



*Twin Cities*

# PLAYBOOK

10th Annual Stonewall Sports National Tournament & Summit

July 18-21, 2024



Where to stay, what to do, and where to eat, drink, and explore during your tournament stay in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul - we'll see you soon!



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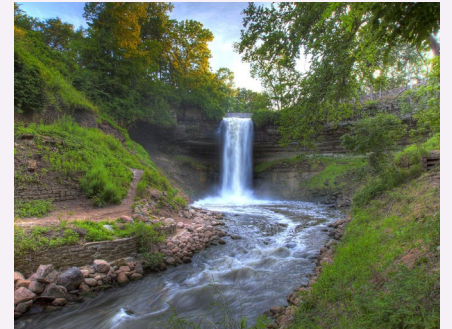
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## STONEWALL TWIN CITIES MAP





## OutFront Minnesota extends a warm welcome to the 10th Annual Stonewall Sports National Tournament & Summit!

We are the state’s largest LGBTQ+ advocacy organization and since 1987 we have been championing LGBTQ+ rights at the state capitol and in communities across the state. Our accomplishments have been built on the foundation of decades of work that has shaped the local and national narrative surrounding LGBTQ+ rights.

Advocates in the 1970s who worked for LGBTQ+ inclusion in the Minnesota Human Rights Act went on to establish the Human Rights Campaign. The work they began, OutFront Minnesota was able to finish with the passage of the 1993 amendment to the Minnesota Human Rights Act—the first in the country to include protections for our trans community. In 2023 we added even more inclusive language into our state law and will push further in the coming years with the country’s most inclusive Equal Rights Amendment yet.

In 1969, students at the University of Minnesota created Fight Repression of Erotic Expression (FREE), one of the earliest gay student organizations in the country, producing LGBTQ+ leaders who would go on to have the first gay marriage in the country—in 1970! Progress toward full marriage equality continued to 2012 when OutFront Minnesota worked to ensure that we became the first state in the country to defeat a ballot initiative against same-sex marriage, and in 2013 we secured marriage equality into law. OutFront Minnesota continues to advocate for inclusive protections to grant equal rights to same-sex parents.

And famously in 1977, another FREE alum, Thom Higgins, threw a pie in the face of anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant. We again face a hostile climate, and OutFront Minnesota continues to counter the narrative of anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric seen across the country; advocate for safe schools for our LGBTQ+ youth; and work to secure protections in Minnesota like the 2023 conversion “therapy” ban and the passage of the trans refuge bill, letting everyone know that in Minnesota, **You Belong Here.**

When you gather for the tournament, know that while there is much work to do, we are making progress here in Minnesota AND across the country. Stay engaged in the work!

With joy and solidarity,



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

**Kat Rohn**

Executive Director  
OutFront Minnesota



# MINNESOTA'S LONG HISTORY OF LGBTQIA+ PROGRESS

## 1970s

In the early 1970s, Minneapolis was the third city in the country to pass legislation prohibiting housing or employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. This era also marked the first same-sex marriage lawsuit in America, filed by a couple from the city. In 1974, Allan Spear became the first openly gay man to serve in the state legislature, serving in the state senate until 2001. In 1975, Minneapolis became the first city in the country to pass a non-discrimination ordinance.

## 1980s

A trailblazer in the state, Karen Clark was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1980, and became the longest serving openly lesbian representative in the United States upon her retirement in 2019. Founded in 1987, the American Indian Gays and Lesbians (AIGL) group became critical for advocacy for the indigenous LGBTQIA+ community. Following their founding, Minneapolis hosted the first International Gathering of GLBT Natives in 1988.



## 1990s

In the early 1990s, Minneapolis created Minnesota's first municipal domestic-partner registration ordinance, and in 1993, Minnesota became the first U.S. state to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity for LGBTQIA+ people. The law protected the community from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

## 2000s-2010s

Minnesota's Legislature passed a same-sex marriage bill in May 2013, following the state's voters rejection of a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage. This era also included historic firsts and wins for the state's LGBTQIA+ community, including the MN State High School League (MSHSL) passing a transgender student athlete policy, and the city of Minneapolis being given a perfect rating by LGBTQ Nation for most LGBT-friendly city in the country.

## 2010s- PRESENT

In 2017, Minneapolis established a Transgender Equity Council to advise City Council, and Park Board. In 2018, Transgender candidates, Andrea Jenkins and Phillipe Cunningham, were sworn onto the Minneapolis City Council, marking the first such victories for transgender people in a major American city council race. 2018 was also the first year that Minnesota allowed "X" as a sex descriptor on driver's licenses and identity documents. In July 2021, an executive order was signed and implemented that bans conversion therapy in the state, and in 2023, the legislature passed a bill to codify and implement the ban, which was signed into law by Governor Tim Walz.





Hilton  
HONORS

Photo courtesy of Meet Minneapolis

# LODGING

## HOTELS

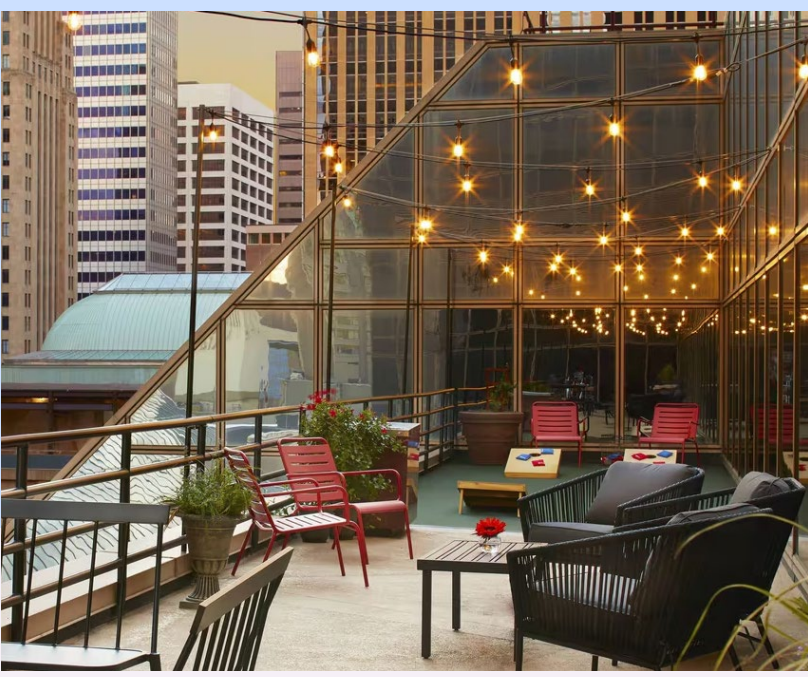
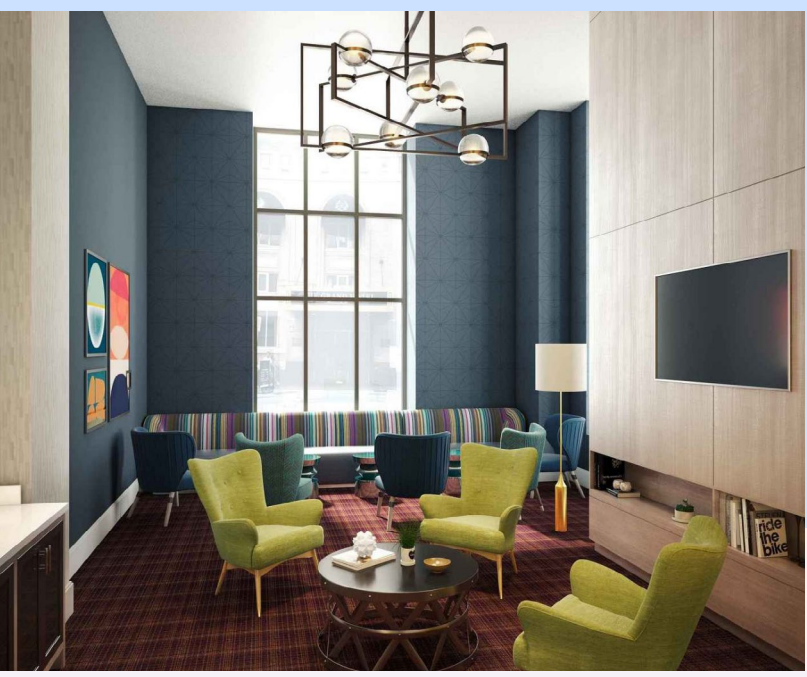
The Hilton Minneapolis, our host hotel, is conveniently located in downtown Minneapolis and is close to most of the tournament’s sport and event venues. There are a limited number of reduced-rate rooms for tournament attendees (\$169 a night, plus taxes and fees). Reservations can be made on Monday, April 15, at 9 p.m. ET (when captain registration opens).

There will be additional hotels, including the Hyatt Centric and Minneapolis Marriott City Center, that will offer reduced-rate rooms to tournament attendees.


[Find more hotel information on our website](#)

## HILTON MINNEAPOLIS


 **Downtown West**  
1001 Marquette Ave S, Minneapolis



## HYATT CENTRIC

 **Downtown West**  
615 2nd Ave S, Minneapolis

## MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT CITY CENTER

 **Downtown West**  
30 S 7th Street, Minneapolis





## HOME RENTAL APPS

Using a home rental app for your stay during the tournament? Check out the locations of our host hotel and sport venues to stay close to the action.

### BOCCE

**Northeast Park**

Northeast Athletic Fields  
1530 Johnson St. NE, Minneapolis

### BILLIARDS

**Columbia Heights**

Jimmy's Pro Billiards  
4040 Central Ave. NE, Columbia Heights

### BOWLING

**Seward**

Memory Lanes  
2520 S 26th Ave., Minneapolis

### CORNHOLE

**Northeast Park**

Sociable Cider Werks  
1500 Fillmore St. NE, Minneapolis

### DODGEBALL CLASSIC

**University**

University of Minnesota RecWell Center  
123 SE Harvard St., Minneapolis

### INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

**University**

University of Minnesota RecWell Center  
123 SE Harvard St., Minneapolis

### KICKBALL

**Northeast Park**

Northeast Athletic Field Park  
1615 Pierce St. NE, Minneapolis

**Keewaydin**

Lake Nokomis Park  
4955 W Lake Nokomis Pkwy., Minneapolis

### KICKBALL REMIX

**Northeast Park**

Northeast Athletic Fields  
1615 Pierce St. NE, Minneapolis

### PICKLEBALL

**Columbia Heights**

Lucky Shots Pickleball Club  
3300 5th St. NE, Minneapolis

### SAND VOLLEYBALL

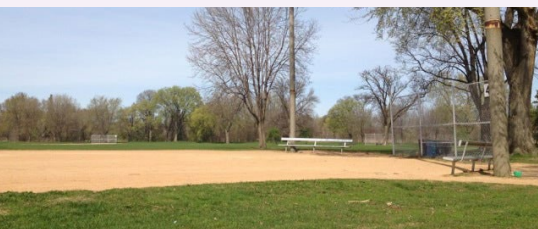
**Seward**

Memory Lanes  
2520 S 26th Ave., Minneapolis

### TENNIS

**King Field**

InnerCity Tennis  
4005 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis





# TRANSPORTATION

As the star of the north, the Twin Cities are easily accessible from nearly every corner of the country. At the tournament, the Twin Cities offer easy, convenient ways to get where you need to go:

## MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MSP)

The second largest hub for Delta Airlines, MSP is one of the busiest airports in the nation, and provides direct flights to over 160 airports via 19 different airlines - making it easily accessible for any team coming from any corner of the country. The airport is a 25-minute drive or METRO Light Rail ride to downtown Minneapolis and Stonewall National Tournament host locations.

## TRANSIT

Taking METRO Transit across the Twin Cities is an easy, affordable, and convenient way to get where you'll need to go during the tournament. Fares range from \$2 to \$3.25, depending on time of day. You can pay bus fares in exact change in coins and bills, with a Go-To Card or with the Metro Transit app.

Metro Transit offers fast, frequent service to both downtowns, Mall of America and hundreds of other popular attractions. For an extremely efficient way to travel, get around town on the METRO Blue and Green light rail lines and the A and C bus rapid transit lines. The METRO Blue Line connects downtown Minneapolis with the airport and Mall of America, and the METRO Green Line connects downtown Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota and downtown St. Paul.



# LGBTQIA+

## Nightlife

From drag shows, to cabarets, patios, dance floors, and eclectic spaces, you'll find a mix of everything across the Twin Cities' LGBTQIA+ bars and spaces.



### THE SALOON

🍸 Downtown

Popular, vibrant space with several bars, a dance floor, DJ, and patio located on Hennepin Avenue.

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### GAY 90s

🍸 Downtown

A Twin Cities staple with several bars, drag shows, and themed spaces, located along Hennepin Avenue.



### EAGLE | MPLS

🍸 Downtown

Classic, renovated queer bar with a dance floor and a large outdoor patio.

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## LUSH

🍷 Northeast

Lively and modern queer bar located in former, combined warehouses, LUSH is known for its drinks, space, drag shows, and patio, and is located along Central Ave. NE.



## BLACK HART OF ST. PAUL

🍷 St. Paul

Neighborhood, queer, and soccer bar in the Midway neighborhood of Saint Paul, located across the street from Allianz Field, home of the MLS' Minnesota United.



## JETSET UNDERGROUND

🍷 Northeast

Energetic dance bar and lounge located in a hip, underground venue on East Hennepin Avenue in Northeast.



## ROXY'S CABARET

🍷 Loring Park

Popular locale for drag brunch and drag shows, karaoke, bingo, game night, movie night, and stand-up comedy, located at Nicollet and Grant.

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# FOOD HALLS & RESTAURANTS

## NORTH LOOP GALLEY

 North Loop

Culinary incubator and food hall, offering a diverse array of chef-driven concepts like Detroit-style pizza and Japanese plates, in a communal dining space with a spacious bar.



## GRAZE | PROVISIONS AND LIBATIONS

 North Loop

A food collective offering exciting local vendors, multiple bars, and a rooftop patio overlooking the skyline.



## EAT STREET CROSSING

 Nicollet/Whittier

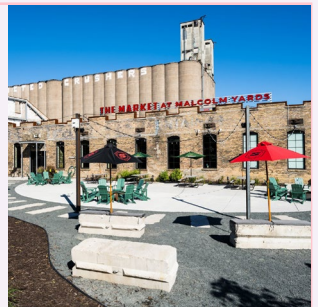
From ice cream to sushi, tea to whiskey, ESC is situated along a vibrant stretch of eateries and cafes, offering diverse flavors from around the world in a lively urban atmosphere.



## MALCOLM YARDS

 University/Prospect Park

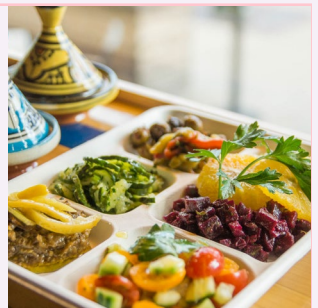
Dynamic food hall and gathering space, showcasing a variety of local eateries, breweries, and artisanal vendors within a vibrant industrial setting.



## MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET

 Lake Street/Phillips

A vibrant global market featuring a diverse array of international cuisines and vendors, as well as small shops.





The Twin Cities food scene is a dynamic fusion of diverse culinary traditions and innovative dining experiences. From iconic Juicy Lucy burgers to globally-inspired eateries along Eat Street, the Twin Cities offer an eclectic array of flavors to suit every palate. **Check out some of our favorites:**

## BREAKFAST SPOTS

- Eggy's Diner
- Key's at the Foshay
- Hen House Eatery
- Cafe Alma
- Rise Bagel Co.



## COFFEE SHOPS & CAFE'S

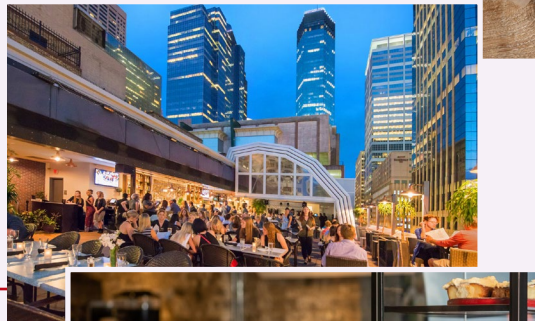
- Spyhouse Coffee
- Backstory Coffee Roasters
- FRGMNT
- Wesley Andrews Coffee & Tea
- Isles Bun & Coffee

## LUNCH

- Fuzzy's Taco Shop & Taqueria
- Boludo
- Punch Pizza
- Afro Deli
- Pho 79

## DINNER, ROOFTOPS & PATIOS

- Brit's Pub
- StepCHLD
- Union Rooftop
- Eato
- Young Joni
- Khaluna
- Blondette
- Red Cow
- Red Rabbit
- Parlour
- Gai Noi



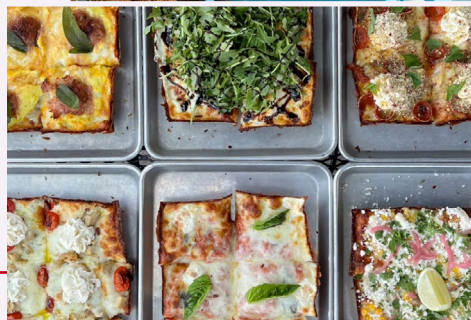
## EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

- NOLO's Kitchen & Bar
- Freehouse
- The Lowry
- Blue Door Pub
- Centro & Vivir
- Hell's Kitchen



## LATE NIGHT

- Nicollet Diner
- Uptown Diner
- Up-Down
- Wrecktangle Pizza
- The 1029 Bar



## A BAR OF THEIR OWN

 Seward

A woman-owned, inclusive and family-friendly sports bar dedicated to women's sports; serves cocktails, mocktails and food that meets different dietary needs.



## BANG BREWING

 St. Anthony Park

A custom-designed, award-winning, pre-fab grain bin brewery and taproom that serves organic ales and lagers, with a focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility.

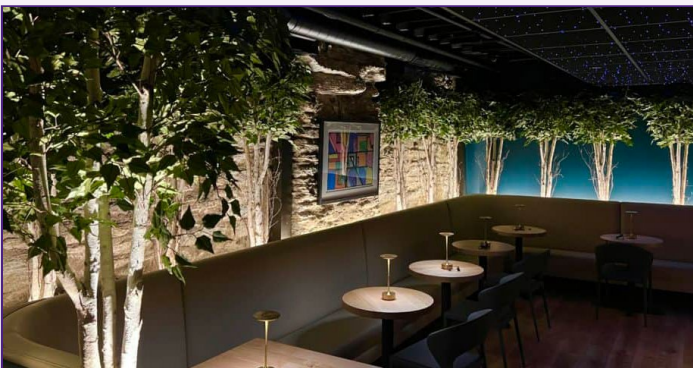


# BARS, BREWERIES & CIDERIES

From sports bars to speakeasies and classic to creative, bars, breweries and cideries in the Twin Cities have something (including cannabis-infused beverages) for just about everyone. Here are a few of our favorite spots.

## Find More

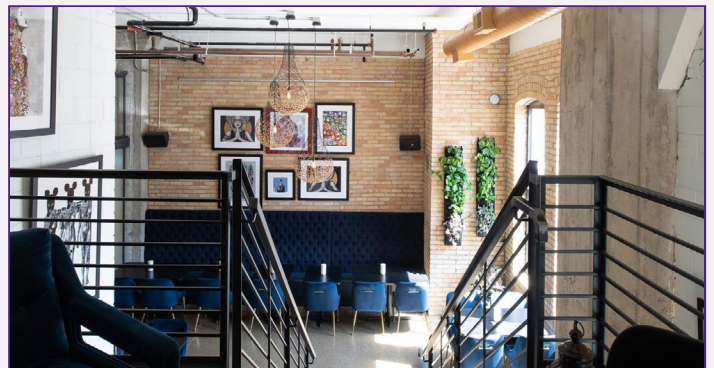
[Breweries, cideries and bars in Minneapolis](#)  
[Breweries, cideries and bars in St. Paul](#)



## BILLY AFTER DARK

 North Loop

An immersive basement speakeasy that serves traditional and innovative libations, sushi and small bites.



## COBBLE SOCIAL HOUSE

 North Loop

A Black-owned speakeasy that serves original, classic and nonalcoholic cocktails alongside sushi and small bites.





## FLORA ROOM

 North Loop

A first-come, first-served speakeasy in a dim, modern basement; serves classic and original cocktails, handrolls and small bites.




## LA DOÑA

 Bryn Mawr

A for-benefit brewery that celebrates the vibrancy, breadth and depth of Latino culture through Latin-inspired ales, lagers, IPAs and more; also serves tacos, quesadillas and bar bites.



## METEOR

 Broadway x Washington

A James Beard Award-nominated “old-ass bar with good-ass drinks” and a “shot of the moment”; serves spirit forward, low-proof and no-proof classic and specialty cocktails.



## MODIST BREWING

 North Loop

A creative, experimental brewery with mainstays and limited releases on tap, and a roster of THC-infused beverages.  
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## SOCIABLE CIDER WERKS

 Northeast

A taproom that brews beer, and gluten-free ciders with freshly-pressed apples and a variety of fruits, grains, hops and spices; nonalcoholic beverage options available.

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## URBAN GROWLER

 St. Anthony Park

The first woman- and LGBTQIA+-owned microbrewery in Minnesota; traditional, speciality and nonalcoholic menu.



# PLACES TO EXPLORE

## BDE MAKA SKA

The largest of the Chain of Lakes, Bde Maka Ska is perfect for canoe, kayak, bike, boat, and paddle board rentals, and is home to three public beaches. The lake is next to several restaurants, bars, and cafes, as well as iconic properties in southwest Minneapolis.



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## LAKE HARRIET

Located in southwest Minneapolis, this lake offers canoe, kayak, and paddle board rentals, and is nestled next to the quaint Linden Hills neighborhood, home to several cafes, coffee shops, and restaurants.



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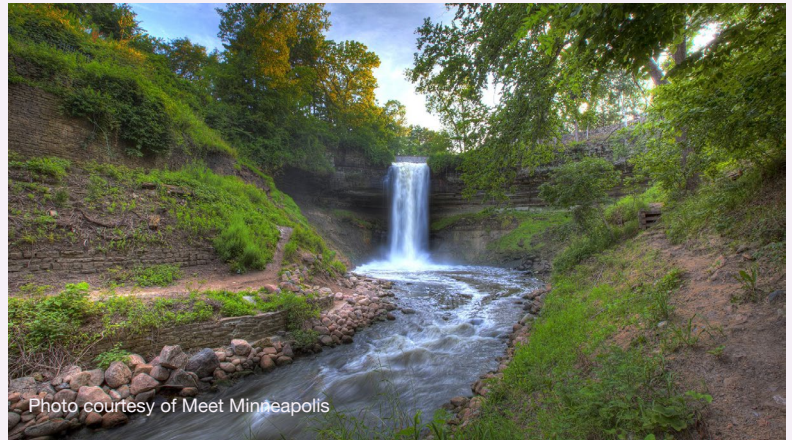
## MINNEAPOLIS FARMERS MARKET

The largest farmers market in the state with vendors from across the Twin Cities Metro, the market is a tourist draw and, most importantly, a place to access Minnesota's greatest selection of fresh produce, plants and locally made products!



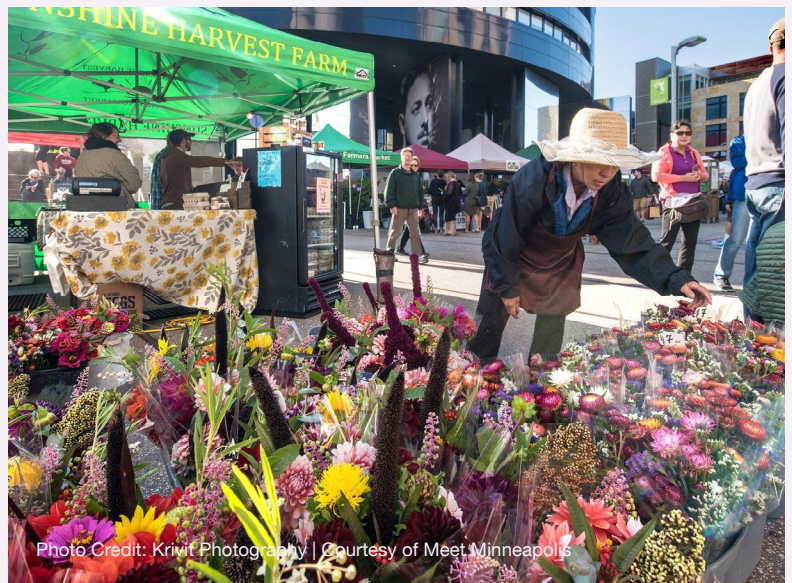
## GOLD MEDAL PARK

A unique, spiral-path park located in the Mill District, make your way to the top of the park for picturesque views of the Mississippi River and the downtown skyline. While in the neighborhood, swing by the Guthrie, which overlooks the park.



## MINNEHAHA FALLS

Overlooking the Mississippi River, Minnehaha Park is one of Minneapolis' oldest and most popular parks, attracting over 850,000 visitors annually. Located at the intersection of Hiawatha Avenue and Minnehaha Parkway, the 193-acre park features a 53-foot waterfall, limestone bluffs and river overlooks.



## STONE ARCH BRIDGE

The iconic bridge connects downtown's Mill District and the Marcy Holmes neighborhood in northeast Minneapolis.

*(The bridge will not be open to pedestrians over the summer due to construction.)*

## MILL CITY FARMERS MARKET

A year-round Saturday market located next to the iconic Guthrie Theater and Mill City Museum, this Farmers Market is Minneapolis' trusted source for healthy, local and sustainable groceries, combining a vibrant marketplace with nourishing community connection.





## WATER WORKS AT MILL RUINS

Overlooking the Stone Arch Bridge and Northeast Minneapolis, Water Works at Mill Ruins is the western edge of the iconic bridge, and next to James Beard Award-winning restaurant Owamni, specializing in Indigenous fare. The park is also connected to the city's vast bike trails.

## LORING PARK

One of the largest parks in the city, Loring Park is best known for housing some of Minneapolis's biggest festivals, include Twin Cities Pride. The park is connected to the Walker Art Center campus and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, and includes several cafes and restaurants that surround it.



Photo Credit: Lane Pelovsky | Courtesy of Meet Minneapolis



## ST. PAUL FARMERS MARKET

Near Lowertown and CHS Field, the St. Paul Farmers Market is open on Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM, featuring dozens of local food growers and makers.



# ARTS & MUSEUMS



Photo Credit: Minneapolis Institute of Art | Courtesy of Meet Minneapolis

## MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART

Home to more than 90,000 works of art representing 5,000 years of world history, Mia is one of the largest art museums in the United States. Its permanent collection spans about 20,000 years and represents the world's diverse cultures across six continents.



Photo Credit: Walker Art Center

## WALKER ART CENTER

Together with the adjacent Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and the Cowles Conservatory, The Walker is one of the most-visited modern and contemporary art museums in the U.S. The museum's permanent collection includes over 13,000 modern and contemporary art pieces, including books, costumes, drawings, media works, paintings, photography, prints, and sculpture.



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## WEISMAN ART MUSEUM

Located on the campus of the University of Minnesota, the museum is widely known as a "modern art museum," and its 20,000+ acquisitions include large collections of traditional Korean furniture and modern American Art.



## MINNEAPOLIS SCULPTURE GARDEN

One of the largest urban sculpture gardens in the country, with 40 permanent art installations and several other temporary pieces that are moved in and out periodically. The garden is home to the iconic Spoonbridge and Cherry, featured in our tournament logo.



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## MILL CITY MUSEUM

The museum, an entity of the Minnesota Historical Society that opened in 2003, focuses on the founding and growth of Minneapolis, especially flour milling and the other industries that used hydropower from Saint Anthony Falls. The mill complex that the museum is within dates from the 1870s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## THE GUTHRIE

An iconic theater and structure near the Stone Arch Bridge, check out the Guthrie's Endless Bridge, and get views spanning the skyline and Mississippi River in the Yellow Room.

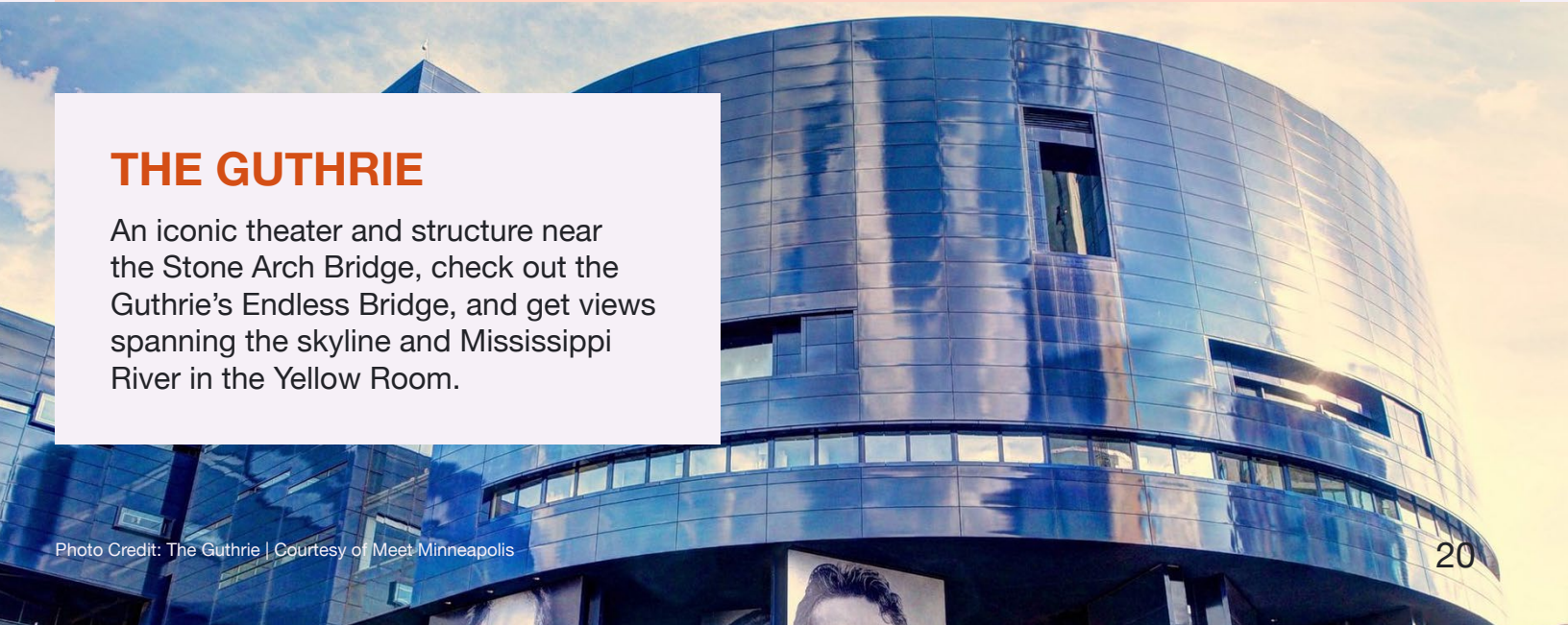


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# MALL OF AMERICA

## HOW TO GET THERE

METRO Blue Line, Uber/Lyft, on-site free parking garages

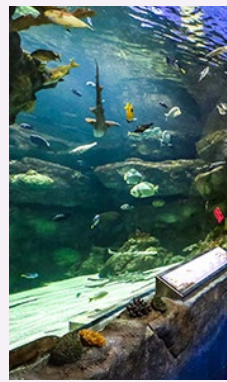


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## HISTORY

Since opening its doors in 1992, Mall of America, located in Bloomington, has revolutionized the shopping experience of tens of millions of visitors a year. A leader in retail, entertainment and attractions, Mall of America is one of the top tourist destinations in the country and is known around the world.

## NICKELODEON UNIVERSE

The largest indoor theme park in the United States, spanning seven acres, Nickelodeon Universe features thrilling rides and attractions inspired by popular Nickelodeon characters, and nods to Minnesota. Visitors can enjoy a mix of exhilarating roller coasters and rides, and immersive experiences across the entire park.

## STORES & RESTAURANTS

With over 500 stores, including major retailers like, Nordstrom, Club Monaco, Free People, Zara, Altar'd State, Chanel, H&M, and more, the mall also features dozens of bars, restaurants, experiential and amusement spaces, an aquarium, and movie theater.