

7. Waabizheshikana Trail Route



View of Kingsburg Creek outlet bay, photo spot #1

Highlights: The waterfowl are in abundance and varied. The views of the St. Louis River are spectacular. The fall colors of the trail and hillside, are some of the best colors in Duluth.

Parking and Directions:

From 35W take the **Grand Ave Exit** going west. Drive west on **Grand Ave.** and take the first left, which is **63rd Ave. W.** Head south on **63rd** and after crossing the RR tracks start looking for the trail head sign on your left. Park on **63rd.**

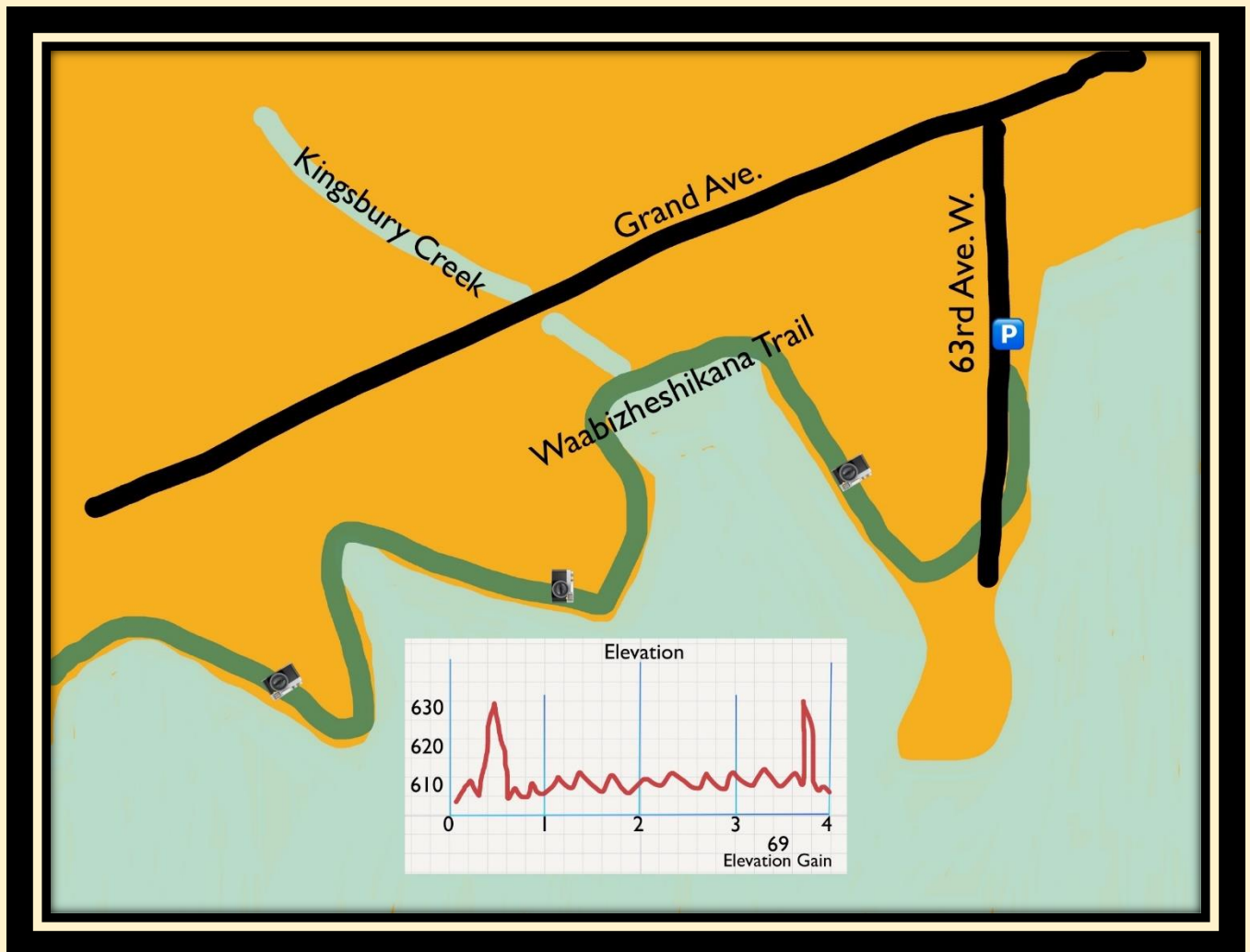


Waabizheshikana trailhead sign

Distance: 4 miles Out and Back

Difficulty: easy

Recommended for: most hikers



The Route:

Mile 1: Head down the trail from the trailhead into the first of several bays. You will find extensive marshes and waterfowl. The trail follows along the shoreline of the bay until it heads up hill to a crossing of 63rd Ave. W. After crossing 63rd, the trail continues through a wooded area and up a slight hill. Coming down from this hill you will see a spectacular view of Spirit Mountain and the western hill side. Continue on through the marsh lined shoreline with the trail surrounded by wildflowers. The limestone trail ends at an asphalt trail. Turn left on the asphalt trail, cross the wooden bridge over Kingsbury Creek and look for the trail sign on your left. This is a great area for bird watching in the spring, summer and fall. In the spring you will see hundreds of ducks and geese. **This is photo spot #1.** In Summer you can see red winged black birds and maybe a **Great Blue Heron**. The trail winds around the **Indian Point Campground** and opens up to wide views of the St. Louis River. On the far side of the campground, you will see a beautiful peninsula covered with hardwood trees (spectacular in fall). **This is photo spot #2.**

Mile 2: Continue around the campground and then circle this beautiful wooded bay. After rounding the peninsula, you will see awesome views of the Spirit Mountain Ski Area (again very spectacular in fall). **This is photo spot #3.** Just before 72 Ave. W. you will see the 2.0-mile marker of the trail. If you are doing the regular 4-mile route, this is the turn around spot. Before turning, you might want to head just past 72nd to a wide-open area with tremendous views of the St. Louis River and the Wisconsin shoreline.

Mile 3 and 4: Head back the way you came and notice that the views can change with a change in direction. This is a very beautiful trail so enjoy.

Extended Route: Find the parking area on **Spring Street** just below **Grand Ave.** and you can do an out and back hike of **up to 6.6 miles on the whole trail.**

Family Friendly Route: This is a very family friendly trail (mostly flat) and several areas to explore including a fishing pier. With the **Lake Superior Zoo** across Grand Ave., you can easily make a day of it. There is a little parking lot next to the landscaping business with a short hike down the hill to the trail.



Red winged blackbird in spring



View of peninsula covered with trees, photo spot #2



View of Spirit Mt., photo spot #3

After the hike:

Add on the **Lake Superior Zoo** and it will be a great day for all ages. For a cold beverage you head to the **Boreal House**. [The Boreal House - Home](#)

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