
General

This section provides the basic information about the park or trail and the organizations responsible for it.

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Park or Trail Name	District
Lac qui Parle County Park	3

Location Description

The park is located in Section 31, Lac qui Parle township,
Lac qui Parle County, MN
GPS location at the shelter 44.996873, -95.975187

Park/Trail Address	City
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Park/Trail State	Zip
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Latitude	Longitude
44.99718453	-95.97501326

Map of Park/Trail

Description: Analysis Plan
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Facility Website

Organization
Lac qui Parle County Commissioners

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Regional Significance Statement**Classification**

Special Recreational Feature Park

Overview/Description of Park or Trail

Lac qui Parle County Park is a 226 acres naturally beautiful landscape that straddles the Lac qui Parle river, a winding river whose origin reaches west to the the Buffalo Ridge of eastern South Dakota. Native Americans undoubtedly used this protected place as a safe haven from the prairie winds in their seasonal migration between the Dakota prairie to the Minnesota River Valley. The first settlers to secure U.S. Government land patents in section 30, T118-N R42W of Park lands were Rosetta H Mills (1871), Edwin Nash (1872), Amund Olson (1872) and John Nash (1873); directly adjacent in the W 1/4 of Section 29 was Peter F Jacobson and Hans Hansen (1871) while another Nash, Thomas M (1873) claimed land adjacent in section 31. With all the Nash ownership and with the river lands being quite heavily forested, the Park area quickly became known as Nash's Grove and remains today as a winter sliding destination. Atop a hill on the north side of the park lies the remains of a cemetery whose common stones tell a story of children dieing of disease. The local saddle club has spent some 25 years clearing and maintaining trails that are used year around by hundreds of people for riding and hiking. Please see attached master plan for details.

Total Acreage or Mileage**Acquisition and Development Status**

In preparation for future aquisitions.

0%

Development status

Facility Listing

This section provides an overview of existing and proposed site facilities and general site characteristics .

Existing Facilities

- Camping-cross-section of camper types
- Non-electric campsites
- Group campsites

Other camping-related facilities

Special equestrian events are held near the shelter area allowing room for horse pens, horse trailers and self contained recreational vehicles.

- Picnicking and picnic shelters
- Walking Trails (paved)
- Hiking Trails (natural)
- Mountain Biking Trails (natural)
- Cross-country Skiing Trails
- Horseback Riding Trails (natural)
- Canoeing Facilities
- Play areas, with an outdoor theme
- Archery/Shooting ranges
- Roads and Parking Areas

Proposed Facilities

- Camping-cross-section of camper types
- Hiking Trails (natural)
- Archery/Shooting ranges
- Restrooms/sanitation building

General Site Characteristics

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Description: Lac qui Parle County Park's Regional Setting - Davide Craigmile

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Description: Cliff

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Description: Horses - Rutted Road

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Description: Main Shelter

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Description: River/Rocks Beach Area

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Description: Oellien Memorial Ride

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Description: Playground - Swingset Area

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Description: Rope Swing

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Description: Sledding Hill - Winter

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Site characteristics upload

Description: Sledding Hill - Summer

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Master Plan

Additional Supportive Information:

Classification Details

Special Recreational Feature Park Classification

Provides a High-Quality Outdoor Recreation Experience

Lac qui Parle County Park is a great location to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. The Lac qui Parle River flows through the park allowing opportunities for

recreation such as fishing, canoeing, kayaking and swimming. The park is home to many miles of trails for walking, hiking, bicycling or horseback riding. The park is also home to many wildlife species. If you are looking for a place to unwind and reconnect with nature, Lac qui Parle County Park is the place for you. There is a shelter with picnic tables, there are fire rings, primitive bathrooms soon to be improved and new hydrants for drinking water.

Provides a Natural and Scenic Setting Offering a Compelling Sense of Place

The Lac qui Parle County Park is a natural and primitive park. The landscape transitions from wooded river bottom to natural grass prairie meadows. There is no other place like Lac qui Parle County Park in western Minnesota. The landscape along the river varies widely. When visiting the park you will find areas that flow gently from a hill top down to the river. In other areas you will find a steep clay cliff dropping some 60 feet to the river channel. The park is a great place for watching birds and other animals including but not limited to whitetail deer, beaver, wild turkeys and squirrels.

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Well-located to Serve a Regional Need and/or Tourist Destination

The park is located near US Highways 212, 59 and 75. If you are traveling through the area, it is likely you will be on one of these highways. Lac qui Parle County in recent history is known for its goose hunting. In the fall we see many visitors hunting geese and / or pheasants. Also in the fall many tourists visit the area for the Meander. The Meander is a weekend that local artists open up their shops to visitors and share their talents. Throughout the spring and summer avid bird watchers frequent the area. The annual Audubon Society Salt Lake bird count find the county park to be one of their destinations. In the spring and fall local high school cross country and track teams will use the terrain in the park to train. On a historical note the village of Williamsburg was plotted at or near the park. It was likely the first community plotted in Lac qui Parle County but failed likely due to its isolated location.

Fills a Gap in Recreational Opportunity within the Region

The County Park has been used by horse back riders for many years. The saddle clubs and individuals have been riding the trails for over 60 years. There have been three different saddle clubs who have used this park regularly over the years. Each year the trails need to be groomed and kept up for the riding season. Currently we have about six miles of trails. We don't have a guest book but we know that there are riders that come from all over Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

There are scheduled rides, sponsored by the saddle clubs and one large ride for St. Jude Children's Hospital. One family group of about 20 spend an entire week at the park.

Since we don't have a guest book, it becomes hard to have exact number, however, we do know that there are groups of two to ten that come to ride on their own on week-ends and the 4-H group will have twenty plus. The St. Jude Children's hospital Labor Day ride numbers around one hundred. The Minnesota

Trail Riders Assn. has also used the park for their statewide ride.

There is no other place in the area like Lac qui Parle County Park. The trails in the park are exceptional for hiking, running and mountain biking. A recent visitor from Milbank, SD stated "I love the county park! I go there every year for the Labor Day St. Jude fundraiser ride and any chance I get. When people ask where I ride, I tell them "you need to go to the Lac Qui Parle County Park!?"

In reference to the history of the park the area known as Nash's Grove has been a sledding destination for many generations.

Attachments

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Location Map	Location map added from general tab	1435013613136-Park overview map.pdf
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Resolution	County Commissioners resolution of support	1435085265811-County Park Reg Park Resolution (signed).pdf
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