



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?

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

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.

*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.*

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

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

5. Who does the Native American Mask on the Totem Pole represent?

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

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

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

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

10. What is the translation of "O GUD, SOM STYRER FOLKENS ODEN" found on the statue of Gunnar Wennerberg?

11. What was Gunnar Wennerberg noted for?

 12. When was the Gunnar Wennerberg statue presented to the City of Minneapolis?

 13. Who made the statue of Gunnar Wennerberg?

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

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

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

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

 18. Why was John H. Stevens an important person?

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

- 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?

 21. Where was the Stevens house originally located?

22. What is the origin of the word 'Minneapolis'?

- 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"?

- 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:

 25. Count the number of Musket slots:

- 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?

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

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

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

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

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. _____

b. _____

c. _____

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

31. Who was the Fort named after?

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

33. How far does a six pound cannon recoil when fully loaded?

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

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

36. What is below the Laundresses Quarters?

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

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

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?

40. What is the Boy Scout motto?

41. How long was the enlistment period?

42. What was the soldier's daily food ration valued at?

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

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

45. What was the punishment for theft?

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

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

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

49. When was the first photograph of Fort Snelling taken?

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

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?

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

53. When was acupuncture first used at Fort Snelling?

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

Date Completed:

