



Guide to Eden Prairie Culture, History, Cuisine

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PEOPLEFEST!

July 26–31

A series of **free** community events and programs to celebrate the unique cultures represented in Eden Prairie.

View full event details and register at edenprairiemn.gov/PeopleFest



Sunday, July 26

3–7 p.m.

**Central Middle School
8025 School Road**

FREE

Exhibit booths, food trucks and live performances celebrating the many cultures that make Eden Prairie a wonderfully diverse community.

Guidebook Exploration Day

Step back in time with a self-guided PeopleFest! History Tour (pages 5–8), then discover a new favorite dining spot from the featured restaurants (pages 9–15). When you stop by, be sure to let them know you're participating in PeopleFest! Guidebook Exploration Day—they'll love hearing you're part of the celebration!

Monday, July 27

On your own time



Voices Across Cultures: A Community Conversation with the Human Rights and Diversity Commission

Join in a community conversation featuring a diverse panel of speakers sharing personal stories and cultural perspectives across key aspects of daily life. Attendees will have an opportunity to share their own personal stories and perspectives through an interactive gallery walk.

Tuesday, July 28

6–8 p.m.

**Eden Prairie Schools Valley View Campus
11840 Valley View Road**

Immigrants in Minnesota

Michele Waslin, Ph.D., discusses the history of immigration to Minnesota and a snapshot of immigrants and refugees residing in the state today, highlighting the economic, social and cultural contributions of immigrants in Minnesota over time.



Wednesday, July 29

6:30–8 p.m.

**Eden Prairie Schools Valley View Campus
11840 Valley View Road**



* Advanced registration required. Visit edenprairiemn.gov/PeopleFest to sign up.



Salsa del Soul

Dance along to this Twin Cities-based nine-piece orchestra performing various styles of music from the Spanish-speaking regions of the Caribbean.

Thursday, July 30

7–8:30 p.m.

Staring Lake Amphitheatre



Family Field Trip: Changsha China Friendship Garden*

Explore this beautiful 1.2-acre garden on the east side of Lake Phalen, celebrating Saint Paul's sister-city relationship with Changsha, China, and the connection between the Chinese and Hmong communities. Enjoy a guided garden history tour, scavenger hunt and small-group activity exploring unique garden features.

Friday, July 31

9:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Buses leave from Central Middle School



Eden Prairie Community Band Concert

Enjoy an evening of live music with the Eden Prairie Community Band. For more than 50 years, this talented ensemble of 60+ adult musicians has entertained audiences in Eden Prairie and surrounding communities. The band fosters community through a shared love of music, continued growth and the joy of performing together.

Friday, July 31

7–8:30 p.m.

Staring Lake Amphitheatre

Story Stroll: Where We Come From

Take part in the "Where We Come From" story stroll. Follow this collaborative story from Diane Wilson, Sun Yung Shin, Shannon Gibney, and John Coy as they explore where they each come from as well as what unites all of us as humans.



July 26–31

Library hours

**Eden Prairie Library – Outdoor Reading Garden
565 Prairie Center Drive**



Enjoy more free performances throughout the summer —
view the full lineup at edenprairiemn.gov/Entertainment.

Eden Prairie Land Acknowledgment Statement

It is important to acknowledge that we are gathered upon the ancestral, traditional and contemporary homelands of the Dakóta.

Through treaties the U.S. government seized Ojibwe and Dakóta land in Minnesota. Specifically, signing of the treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota in 1851 opened land located to the west of Ĥaĥáwakpa/Wakpá Thánka (Mississippi River), allowing pioneers to settle in what is now Eden Prairie.

We acknowledge this land has a complex and layered history, and pay respect to the elders who have stewarded the land throughout the generations and continue to do so. We offer this statement as a step toward healing and make a commitment to learn the history of the land Eden Prairie is built on, to recognize, support, collaborate with and advocate for Indigenous People, and to consider the convergence of legacies that bring us to where we are today.





Cummins-Phipps-Grill House

13600 Pioneer Trail

John (JR) and Mattie Cummins established this farm in 1856 and lived in a log home until the present house was built in 1879. The home is a beautiful Chaska brick building with Greek Revival details.

The original property spanned 280 acres from the Minnesota River to Staring Lake. JR kept a horticultural journal throughout the 60 years they lived here, and his horticultural influence was highly respected as he experimented with apple trees, nuts, flowers and fruit.

In 1908, the farm was sold to Edwin and Harriet Phipps, who purchased additional acreage, bringing the total property size to 385 acres. Edwin was known as "The Asparagus King of Hennepin County."

Harriet purchased peony plants from the Minneapolis Farmers Market around 1920. Her large peony garden on the east side of the house is more than 100 years old and still enjoyed today! It is an important and protected feature of the property.

Edwin and Harriet's daughter Mildred Phipps married Martin "Pappy" Grill in 1934 and they purchased the farm. Pappy was Mildred's schoolmate and had been a hired hand on the farm.

In 1943, Pappy sold the land to the American Aviation Corporation, which named it Flying Cloud Airport. It was later bought by the Metropolitan Airports Commission in 1948.

Pappy passed away in 1975 and Mildred sold the farm to the City of Eden Prairie in 1976. The Cummins-Phipps-Grill House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 and is currently used by the Eden Prairie Historical Society.

PEOPLEFEST! CHALLENGE

Read the outdoor kiosk to find out how many peonies Harriet Phipps planted more than 100 years ago!

Riley-Jacques Farmstead

9100 Riley Lake Road

The Riley-Jacques Farmstead was established by Frank Riley in 1855. The City of Eden Prairie purchased the land in 1990 to expand Riley Lake Park along the east side of the lake.

The house, garage and barn are all part of the original farm. Today, the renovated barn is used for public events and is also available to rent for private functions.

PEOPLEFEST!CHALLENGE

Locate the “From Settlers to Suburbs” sign near the parking lot to learn what kind of farms settlers like the Warner family started establishing in the 1850s.



Dorenkemper House

9090 Riley Lake Road

The Dorenkemper House is one of the last remaining log-built homes in Eden Prairie. Constructed in the 1860s and originally located along Pioneer Trail at Settler’s Ridge, it was moved to the Riley-Jacques Farmstead in 2002 to save it from demolition.

The hewn log construction makes the house unique and historically significant. The house has been meticulously restored and is available for tours by appointment or during scheduled heritage events.

PEOPLEFEST!CHALLENGE

Read the sign in front of the house to determine the year Elizabeth Dorn Richard gave birth to daughter Irene in this home.



Consolidated School

8100 School Road

Built in the early 1920s, this Grand Mission-style building first opened its doors to students in March 1924, with the first senior class graduating in 1929.

The school was also an important cultural hub and community building, providing space for movies, voting, weddings and ironing clothes — the school was one of the first buildings with electricity in Eden Prairie.

Today it houses the Eden Prairie Schools ISD 272 administrative offices. The building is also home to the district’s historic gym, which was a state-of-the-art facility at the time it was built as there were no supportive pillars in the middle of the court! This gym is still enjoyed daily by Little Eagles Early Childhood & Preschool participants.



PEOPLEFEST!CHALLENGE

How many historical site markers are located on the south side of the building (near doors 4 and 5)?

Eden Prairie Cemetery

8810 Eden Prairie Road

The Eden Prairie Cemetery was established in 1865 and managed by the Eden Prairie Cemetery Association. Over the years, the cemetery board purchased additional land, expanding the cemetery to the property that exists today. In 2022, ownership of the cemetery was transferred from the cemetery board to the City of Eden Prairie.

Monroe Barker was a child-aged Civil War soldier and one of the first Black residents of Eden Prairie. Monroe, also known as “Mun,” was listed as a farm laborer and lodger in Eden Prairie census rolls. He worked at Miller’s General Store until his death in 1942 at age 90.

Monroe is believed to have arrived in Eden Prairie around 1870 — the same time as emancipated slave Joseph Graham, who is also buried in this cemetery. Before Monroe died, he bought a granite tombstone and a plot in the Eden Prairie Cemetery.



PEOPLEFEST!CHALLENGE

Find Monroe Barker’s tombstone near the bottom of the hill. It is located near a family he was close to. What is the name on the family tombstone just to the left of his?



PEOPLEFEST!CHALLENGE

Notice the large number of Andersons buried in this cemetery. Locate Elizabeth Anderson’s large tombstone near the road on the south side of the cemetery. She was born in 1792, in which year did she die?

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

12390 Pioneer Trail

Pleasant Hill Cemetery was established in 1885 on land purchased by Jacob Wolf, located north of the Eden Prairie Presbyterian Church. The property overlooked the wide valley to the north, with Mill Creek at the base of the hill and Neill Lake in the distance. Before then, early Presbyterians used the old cemetery on Lyndale and 104th Street in Bloomington for burial. Once Pleasant Hill Cemetery was established, their ancestors were moved from Bloomington to Pleasant Hill.

The church building was removed in 1966 and the cemetery has been expanded twice. Ownership of the cemetery was transferred from the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association to the City of Eden Prairie in 1987.

The Anderson Clan — a large Scotch-Irish family — arrived in Eden Prairie in the 1850s. Mary Jane Hill Anderson, who married Elizabeth Anderson’s son, Robert, wrote in her autobiography “Here in our cabin were our happiest days. We had a home of our very own; we were young and hopeful; and with our little family and life before us, and always work to do and the strength to do it, what more could we ask?”

Smith-Douglas-More House

8107 Eden Prairie Road

Lured by the rich farmlands, Sheldon and Mary Smith were among the early settlers in Eden Prairie, arriving from New York in their early 20s.

Their first home was a cabin close to Round Lake. In 1877 they built an eclectic, red brick home with white scroll work reminiscent of the Queen Ann style. At that time, the home was in the center of town, which included a railroad depot, creamery, grain elevator, pickle factory and Miller's General Store. Their young daughters, Amie and Etta, helped with the boarders who lived upstairs, and took care of the farm and kitchen garden. Both Sheldon and daughter Amie worked at the depot as telegraphers. Amie attended school in Minneapolis and Etta died at 16 from tuberculosis. Amie married David Frank Douglas, and their son Sheldon Douglas carried on the farm until 1948. Sheldon attended college in Pennsylvania and later served as chair of the Eden Prairie School Board.

The house was sold in 1952 to Earl and Helen More, who added electricity and beautiful hostas, peonies and lilacs around the homestead.



The City of Eden Prairie purchased the property from the Mores in 1982, and in 2001 the house was renovated to add a kitchen for commercial use as a coffee shop.

In 2006, Eden Prairie resident Ann Schuster and her family opened an independent coffee shop in the historic home. It is named Smith Coffee & Cafe to honor Sheldon and Mary Smith.

PEOPLEFEST!CHALLENGE

Find the "stained glass windows" in the parlor.
Who created this beautiful work of art?



PEOPLEFEST!CHALLENGE

Hike to the top of the bluff overlook and locate the River Valley History sign. How many people inhabited Tintonwan prior to 1853?

*This information comes from the "Dakota on the Minnesota" website (MNRiverHistory.org) and was reviewed by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

Richard T. Anderson Conservation Area

18700 Flying Cloud Drive

The Richard T. Anderson Conservation Area provides breathtaking views of the Minnesota River Valley.

This site has been settled since time immemorial, where indigenous people have fished, hunted and harvested food; built houses, made tools and prepared meals; and raised families and buried those who passed on. Artifacts demonstrate great age, recent history and everything in between. The people who lived at this site were not alone. Networks of indigenous nations shared goods, languages and beliefs as they traveled along the Minnesota River Valley and far beyond. Objects found here demonstrate those interconnections and eras.*

Get the inside scoop!

Eden Prairie is home to incredible cuisine options, and this is just a sampling of what our community has to offer. This list of restaurants was curated by the City's Human Rights and Diversity Commission. We hope you enjoy the recommendations of your fellow residents and support these local businesses!

Asian Express

8755 Columbine Road

AsianExpressEP.com

Cuisine

Chinese

Recommendations

Crab rangoon, pork lo mein, sesame chicken

Aurelia's Authentic Mexican Food

16388 Wagner Way

AureliasMexican.com

Cuisine

Mexican

Recommendation

Enchiladas

Baker's Ribs

8019 Glen Lane

BakersRibsMN.com

Cuisine

Texas Barbecue

Recommendations

Rib plate (pork spare ribs and sides), house special (chopped brisket sandwich and sides)



bb.q Chicken

962 Prairie Center Drive

BBQChicken.com

Cuisine

Korean BBQ

Recommendations

Galbi, cheesling or gang-jeong chicken, ddeok-bokki, kimchi fried rice

Bombay Pizza Kitchen

161518 W. 78th Street

BombayPizza.kitchen

Cuisine

Modern Indian Pizzeria

Recommendations

Bombay chaat fries, Bombay butter masala pizza



Cielito Lindo

8251 Flying Cloud Drive

(Eden Prairie Center food court)

CielitoLindoMN.com

Cuisine

Mexican

Recommendations

Tamales, quesabirria, lindo burrito, Cielito chimi



Deg Deg Halal

8755 Columbine Road

DDHalal.com

Cuisine

East African

Recommendations

Goat meat and rice

Detello's Pizza and Pasta

6207 Dell Road

DetellosPizza.com

Cuisine

Italian

Recommendations

House special pizza, spaghetti and meatballs

Dumpling Eatery

12561 Castlemoor Drive

DumplingEateryMN.com

Cuisine

Chinese

Recommendations

Pork soup dumplings, crystal shrimp dumplings, BBQ pork buns, homemade scallion pancake



Eden Prairie Halal Market & Deli

13997 Anderson Lakes Parkway

Cuisine

East African, Halal

Recommendations

Sambusa, tea

Eden Restaurant

7130 Shady Oak Road

EdenRestaurantMin.com

Cuisine

Vietnamese

Recommendations

Hot and spicy chicken with ginger, shrimp specialties



El Burrito Mexican Grill

12615 Valley View Road

ElBurritoMexGrill.com

Cuisine

Mexican

Recommendations

Fiesta burrito, shrimp tacos, Mexican tortas, chicken posole



Godavari

566 Prairie Center Drive

GodavariUS.com/Minneapolis

Cuisine

South Indian

Recommendations

Butter chicken, Bahubali thali, Indian curries, naan



Greek Grill & Fry Co.

8795 Columbine Road

8251 Flying Cloud Drive

(Eden Prairie Center food court)

GreekGrillAndFry.com

Cuisine

Greek

Recommendations

Lamb kabob platter, lamb gyro

Gyu-Mai Japanese BBQ

8251 Flying Cloud Drive

GyuMaiUS.com

Cuisine

Japanese BBQ

Recommendations

Chicken karage, angry dragon roll, hibachi



HAVEN Asian Eatery

6407 City West Parkway

HavenAsianEatery.com

Cuisine

Asian

Recommendations

Pad Thai, spring rolls, panang curry

Hawaii Poke Bowl

8353 Crystal View Road, #103

HawaiiPokeUSA.com

Cuisine

Hawaiian

Recommendations

Hawaii bowl, rainbow bowl

House of Kai

7406 Mitchell Road

HouseOfKaiMN.com

Cuisine

Chinese

Recommendations

Chicken chow mein, beef with broccoli





Ichiddo Ramen

8251 Flying Cloud Drive
EdenPrairie.Ichiddo.com

Cuisine

Japanese

Recommendations

Char siu ramen, takoyaki, tan tan ramen, bubble tea

India Palace

936 Prairie Center Drive
IndiaPalace.org

Cuisine

North Indian

Recommendations

Chicken tikka masala, tandoori dinner for two, vegetables samosas, palak paneer, chicken shahi korma

India Spice House

8445 Joiner Way
IndiaSpiceHouseEP.com

Cuisine

Indian

Recommendation

Palak paneer

Kadai Indian Kitchen

6403 City West Parkway
KadaiMSP.com

Cuisine

Indian, Halal

Recommendations

Chicken 65, biryanis



Kuubs Modern Mediterranean

12555 Castlemoor Drive
KuubsMM.com

Cuisine

Mediterranean

Recommendations

Chicken kabob bowl, gyro wrap, volcano bowl

Kyoto Sushi

8242 Commonwealth Drive
KyotoSushiMN.com

Cuisine

Japanese

Recommendations

Chicken fried rice, sexy girl roll, spider roll



Lotus Leaf

7922 Mitchell Road

LotusLeafMN.com

Cuisine

Thai

Recommendations

Chicken fried rice, crispy chicken egg rolls, yellow curry

Maruichi Udon

13000 Technology Drive

MaruichiUdon.com

Cuisine

Japanese

Recommendations

Tonkatsu udon, sushi tacos



Mi Pueblo Mexican Bar & Grill

7942 Mitchell Road

MiPuebloMin.com

Cuisine

Mexican

Recommendations

Enchiladas verde, steak fajitas



Mochi

16372 Wagner Way

MochiMN.com

Cuisine

Asian

Recommendations

Donuts, creamy taro latte, signature milk tea

Noke Chinese Express

6405 City West Parkway, Suite B1

NokeChinese.com

Cuisine

Asian

Recommendations

Special combo pho, orange chicken, Noke's wings, mango sticky rice

Nolas Southeast Asia Street Foods

8781 Columbine Road

NolasAsianFusion.com

Cuisine

Asian Fusion

Recommendations

Eggrolls, curry, tom yum, pad Thai, papaya salad



Osaka Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi

11528 Leona Road

OsakaJapaneseSteakhouseSushi.com

Cuisine

Japanese Steakhouse

Recommendations

#9 sushi roll, beef negimaki, chicken and steak hibachi



Pizza Karma

8451 Joiner Way

PizzaKarma.com

Cuisine

Tandoor-Fired Pizza

Recommendations

Coconut shrimp pizza, butter chicken pizza, paneer poppers

Qamaria

582 Prairie Center Drive

QamariaCoffee.com

Cuisine

Yemeni coffee

Recommendations

Dubai chocolate strawberry cup, Dubai chocolate bar, baklava, samosa, meat pie

Red Moon Asian Cuisine

582 Prairie Center Drive

RedMoonMN.com

Cuisine

Chinese and Southeast Asian

Recommendations

Egg rolls, shiitake mushroom stir fry with beef, orange blossom chicken

Tabla Indian Restaurant

16518 W 78th Street

TablaCuisine.com

Cuisine

Indian and Indo-Chinese

Recommendations

Pachi Mirchi Paneer Biryani, Chicken Majestic, Chicken Pakora

TequeArepa

7733 Flying Cloud Drive

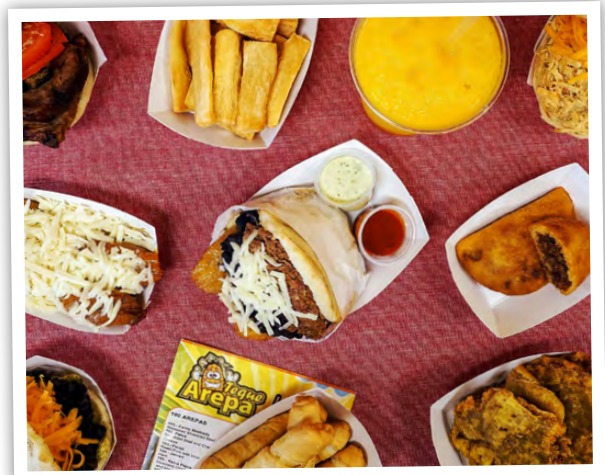
TequeArepa.com

Cuisine

Venezuelan

Recommendation

Arepa pabellón



ASIA MALL

12160 Technology Drive

AsiaMallMN.com

A unique destination where Minnesotans can shop for fresh Asian groceries, pick up live seafood and dine at the top local Asian restaurants, all in one place.

BobaX

BobaX.order.infi.us

Cuisine

Asian Tea, Coffee

Recommendations

Pineapple passion fruit jasmine green tea, strawberry smoothie

Bober Tea and Mochi Dough

BoberTeaUSA.com

Cuisine

Asian

Recommendations

Roasted oolong tea, the O.G. (Vietnamese iced coffee), Thai tea, daily rotation of flavored donuts

CrunCheese

CrunCheeseUSA.com

Cuisine

Korean Hotdogs

Recommendations

Potato hotdog, cheddar & hotdog, original hotdog

Dosirak

DosirakEdenPrairie.com

Cuisine

Korean BBQ & Bibimbap

Recommendations

Yangyeom chicken, beef bulgogi

Home Taste

HomeTasteMN.com

Cuisine

Chinese

Recommendations

Pan-fried noodles, Mongolian chicken, pork potstickers, golden fried sole with garlic



Hot Pot City

AsiaMallMN.com/Restaurants

Cuisine

Chinese Hot Pot

Recommendations

Shrimp, sliced pork, Chinese cabbage, black garlic chicken broth, udon noodles

Keefer Court

KeeferCourt.com

Cuisine

Asian, Desserts

Recommendations

Egg tart, BBQ pork bun

Legendary Spice

LegendarySpiceEP.com

Cuisine

Chinese, Sichuan

Recommendations

Legendary dry chili chicken, Szechuan beef noodle

SnowBing

Cuisine

Korean Shaved Ice

Recommendations

Strawberry, mango

Tuk Tuk Thai & Ebi Sushi

TukTukSushiBox.com

Cuisine

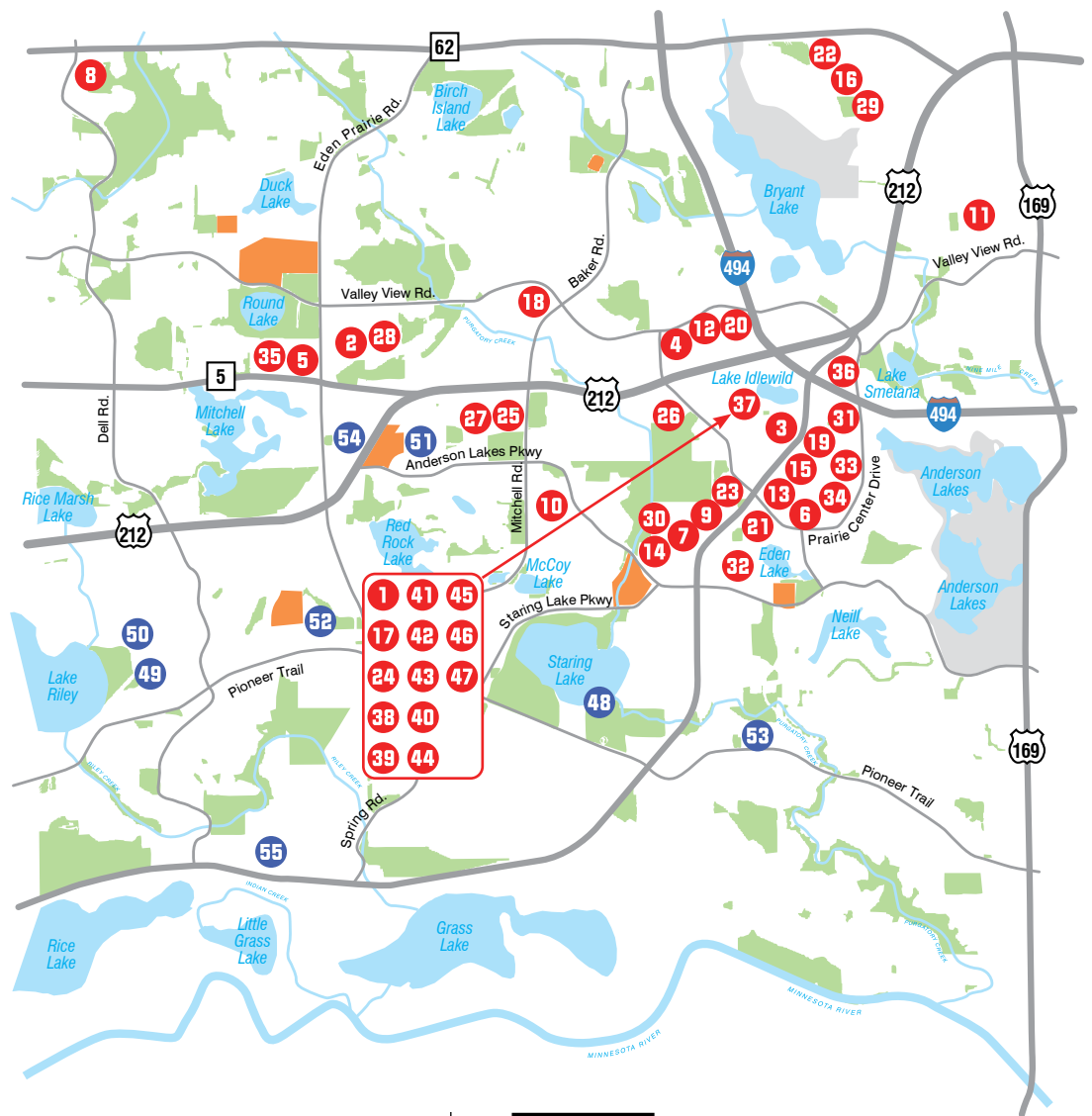
Thai and Japanese

Recommendations

EP roll, chirashi, spicy pineapple fried rice, green curry

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