

2016 Field Trips

Thursday July 7, 2016

Bus Trip to Minneapolis

Will include a 90 minute bus ride each way. Leave St. Ben's at 12:45 and return by 6:00. Both are accessible. **There is a bus fee.** The Art Institute is free admission. Fort Snelling admission is \$15.

Participants have two options.

1. **Minneapolis Institute of Art:** Art in a beautiful setting.
2. **Historic Fort Snelling:** Built in the early 1820s, Fort Snelling is a great place to learn about Minnesota history: fur trade, slavery, the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 when hundreds of Dakota Indians were placed into a concentration camp before being deported to the west, also location of Dakota sacred sites. Guided Tour.

St. Ben's Campus Nature Walks: Each Day has a different theme

Naturalist-led walk through the beautiful site grounds. Accessible. Please note that these sessions will be held outdoors for approximately 60-90 minutes of interactive nature activities involving walking on trails in woods and other natural areas. Children younger than 12 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday: Explore the prairie. Discover the ways that plants and animals survive in sunny, dry places. See how the college is restoring old farm fields to prairie.

Tuesday: Explore the woods. Our ramble will be in the 100-acre Monastery Woods with its mix of old growth forest, shrub areas and wetlands.

Thursday: Explore the wetland and lake. We will likely get our feet soggy learning about the unique life of wet places using nets and sampling equipment, so wear appropriate footwear.

Friday: Explorer's choice. Back to the woods, prairie or water.

Meet at 3:15 at the Gorecki Center: Main Entrance Free. Accessible.

Monday July 4, 2016 and Friday July 9, 2016

Oliver Kelley Farm

Step onto a working 1860s farm, home to Oliver H. Kelley, founder of the Grange, the first successful national farming organization. Visitors can meet the animals in the barn, help work in the fields and gardens, and see what's cooking in the farmhouse. Admission is approximately \$10 per person (less for children and there is a senior discount) **Definitely a Family Friendly Trip.** (M and F 12:45, carpool).

Car-pool sign-up, gas donation. 50-60 minutes from campus. Departs 12:45. Accessible.

Canoe the Mississippi

Cost is \$20 each person.

Car-pool sign-up, gas donation. 35 minutes from campus. Departs 12:45.

Canoe Operator: 100 Pine St. Clearwater, MN 55320

Tuesday July 5, 2016 & Thursday July 7, 2016

The Abbey and Bell Tower at St. John's University

Modernist architect, Marcel Breuer, was commissioned in the 1950's to build a church that would "be truly an architectural monument to the service of God." And view [The Saint John's Bible](#), the first completely handwritten and [illuminated Bible](#) to have been commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since 1500. No fee.

Car-pool sign-up, gas donation. 10-15 minutes from campus. Departs 1:30. Accessible.

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Naturalist guided tour of the St. John's Arboretum

Saint John's Abbey has been guided by the Benedictine principles of stability, hospitality, and stewardship. In 1997, this longstanding principle of stewardship led the monks to designate the abbey lands an arboretum. We'll car pool St. John's for a naturalist guided tour of the arboretum. No Fee.

Car-pool sign-up, gas donation. 10 minutes from campus. Departs 1:30. Accessible.

19 minutes by bike on [Lake Wobegon Trail](#): A 46 mile long hike and bike trail that starts at St. Joseph.

Camp Hill Village

A residential community of fifty people, including adults with disabilities. Deeply rooted in the belief that every individual is an independent, spiritual being. Guided tour of the grounds and programs. This is a working farm, ground may be muddy, so choose footwear accordingly. No fee.

Car-pool sign-up, gas donation. 45-50 minutes from campus. Departs 1:30. Accessible.

St. Ben's Monastery Tours

Host-led walk through the lovely monastery. Accessible. No Fee.

Walk from Campus. Meet at Gorecki Center: Main Entrance Free

Departs at 1:15 and 3:00.