

Lake Hanska County Park

Historic Lake Hanska County Park offers a quiet rural park close to a wide variety of activities. Shaded, level campsites with electric hookups are part of this Brown County Park located 17 miles southwest of New Ulm. The campground also includes a large tent camping area, clean restrooms with showers, sanitary dump and firewood for sale.

Lake Hanska County Park has a variety of historic highlights including a log cabin built in the 1850's, an old fort site, and interpretive signage. There is also a DNR public lake access and fishing pier, playground, hiking and cross country skiing trails, sand swimming beach and a variety of picnic areas. Three picnic shelters can be reserved, at a nominal fee, for family or large group gatherings. The park is located a short driving distance from a variety of regional celebrations.

Archaeologists have determined from their excavations that pre-historic hunting people occupied this place from about 500 B.C. to 1000 A.D.. Agricultural tribes occupied the area from this time until the first contact with Europeans. A lake restoration project was completed in 2000 to improve fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational use of Lake Hanska. The lake dredging project removed 4,816,375 cubic yards of lake sediment from the lake area southwest and immediately northwest of the park, deepening most of this area to an average 12' water depth.

A channel constructed in 1988 connecting Lake Hanska and the basin adjacent to the campground allows boat access to the camping area. A variable crest dam was installed at the Lake Hanska outlet to allow controlled partial drawdowns of the lake level to promote emergent vegetation along the shoreline in the upper 1500 acres of the lake, which improves waterfowl habitat and wa-

ter clarity.

The Omsrud-Torgrimson log cabin was the first log cabin built in this area. The cabin was built around 1857 by the Omsrud/Thordson and Torgrimson families, immigrants from Valdres, Norway. The Thordson's occupied it until 1953. In 1986, Omsrud (Thordson) -Torgrimson descendants moved the cabin to this site. The cabin stands as a memorial to all Norwegian pioneers who were the first Europeans to permanently settle this part of Brown County.

Several kiosks throughout the park provide additional historic and present day information for park visitors.



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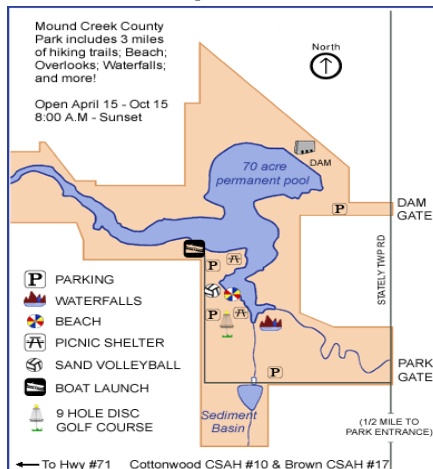
Mound Creek County Park is located at the site of the Wellner-Hageman Flood Control Dam in the southwestern corner of the county. The park was dedicated on August 15, 1993. The flood control dam, permanent pool, sediment basins, and park include 316 acres.

Mound Creek County Park is a "day-use" park, open from 8:00 AM until sunset from April 15 - October 15. It offers a 9 hole disk golf course, 2 picnic shelters, beach, boat launch, fishing, sand volleyball, open play areas and hiking. The park is also the site

of historic petroglyphs, and features a waterfall in the picnic area.

The Wellner-Hageman Dam creates a 70 acre reservoir which partially fills narrow valleys that now provide excellent canoeing opportunities.

Park Caretaker Gary Schenk



Tremi County Park

Tremi County Park covers 18.2 acres in Section 32 of Leavenworth Township in Brown County. The park is on the East shore of Altermatt Lake and includes over 4,000' of shoreline.

In November 1987, the land was donated to Brown County by the Church of the Japanese Martyrs of Leavenworth for use as a day use park for picnicking and hiking.

The park was developed on the former Tremi farmsite.

This is a day-use park offering a picnic shelter,

shore fishing, open play areas and hiking trails in a quiet, rural setting. It was dedicated on Sunday June 6, 1993.

Park Caretaker David Helget



Lost Dog & Fox Hunters Park

Located approximately 5 miles south of New Ulm, Lost Dog and Fox Hunter's County Park offers a quiet, shaded setting on the edge of Clear Lake. The park is named for the Lost Dog and Fox Hunter's Club. The Club donated the land and provided funds to develop the park area.

There are 360 feet of lake frontage with a dock for easy shore fishing. This day-use park also offers two picnic shelters, sand volleyball, playground equipment and open play areas.

The DNR has a public water access on the adjacent property for boat launching.

Park Caretaker Jeff Hoffmann

