

## 10. VITA COURSE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In 1921, Camp Meenahga directors assured parents, "Care is taken that our girls do not major in more than one strenuous sport."

Since times have changed, try Peninsula's exercise course! It starts near the beach overflow parking lot. *Above photo: Grace Lanier Brewer, circa 1942.*



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# Like to Hike 2016 LOG



*Camp Meenahga Dock, 1946.  
Former Location: Skyline Parking Lot.  
Photo by Virginia Theis Coleman.*

## Peninsula State Park

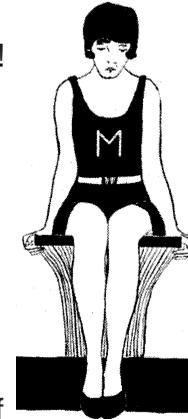
## HOW IT WORKS

1. Complete five or more activities in this Like to Hike log. Trail maps are available at campground host sites, the Nature Center, and Park Headquarters. Those with special needs may modify activities.



2. Pins are available to anyone for \$6. Those who complete five or more activities can purchase a pin for just \$3!

*The 2016 pin design was inspired by a drawing of a swimmer in the 1921 Meenahga yearbook.*



3. Record activities in this log. Bring it to the Park Headquarters or Nature Center. Park staff will stamp the log so you can purchase the pin at a discount.

4. The Like to Hike program encourages silent sports (hiking, snowshoeing, biking, skiing, paddling) which promote health and resource appreciation.



## Camp Meenahga 1916—1948

Mrs. Alice Orr Clark, with help from friend Mrs. Fannie Mabley, established the camp at the former Evenson farm near today's Skyline parking lot. A \$300 fee (circa 1920) offered "a [nine week] vacation from fashions and abnormal excitement."

Each day began with a 7:15 a.m. swim. Girls hiked to Sven's Tower, canoed to Ephraim, competed in tennis matches as the Yellows or Purples and performed dance dramas. Dressage lessons with Saddlebred horses, archery matches and sailing rounded out full days in the great outdoors. Local residents worked as cooks, laborers and kitchen help.

*Discover more Meenahga history at the White Cedar Nature Center!*

*Barbara Chivvis draws a bow, circa 1940.*



*Sven's Tower, 1929. Gauger Collection.*





Art from Meenahga Yearbook. 1920.

**BONUS PRIZE.** At the Nature Center. The word "meenahga" was drawn from Longfellow's epic poem *Song of Hiawatha*. The poet describes Haion-hwa-tha wandering the forest in hunger, then finding a fruit. Miinagaawanzh(iig) is the true Ojibwa word, spelled as meenahga by Longfellow.

- Name the fruit found by Haion-hwa-tha.
- Why is the Minnehaha Trail a misnomer?



Meenahga dance drama, 1921.

Complete at least five activities to be eligible for a discount on your Like to Hike pin.

**PENINSULA GEOCACHES.** New to geocaching? Visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). Visit the Nature Center for additional information and for the free loan of basic GPS units.

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

1. So Many Memories Hint: Tennis. Counts as two activities. 3 miles.	N45° 08.687 W087° 14.359
2. Ash Tree Hunt Hint: Kodanko.	N45° 09.014 W087° 13.057
3. Beech Tree Hunt Hint: Middle.	N45° 08.809 W087° 13.049

**Please note:** No one may remove items from Peninsula State Park's historic sites. Metal detectors may only be used to locate specific lost personal items. Permit required.

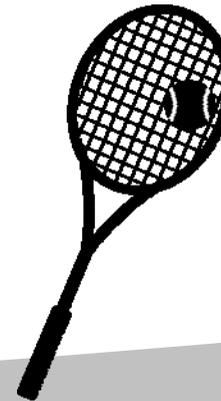
## Like to Hike activities are for all ages and abilities.

### 4. WHITE CEDAR NATURE TRAIL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 0.5 miles. Starts near the Nature Center. New signs funded by Whitetails Unlimited and visitor donations feature deer and forest ecology.

### 5. BACKHANDED RACKET

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Borrow a racket and ball from the Nature Center, then play a game of tennis, just like the Camp Meenahga girls!



6. KAYAK/CANOE PADDLE ADVENTURE  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Paddle Peninsula's scenic shore. Wear a life jacket. Peninsula protects eight miles of undeveloped shoreline.

### 7. EAGLE TRAIL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 miles. Camp Meenahga girls called the caves along this 2-mile loop the "palisades." Look up to see 150-foot bluffs.

### 8. MINNEHAHA TRAIL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 0.7 miles. Once known as Sunrise Trail, this route lies between Eagle Trail and Shanty Bay (Nicolet Beach). See glimpses of Eagle Island (Horseshoe) where Meenahga girls had tea at the Folda's summer estate.

### 9. BICYCLE ROLLER COASTER ROAD

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1.3 miles. Wear a helmet. Before straightened and leveled, families called the section of Middle Road between Hemlock and Highland roads the Roller Coaster Road. Look for road cuts hinting of its hilly past. The big field is the former Kodanko farm, which provided Camp Meenahga vegetables and took food scraps back for pig slop. *Below photo: Meenahga Yellows & Purples play basketball, 1921.*



**"Camp creates a love of nature and the out-of-doors."**

*Camp Meenahga Advertisement, 1921.*