

Getting Out There: Enger Tower and Bagley Nature Area

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Enger Tower stands 531 feet above Lake Superior and has arguably one of the best night views of Duluth. The tower was built in 1939 as a gift to the city from Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha of Norway. Enger Tower is dedicated to Bert Enger, a Norway native who moved to the United States and became a successful furniture builder. When he died, he donated his land to the city of Duluth. The land, now known as Enger Hill, holds Enger Tower and Enger Golf Course. The park now also includes the Peace Bell from Duluth's sister city, Ohara, Japan. Enger Park is more than just its tower, though. The park boasts a Japanese garden, incredible views of Lake Superior and the Duluth harbor, and is connected to the Lake Superior Hiking Trail which runs on the ridge line and across several flowing rivers in this section.

Bagley Nature Area is a lesser known area that offers a plethora of activities. This 59 acre section of land is located on the northwest part of the University of Minnesota Duluth [UMD] campus. The area has a forest, pond, and open areas for students to utilize. Many UMD programs, such as the outdoor education major, use the land for classes. In the winter there are groomed skiing trails, and in the fall and spring there are mulched hiking trails. The area is not open to biking but has 6 walk-in campsites available for only \$25 a night. This is a great place to get outdoors and study or take a walk this fall.

Team Delta

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I remembered my own hyper-busy first weekend on campus, and while it seemed draining and overwhelming, in the long run it was probably for the best. Keeping the students' minds off of the fact that they're in a new place away from their families (probably for the first time for many) helps them adjust and begin to have a sense of belonging on campus in the Saints community.

Delta groups are designed to put students into smaller groups and allow them to have some familiar faces around campus and possibly a few friends. This year, the groups consisted of fewer students than in years past to accommodate the new protocols of CSS. Additionally, the smaller numbers allow students to practice social skills that may have been lost during our time in quarantine. Students in the Delta groups can know that they're not going to go to class as an anonymous student anymore; the groups of a dozen they've spent four full days with are all over campus waiting to say hello.



Team Delta Leaders greet incoming students during Welcome Weekend.
Submitted Photo.

In the end, Welcome Weekend is what you make it, and if you participate in each event and keep a good attitude, it is a blast. The statistics show nobody has died from Welcome Weekend and there has been a staggering amount of positive feedback from student participants.

Want to make a difference with the freshmen class next fall for Welcome Weekend? Register to be a Delta leader yourself!