

Lac qui Parle County Park - Pristine and Historically Significant

The early pioneer families were attracted to section 30 of Lac qui Parle township by its rich diversity of soil, water, timber and wildlife resources along with its inherent scenic beauty of setting along the Lac qui Parle River. These early families consisted of the Amund Olson in the NW 1/4, William Mills in the NE 1/4, John Nash in the SW 1/4 and Edwin Nash in the SE 1/4. The early pioneers also initiated a city, church and cemetery in section 30 with only traces of the cemetery existing yet today. Adjacent on the north in section 19, a future Minnesota governor was born and raised. Theodore Christenson, the 21st governor of Minnesota, later built a summer home that still stands today on a scenic overlook of the Lac qui Parle River and County Park lands. The Park seasonally displays a real-time virtual classroom for the study of the Earth & water sciences along with the associated rich flora & fauna. Enjoy, learn & respect!



We have been making improvements to the LqP County Park

With funds from the Minnesota Trail Riders Association and Lac qui Parle County a solar powered deep well and two hydrants were installed in 2015.

Thanks to donations by Jon Willand, the Minnesota Trail Riders Association and Lac qui Parle County, a Huffcutt bathroom was installed in June of 2016.



The Park board is actively engaged in removal of underbrush and unwanted trees to preserve many beautiful Oak trees that are the trademark of the Park.

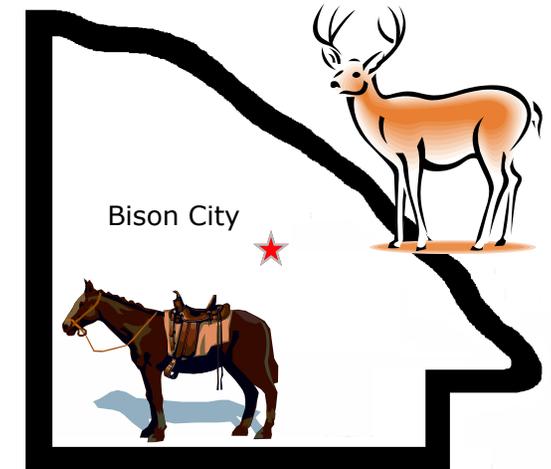
The Park hosts MTRA state trial rides as well as the long standing St Jude Ride over Labor Day which raises funds for St Jude Hospital. The local trail riders spend substantial hours maintaining some 4 or more miles of trail in the park.

The Park board with help from the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission has recently obtained Regional Park Status with the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission.



The Lac qui Parle County Park

Where the county began!



Preserving a rich heritage while educating today's generation and conserving substantial pristine resources for the future generations. dac



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The founders of nearby LqP Lutheran held their first church services under a tree in the park about 1870.



The summer home of Theodore Christianson (1883-1948) overlooks the LqP river near the park. Born in LqP County, his many accomplishments include Editor of the Dawson Sentinel and Governor of Minnesota.



Eagles nest in the park.



An epidemic struck the early settlers during late 1870's. Many of the markers are for children.



The local saddle club has been instrumental in creating and maintaining extensive trails and shelters in the park.

Co Rd 27



West Entrance



Spiny softshell-turtles thrive here.



Archery deer hunting in season is allowed in the park.



Canoe landing

New trail



A beautiful oak grove thrives along the river where there is a shelter, playground equipment and bathrooms.



The village of Bison City was platted in late 1870.



Families find the trails and playground equipment inviting.

Numerous scouting events are held in the park.



Catfish and northern pike live in the LqP River.



A large flock of wild turkeys make this section of the LqP river their home.



East Entrance



Snow makes the long hills excellent for sledding.

Kayak & canoe to and from the park canoe landing. There are several drop off and pick up locations on the LqP river.



A geological history is visible along the cut banks of LqP River.

Leave a Legacy by donating to preserve this history and beauty in the center of LqP Parle County.