

PRELIMINARY LIST OF TOP ATTRACTIONS IN EACH MINNESOTA TOURISM REGION, 2008*

Rank	Region	Attraction	2008 Attendance
1	Central	Sibley State Park	247,406
2	Central	Lake Carlos State Park	154,661
3	Central	Brainerd International Raceway	150,000
4	Central	Father Hennepin State Park	111,949
5	Central	Mille Lacs Kathio State Park	111,353
6	Central	Maplewood State Park	100,324
7	Central	Cayuna Country State Recreation Area	76,125
8	Central	Glendalough State Park	51,320
9	Central	Crow Wing State Park	48,275
10	Central	Glacial Lakes State Park	45,365
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1	Metro	Mall of America	44,700,000
2	Metro	National Sports Center, Blaine	3,760,000
3	Metro	HHH Metrodome	3,562,244
4	Metro	Xcel Energy Center/Roy Wilkins Auditorium/River Centre	2,300,000
5	Metro	Como Park Zoo & Conservatory	1,900,000
6	Metro	Minnesota State Fair	1,693,263
7	Metro	Minnesota Zoo	1,162,163
8	Metro	Target Center	1,035,000
9	Metro	Science Museum of Minnesota	882,496
10	Metro	Fort Snelling State Park	825,133
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1	Northeast	Gooseberry Falls State Park	575,648
2	Northeast	Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center	451,614
3	Northeast	Tettegouche State Park	347,260
4	Northeast	Split Rock Lighthouse State Park	296,784
5	Northeast	Jay Cooke State Park	253,825
6	Northeast	Spirit Mountain Recreation Area	242,640
7	Northeast	Voyageurs National Park	221,585
8	Northeast	BWCA Wilderness	200,000
9	Northeast	St. Croix State Park	185,587
10	Northeast	Temperance River State Park	169,374
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1	Northwest	Itasca State Park	461,576
2	Northwest	Lake Bemidji State Park	136,686
3	Northwest	Lake Bronson State Park	110,296
4	Northwest	Buffalo River State Park	103,843
5	Northwest	Big Bog State Recreation Area	77,875
6	Northwest	Red River State Recreation Area	60,107
7	Northwest	Hayes Lake State Park	32,513
8	Northwest	Zippel Bay State Park	26,170
9	Northwest	Old Mill State Park	12,570
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1	Southern	Flandrau State Park	231,561
2	Southern	Camden State Park	145,393
3	Southern	Lake Shetek State Park	123,678
4	Southern	Lac Qui Parle State Park	119,761
5	Southern	Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park	116,842
6	Southern	Sakatah Lake State Park	104,732
7	Southern	Myre-Big Island State Park	102,853
8	Southern	Frontenac State Park	97,642
9	Southern	Minneopa State Park	97,381
10	Southern	National Eagle Center	89,747

* Subject to Revision; Ranked by actual or estimated visitors for 2008, including both local visitors and tourists.

Note: This list includes only those attractions for which attendance was monitored and reported to Explore Minnesota Tourism. Attractions on this list feature things to see or do that are entertaining, recreational or educational in nature; cater substantially to tourists; are permanent places in Minnesota or are events that are always held in the same place; are located in a single area; have a regular schedule that is available to the public; and have a systematic method of tracking or estimating attendance.