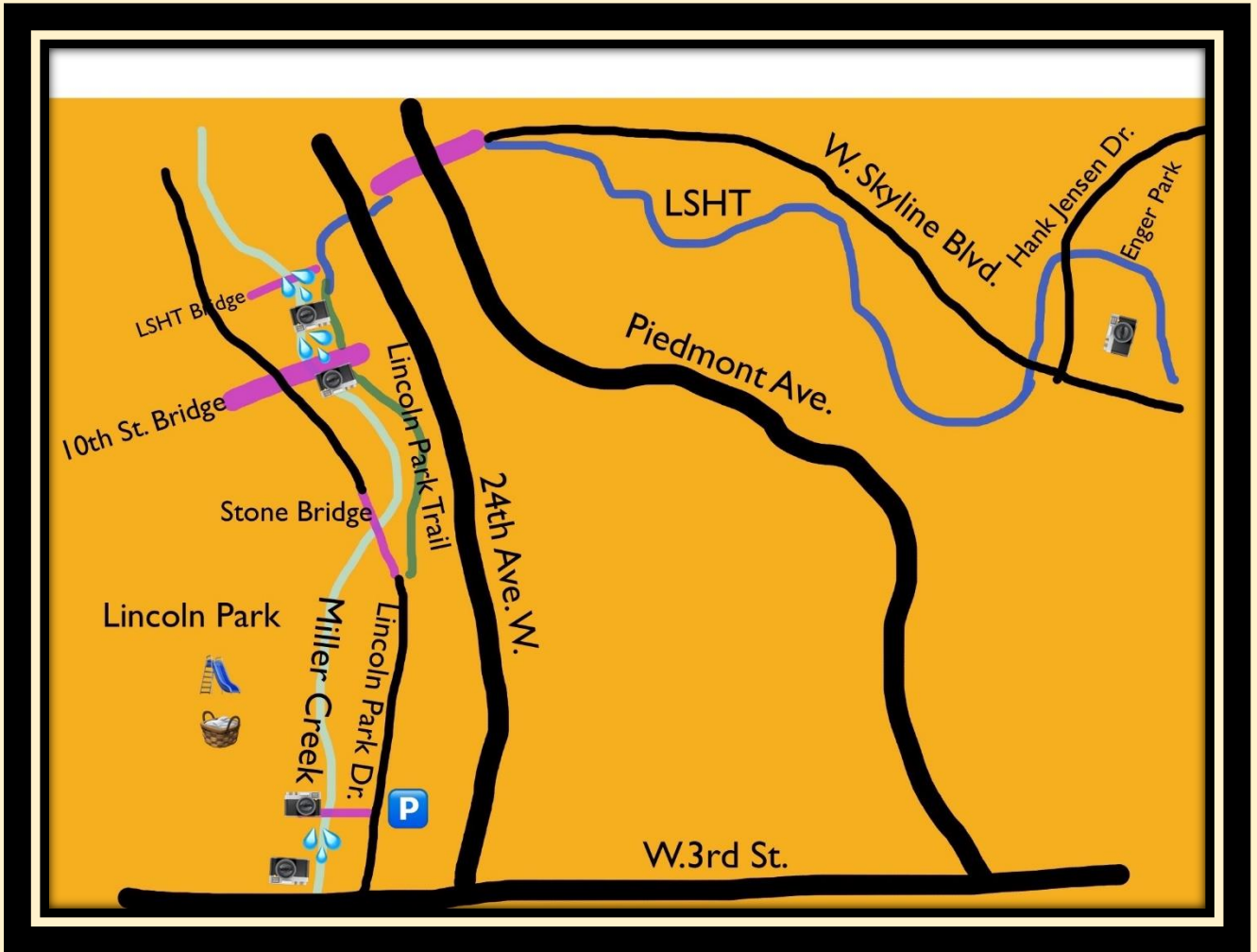
**Highlights:** The multiple waterfalls, canyons and pools are spectacular. This is another great place for wildflowers in spring, summer and fall. The view from **Enger Park** is truly spectacular.

**Parking and Directions:** From 35W take the **27<sup>th</sup> Ave. Exit.** and **head north on 27<sup>th</sup>** until you get to **W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.** **Turn right on 3<sup>rd</sup> St.** and drive to **Lincoln Park (entrance just before 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.)** Head a short way up the Parkway until you see parking on your right. Walk across the Parkway to the pedestrian bridge take photos and, or head down the hill to take photos of the falls coming down the hill. Walk back up the Parkway until you see the old stone bridge. Just before the bridge is the Lincoln Park Trail, heading up the hill to the right.

**Distance: 4.25 miles Up and Back**

**Difficulty: Strenuous heading up the hill easy coming back down**

**Recommended for: most hikers**



## The Route:

**Mile 1: From the pedestrian bridge head, up Lincoln Park Drive.** The road follows the creek with stone walls dating from the original park in 1909. The creek crosses the road under a historic stone bridge and this is where you cross over to the trail head. The trail heads up the hill along the creek with great views of rapids and waterfalls. One of my favorite spots, is just as you go under the **10<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge. Photo spot #2.** Also, just below the **LSHT bridge** that crosses the creek. **Photo spot #3.** Once you get to the LSHT bridge you will join the **LSHT and then follow the signs.**

**Mile 2:** The trail will take you **across 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. (be careful of traffic)** and up to the **Skyline Parkway bridge over Piedmont Ave.** (Great views of the Duluth Harbor on top of the bridge) **Once over the bridge, head straight up the hill until you see the blue LSHT marker.** (See photo below) The trail winds below the Skyline Blvd. and below **Enger Golf Course.** Eventually, you cross a small bridge over Coffee Creek which flows through the golf course. You will cross **The Skyline Parkway (look for the LSHT sign across the road) and then Hank Jensen Dr. into Enger Park. As soon as you cross Hank Jensen Dr. look for the LSHT sign on your left under the power line.** You follow the trail up through a beautiful pine forest to the top of the hill. At the top you will be at an amazing Japanese Garden and a huge peace bell. After exploring the gardens, head up the trail a short way until the trail heads downhill. **Instead of heading downhill walk to your right, through the picnic area to a stone block path.** Take this path up to the Gazebo and overlook of the Duluth Harbor (one of my favorite photo spots). **Photo spot #4.** After coming down from the overlook, head back to the trail. Instead of heading down the hill (unless you are doing the extended hike) turn left and head back to the Peace Bell. Follow the LSHT markers down the hill.

**Mile: 3 and 4**

Follow the LSHT back down the hill to Lincoln Park and your car. Check out all the great overlooks on the way down the hill.

**Extended Route:** On the way back down the hill, after you cross back over 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. W and reenter Lincoln Park, the first bridge you come to is the Lake Superior Hiking Bridge. Cross the bridge and head west. The trail will bring you across West Skyline Parkway and up a hill to a nice overlook.

**Family Friendly Route:** There is plenty to do just in Lincoln Park. Hike the park trail up the creek and back and spend time at **the playground and picnic area.** Head down the Hill to **Love Creamery.** [Love Creamery | Duluth's Local Small Batch Ice Cream Shop](#) Also, you may consider driving up to Enger Tower on 24<sup>th</sup> to Skyline Parkway. **Enger Tower** is great for kids and there is a beautiful picnic area with impressive gardens in summer.



**LSHT above the Piedmont Ave. Bridge**



**Waterfall just above the 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge, photo spot #2**



**Waterfall just below the LSHT bridge, photo spot #3**



**View of Duluth Harbor from Enger overlook, photo spot #4**



**A beautiful spot along the Lincoln Park Trail**

### **After the hike:**

When done and you are both hungry and thirsty, are you in luck. A very short way from Lincoln Park is the **Lincoln Park Craft District**. [Lincoln Park Business Group – The Community That Works](#) There are top notch breweries, cideries and restaurants and **Love Creamery**. Check out **Trip Advisor** for a complete listing and reviews of all the great places.

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