



Edgewater Park

Bottineau Neighborhood



Bottineau neighborhood is located in northeast Minneapolis. It is bordered by the Mississippi River on the west and University Avenue to the east. Lowry Avenue NE is the northern extent of the neighborhood, and 17th and 18th Avenues NE are the southern border. Bottineau neighborhood has a rich tradition as a working class neighborhood, with a diverse ethnic history from eastern European immigrants at the turn of the century to the recent Somali immigration.

This small neighborhood is named after the legendary pioneer, explorer, and leader Pierre Bottineau who bought land here in 1845. The [Bottineau Park and Recreation Center](#) was named for the explorer as well. The 7.5 acre park's facilities include a skate park, playground, and two baseball/softball fields.

Established in 1915, [Eastside Neighborhood Services](#) is located in Bottineau and is known for its long history providing basic needs and social services to the local community and recent immigrants. Today the community has a population of 1,254 people and is a destination for many artists to live and work, as the NE Minneapolis Arts District and the [NE Minneapolis Arts Association](#) are both located in Bottineau. The [Pierre Bottineau Library](#) is located just south of the neighborhood.



Bottineau Recreation Center

Home prices are affordable, streets are lined with trees, and residents participate in programs that beautify the neighborhood and improve it for the future. [Mulberry Junction Community Garden](#) was established in 1996 by artists from the adjacent California Artist Building, and it now holds a grassy picnic circle to enjoy mature perennial and native gardens as well as thirty-five vegetable plots tended by a diverse array of gardeners.

As part of Minneapolis' green-friendly initiatives, Bottineau will be receiving a large number of [new bicycle paths](#), making the commute downtown and to the rest of the metro area easier and greener. In particular, this neighborhood will be able to use the 18th Ave Bikeway beginning in 2010. Also scheduled for construction is the new Lowry Avenue Bridge, which will replace the old one that was recently demolished.

Schools located in Bottineau include the [New Visions Academy](#) and [Menlo Park Alternative School](#)

Bottineau has a nice mix of amenities including its river parks: [Gluek Park](#) and [Edgewater Park](#), numerous bars and restaurants, and close proximity to downtown. Restaurants include [The Sample Room](#) in a historic building.

The Northeast Arts Association occupies a former industrial building converted in 1991 to house art studios. Today, about 70 artists work in the building, and a café and restaurant are open to the public.



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