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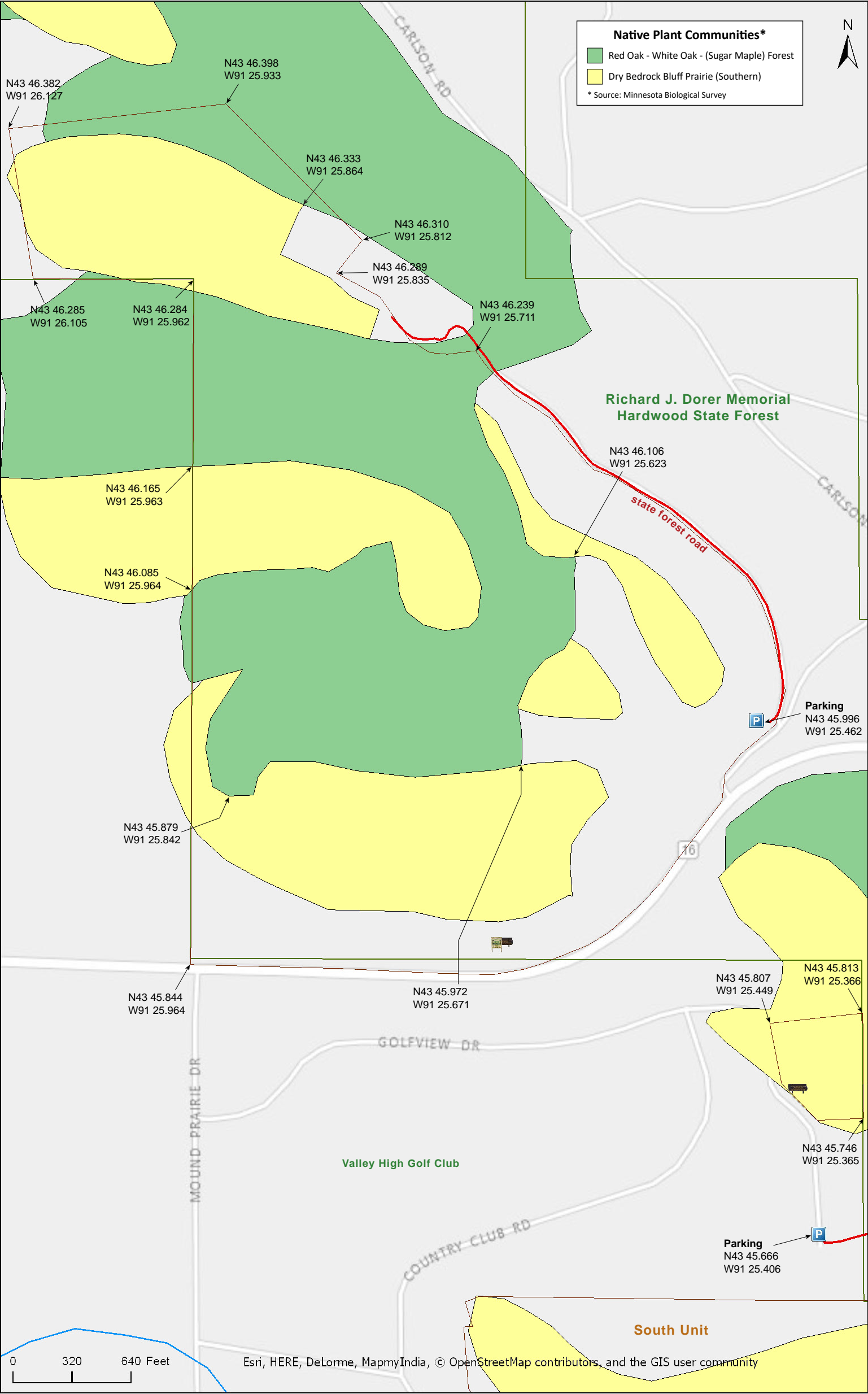
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Directions and Notes from Minnesota DNR

North Unit

Directions: From Hokah 3.5 miles W on MN Hwy 16. Turn NW at Carlson Rd and park in pull-off on W.

Lat/Lon: 43.766605, -91.424359

South Unit

Directions: From Hokah 4 miles W on MN Hwy 16, then 0.1 mile S on Mound Prairie Dr, then 0.6 mile E and S on Golfview Dr. Park at gated dead end and hike forest road E and S into site.

Lat/Lon: 43.761105, -91.42343

This site has no maintained trails or other recreational facilities. This site is in an Audubon Important Bird Area.

Mound Prairie is located within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest, just south of the Root River.

Notes from MinnesotaSeasons.com

Parking

North Unit

N43 45.996, W91 25.462

South Unit

N43 45.666, W91 25.406

Three Units

This SNA consists of three disconnected units. The tiny Central Unit is 2.9 acres of steep bluff prairie. It is 150 yards south of the South Unit parking area on Golfview Dr.

Hiking Trails

Beginning at the South Unit parking spot, a trail follows a forest road east ¼ mile then turns south and enters the SNA. Twenty yards after it turns south look for an orangish-yellow SNA boundary marker a few yards to the left (east). This marks the northern boundary of the SNA. The trail ends here but the forest road continues south to a gate at the southern boundary of the SNA. A second former forest road branches off of this road near the south gate. It leads northwest then west, following a gradually narrowing ridge. It ends just east of a steep slope with an oak forest to the north and bluff prairie to the south. This second forest road is not maintained and is densely overgrown for most of its length with successional shrubs. It is sometimes easier to follow it from a short distance than to try to walk on it.

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