

Directions to campus and the dorms.

A map for parking is here <http://www.d.umn.edu/parking/#parking-map>

Some directions like these are here <http://www.d.umn.edu/admissions/directions.html> with additional links to other maps both printable and unprintable.

People arriving to stay at the dorms.

Follow Highway 53 across the tall bridge to Duluth to Interstate 35 north. Follow I-35 to the 21st Avenue East exit (Exit #258). **Follow 21st Avenue East to Woodland Ave.** (top of the hill). Turn right onto Woodland Ave. Continue on Woodland Ave. past the stoplight at 8th Street/Kent Road. Just past this intersection, turn left onto College Street. UMD is on your right. Go to the stoplight and turn right on Junction Ave and follow that to Niagra Court, turn right down to Lake Superior Hall.

If you are coming from the airport, turn right on Haines Road and at the light turn left onto Arrowhead road. Continue on Arrowhead Road for 3.5 miles to Kenwood Avenue. Turn right onto Kenwood Avenue. Travel on Kenwood to the funny stoplight intersection College Street. Turn left onto College Street and go to the stop light at Junction Avenue and turn left. Or take a taxi.

Register and get your key in the Lake Superior Hall Lobby. Parking is free of charge in the green and maroon lots, but meters are enforced during the day year round. They have an after-hours number and a call box (218 726 7390) if you arrive on the 10:30pm flight, and if you know this in advance you can send a note to sumhsg@d.umn.edu .

Y'all will be staying in Lake Superior Hall. Linens and light blanket are provided, as well as towels and washcloths. Shared bathrooms, mens and womens floors. Bring your own toiletries. There should be a small refrigerator in each room. Dorms are not air conditioned, but thats probably okay. If you have Housing questions during their visit, staff are available at the lobby window from 8 am - 10 pm.

Follow numerous signs to dining hall from dorms. Meeting is just 50+ steps beyond the dining hall.

People arriving to stay at the Sheraton.

If you are arriving by plane, have their shuttle get you. You might check with them in advance. If you are driving from Chicago, Follow the instructions above, but get off I35 at the Lake Avenue exit, go left, crossing over the highway, then turn right on Superior Street. Sheraton is fourth block on left.

Hotel to meeting

People coming to campus from the Sheraton probably want to park in maroon lot "E". From the Sheraton, take Superior street East to **21st Avenue E and turn up hill. At the top of that road you turn right, merging on to Woodland Ave.** Follow that a few stoplights to St. Marie Street and turn left. Go through one more light and then to the stop sign. Turn left onto Kirby Drive, then shortly turn left again onto Library Dr. and you should be able to pull in to Maroon Lot "E" – parking is free in the maroon lots. Walk into the door by the library and follow the long indoor corridor down to the Kirby Student Center and look for a sign pointing up some random stairs to the "Kirby Rafters" for the MINERvA meeting. The Sheraton is likely willing to send one appropriately timed shuttle trip to campus for people who don't want to drive.

Driving in Wisconsin

Speed limits in Wisconsin are 65 MPH in most places on I94 and US53, which might be lower than you are used to. And the state patrol is reliable about speed traps and they love out-of-state guests.

There is road construction just north of Illinois 64 on Interstate 39 that caused a 5-mile backup the other day. There is road construction at one of the popular Madison exits. There is a mild lane closure in one spot on US53. That's all I know about.

What to do on the drive? Talk physics? Consider putting together the following suggested soundtrack.

Leaving Chicago: Is Chicago, Is Not Chicago by Soul Coughing

Still Leaving Chicago: Hey Chicago by Low

Crossing the WI border: Passenger Side by Wilco

Madison: Walt Whitman by Trampled by Turtles

The Dells: Dream Vacation in the Dells by Gear Daddies*

Mauston to Camp Douglas to Mill Bluff: Driftless by Greg Brown

Stay on I94 at Tomah, WI: Amish Paradise by Weird Al Yankovich

Turning on HWY 53 at Eau Claire: Minnesota, WI by Bon Iver

Bloomer, WI: Dirt Road Blues by Bob Dylan

Rice Lake, WI: It Happens All The Time by Hobo Nephews of Uncle Frank

Solon Springs, WI: Duluth by Trampled by Turtles

You can see Lake Superior: Last Snowstorm of the Year by Low

Crossing the Bridge to Duluth: Outlaw Blues (Bob Dylan) covered by Trampled by Turtles**

* My copy is from a going out of business album called "Can't Have Nothin' Nice", might instead find an mp3 of Martin Zellar doing it solo and admitting it's a bad song about his Aunt.

** My copy is from the Live at Luce EP, recorded at Pizza Luce in Duluth, which is doubly ideal for your purposes. They did this song on tour that year, so other bootlegs are available.

*** Did not choose to, but you could add The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald by Gordon Lightfoot. But I associate it with the Musak in my hotel, not with driving across Wisconsin.