

Yellow Ribbon Forest honors military families

Minnesota Power's commitment to military families and its Rajala Woods initiative came together last fall as the company formally dedicated a first-of-its-kind Yellow Ribbon Forest northeast of Camp Ripley near Baxter, Minnesota.

The Yellow Ribbon Forest, on 60 acres of Minnesota Power land along the Gull River, is intended to honor the sacrifices made by service members and their families and be a place of respite, reflection and renewal for generations to come. It is open to the public and the land will be professionally managed to ensure a healthy, diverse and sustainable forest. Minnesota Power planted 35,000 white pine, red pine and jack pine seedlings at the site in 2018, and is working with Beyond the Yellow Ribbon to design a memorial trail.

Minnesota Power, an ALLETE company, launched the Rajala Woods initiative in 2015. It aims to increase the



Employees of Minnesota Power and ALLETE joined other volunteers in planting seedlings at Camp Ripley.

percentage of longer-lived conifer tree species in central and northeastern Minnesota forests by planting up to 3 million white pine, jack pine and spruce tree seedlings.

The Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program, overseen by the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs, supports service members, veterans and their families by connecting them with career counseling, professional development and employment

resources. ALLETE/Minnesota Power was named a Yellow Ribbon company in 2016 and was followed by ALLETE Clean Energy in 2017. To earn the designation, companies must build relationships with local military leaders, identify which employees have military connections and commit to hiring and retaining veterans and supporting an environment where military-connected employees can thrive.

UPDATE: Island Lake Dam Recreation Area will close mid-July through the end of the year

Minnesota Power is replacing five gates at the Island Lake Main Dam as part of its continuing investment in Island Lake Reservoir. The gates allow dam operators to control the discharge of water from the dam's outlet structure. Original to the construction of the dam in 1914 and 1915, the gates are nearing the end of their service life.

As the project continues this year, the Island Lake Dam Recreation Area will be closed from mid-July through the end of 2019 to ensure the safety of construction workers and the public. The closure will include all facilities at the area, including the boat launch, public beach, parking lots, canoe portage, and fishing pier that complies with Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines.

For more information or to download a map of Island Lake Reservoir and its recreation sites, visit mplant.com.

Receive special notices via email

Email is one of the quickest ways to communicate in today's world. If you would like to receive special notices by email, please let us know by emailing our office at landinfo@mpland.com.

Be sure to include all current information, including your name, mailing address, phone numbers, site address and account number.

LEASE REMINDERS

Seasonal camper requests

If you are planning to place a seasonal trailer or camper on land you lease from Minnesota Power, please email landinfo@mpland.com or call 218-723-3981 to request a Seasonal Trailer/Camper Placement Form. This form needs to be submitted and approved by Minnesota Power prior to use.

Short-term vacation rental

Listing your home or cabin on an online vacation rental marketplace like Airbnb or VRBO may be tempting, but remember that renting your home or cabin located on property leased from Minnesota Power is a default of your lease and can result in termination. Please see Sections 2 and 7 of your lease for more specific information.

Construction and Earthwork Request Form (CERF) required for all construction projects

Construction season is right around the corner. Contact the ShoreLand office early in your planning to start the paperwork/permit process for your project. The CERF must be submitted and approved by Minnesota Power prior to applying for any county or township permits. This form is required for all construction work on your lease land, even if a county or township permit is not required.



Upcoming Events

Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center
boulderlake.org

5/11	25th Boulder Birding Big Day
5/12	Spring Wildflower Hikes, 10:00-11:30 AM
5/18-5/19	Native tree and shrub giveaway
5/19	Spring Wildflower Hikes, 10:00-11:30 AM
5/25	Spring Wildflower Hikes, 10:00-11:30 AM
5/25-5/26	Native tree and shrub giveaway
6/01	Spring Wildflower Hikes, 10:00-11:30 AM
6/03-6/07	Spring Wildflower Hikes, 10:00-11:30 AM

Lease lot surveys

Have you noticed footprints around your home or cabin or a Minnesota Power truck driving slowly down your road? We've been out surveying lease lots so you may have seen these signs of our representatives at work. The survey work is ongoing.

Paying your bill

We no longer are able to accept your lease payments in person at our ShoreLand office. Drop boxes are located outside of Minnesota Power's General Office Building, 30 W. Superior St. in Duluth. You can find them at the Superior Street and First Avenue West entrance and at the entrance off of Lake Superior Plaza.

Leaseholders also can use the ShoreLand-specific drop box on the first floor of the General Office Building near the Security office to drop off payments as well as other ShoreLand-related forms and documents.

Visit www.mnpower.com/CustomerService/PaymentOptions for other payment options. Or mail your payment directly to our office:

Minnesota Power/ALLETE Inc.
Attn: ShoreLand
30 W Superior St
Duluth, MN 55802

Looking to sell?

Please make sure your real estate agent is aware that your lot is a leased lot and to contact ShoreLand immediately after a purchase agreement is signed.

Office contact information

landinfo@mpland.com
218-723-3981 or 1-800-526-3648

Office hours: Monday–Friday
By appointment only 9 AM–3 PM

