



The hike begins near the pavilion in Minnehaha Park, crosses Minnehaha Creek, and continues southeast following the bike trails on the bluffs along the creek.
(Approximate total distance is 5 miles).
Viewing the Falls can be accomplished from the top or lower walkway, just as Father Louis Hennepin first saw them in 1680. Father Hennepin is credited as being the first European to see the Falls.

The Fort Snelling Historic Trail has been established in the City of Minneapolis in Minnehaha Falls Park, the Minnesota Fort Snelling State Park, and along the Mississippi River. The Trail is intended to familiarize hikers with the great important history of early Minnesota exploration by Europeans and the US Army.

Start at Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's house:
1. Outside the house find the bench; what date is on the Bench?
1997

2. How many feathers does the Native American Indian standing in the creek above the falls have?
2

Questions 1 to 22 can be found within the Yellow square as indicated on the map.

Questions 23 to 54 can be found within the Blue square as indicated on the map.

3. What is the date on the Minnehaha Falls footbridge?
1994

4. How many steps are there to the bottom of the Falls?
105

5. Who does the Native American Mask on the Totem Pole represent?
Little Crow -Dakota Chief

6. What was the nickname of the Minnehaha Falls train depot?
The Princess

7. What is written on the bricks on the floor outside the Minnehaha Falls train depot?
Flint Company

8. What was the name of the predecessor railroad to the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway?
Minnesota Central Railway

9. In whose honor was a tree planted at the Park? Look for a marker on a rock by the tree.
George Washington

10. What is the translation of "O GUD, SOM STYRER FOLKENS ODEN" found on the statue of Gunnar Wennerberg?
Oh God Who Rulest Fate of Nations

11. What was Gunnar Wennerberg noted for?
Swedish Poet, Educator

Statesman

12. When was the Gunnar Wennerberg statue presented to the City of Minneapolis?
June 24, 1915

13. Who made the statue of Gunnar Wennerberg?
C J Eldh

14. How many buttons are on the statue of Gunnar Wennerberg?
22

15. What is the nickname of Col. John H. Stevens' house?
Ferry Farm

16. When did the Minneapolis Journal start a campaign to preserve the house?
1890's

17. Looking to the left there is a building with a moon on it. What is this building?
Outhouse

18. Why was John H. Stevens an important person?
First Settler in area that became Minneapolis

19. In what state was the statue of John H. Stevens made?
New York

If you are able to take the tour of the John H. Stevens house, answer the following questions:

20. What was Minnehaha Creek previously called?
Browns Creek

21. Where was the Stevens house originally located?
Downtown- where the Post Office is.

22. What is the origin of the word 'Minneapolis'?
Water from the Dakota word Minne

Town from the Greek word Polis

As you exit the Stevens house, continue on the hiking and bike trails leading to Fort Snelling and Fort Snelling State Park. When you get to the bottom of the Fort (intersection, An approximate distance of 2.0 miles) continue straight and veer left onto a dirt trail. About 1/2 mile down, cross a footbridge, you will see a marker on Pike Island.

23. What is the translation of "Ma-ko-cer Co-ka-ya Kin"?
The Center of the Earth

As you return from Pike Island and take a left at the intersection and walk up the hill towards the Visitor Center:

24. Count the number of Cannon Openings:
5

25. Count the number of Musket slots:
24

The Visitor Center has artifacts from the early days of the fort, a short movie on the fort, and a gift shop. Some of the questions asked here may have different answers depending on the current re-enactment and time period occurring at the fort during your visit. The following 2 questions can be found during the Visitor Center movie:

24. What was Fort Snelling originally called?
Fort Saint Anthony

25. What was the name of the first steam boat to land at the fort in 1823?
Virginia

26. What color are the front doors to the fort?
Red

27. How many stars are on the US flag flying over Fort Snelling?
36

28. What year does the Fort Snelling Living History portray?
1820's

To complete these questions, you must enter all the buildings and listen to the presentations or demonstrations. Feel free to ask questions.

29. What Indian Tribes were native to the region around Fort Snelling?
a. Dakota

b. Chippewa

c. Ojibwe

30. As it relates to the relations with the Indian Nations, what was the role of the Fort and the Indian Agent?
Expel Settlers

31. Who was the Fort named after?
Josiah Snelling

32. What is the piece of black leather on the hand of the soldier in the cannon firing squad used for?
Create a vacuum for the Cannon

33. How far does a six pound cannon recoil when fully loaded?
5 to 10 feet

34. What was the main kind of currency used in the store?
Missouri Bank Notes

35. How many ounces of whiskey, brandy, or rum was given to the soldiers each day in 1830?
4 ounces

36. What is below the Laundresses Quarters?
Mess Kitchen

37. The laundresses were generally married to men of what occupations?
Enlisted Men

38. What material was the stuffing in the Soldier's mattress?
Straw/ Hay

The wood barrack and officer's quarters provide the answers to questions 39 to 50 as well as very informative displays on a soldier's life.

39. What was the motto of the 5th infantry?
I'll try Sir

40. What is the Boy Scout motto?
Be Prepared

41. How long was the enlistment period?
5 years

42. What was the soldier's daily food ration valued at?
3 cents per day

43. How much did a corporal get paid per month in 1838?
\$5 a month

44. How much extra pay per month did the soldier's receive for constructing Fort Snelling?
\$3.90

45. What was the punishment for theft?
Walk with a Poster "Posted"

46. The US military in the 1820's was based on which European nation's military model?
British and French

47. What was the effective range of the Flintlock Smoothbore Musket?
100 yards

48. How many apartments were there in the original officer's quarters?
18

49. When was the first photograph of Fort Snelling taken?
Early 1850's

50. When was Minnesota's second State Fair held at Fort Snelling?
1860

Enter the Hospital for a series of interesting exhibits on early medicine, meteorology and libraries. Questions 51 to 54

51. What was the name of the surgeon who served at the beginning of 1833?
Jarvis

52. What was the primary position of the weatherman of the army?
Medical Officer

53. When was acupuncture first used at Fort Snelling?
1842

54. How many days can novels and periodicals be taken out of the library per Article 5 of the Regulation for the Government Library?
One week at a time

Date Completed:



