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SUBJECT: City of Duluth Dedicates Two Park Roads to Bike/Ped and Plows Munger Trail to Disperse Trail Use

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Roads closed to motor vehicles create room to recreate safely and responsibly

In response to reports of unsafe crowding on the Lakewalk, the City of Duluth is encouraging citizens to disperse to other paved trails including three additional trails that the City has made available for immediate use.

“The level of crowding observed on the Lakewalk last weekend and most evenings this week makes it difficult for residents to maintain the six foot separation necessary to prevent transmission of COVID-19,” said City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Manager, Jessica Peterson. “We have made additional trails available so that residents can recreate without endangering public health.”

The three newly available locations are:

- A mile-long section of Seven Bridges Road in Lakeside/Lester Park. The City has closed this road to motor vehicle traffic to make it safer and more appealing for cyclists and pedestrians. When added to the ongoing seasonal closure of Skyline Parkway at Hawk Ridge, the move creates 3.5 miles of scenic park road open only to bikes and pedestrians.
- A half-mile section of Lincoln Park Drive. This scenic road parallels a cascading section of Miller Creek through a peaceful wooded area.
- A one-mile section of the Munger State Recreation Trail. With DNR permission, the City of Duluth plowed the portion of the trail from Pulaski Street to Beaudry Street. As moderating temperatures and softening of snow permits, the City will strive to plow other portions of the remaining five-miles of the Munger Trail within the City.

Residents are also encouraged to utilize:

- The Campus Connector Trail between the College of St. Scholastica and UMD and along Tischer Creek.
- The Cross City Trail from Bayfront Park through Lincoln Park and above the Fairmount neighborhood.

Park staff remind trail users to stay a minimum of six feet apart while on the trail. Paved paths such as the Lakewalk, the Cross City Trail, the Munger Trail, and the Campus Connector Trail are usually eight-to-ten feet wide. Maintaining six-foot separation on the Lakewalk requires users traveling in opposite directions to walk single file at the edges of the trail when passing.

For other ideas on parks and trails to visit, residents can find a city-wide outdoor recreation map and park profiles in the Parks and Recreation section of the City of Duluth website.

The mission of Duluth Parks and Recreation is to promote the health and well-being of our community, environment and economy by facilitating recreational opportunities and coordinating the enhancement of our parks, facilities and natural resources now and into the future.

*Note to the Media: You will receive a separate email with the maps to the above locations.

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