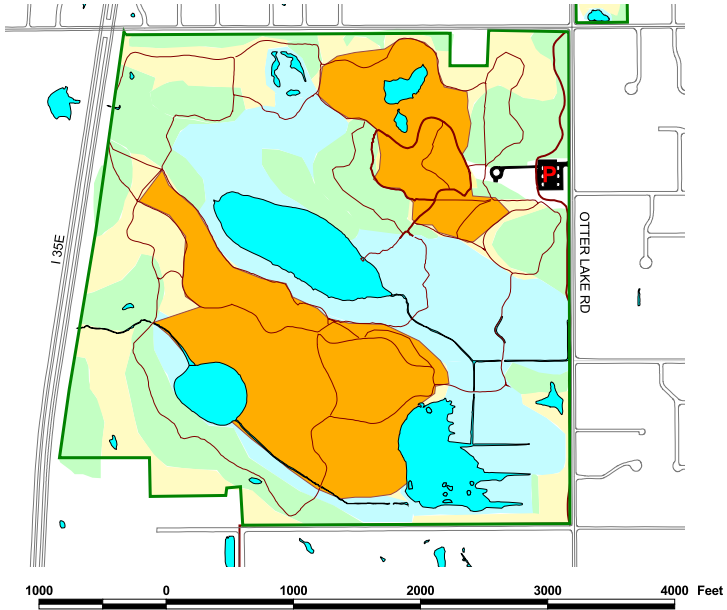


Tamarack Nature Center



LOCATION: Tamarack Nature Center is located in White Bear Township. It is bounded by I-35E on the West, Otter Lake Rd. on the east, and Co. Rd. H2 on the north. The best way to reach the parking lot is to take the Hwy 96 exit from I-35E, east on Hwy 96 to Otter Lake Rd. and north on Otter Lake Road to the Nature Center. There is a good series of turf trails and limited paved trails.

PRAIRIE FACTS: Tamarack has the largest prairies in Ramsey County parks. The large 75-acre prairie was planted in 2001 through a LCMR grant to the St. Paul Audubon Society. The smaller 20-acre prairie, adjacent to the Nature Center building was planted in 1992 and has been extended to the north and south. This is the most diverse prairie in the parks and has large populations of wild lupine and butterflyweed.

OTHER HABITATS: Tamarack is a mixture of prairie, wetland and woodlands. The wetlands are centered on the large shrub swamp in the center of the property. A restored wetland in the southeast corner of Tamarack has many large dead trees. The woodlands are a mixture of maple, basswood, and oak. Conifer plantings form dense plantations on the north and east edge.