

Mack Lake County Park



Mack Lake County Park offers a newly constructed shelter that is great for hosting get-togethers, as well as a new toilet. Fishing and camping are the main draws to park. During times of high water, the park is subject to flooding.

Birch Coulee County Park

Although it is named after the paper Birch trees, Birch Coulee County Park is better known for the neighboring Birch Coulee Battlefield. On September 1, 1862, over 150 US volunteer soldiers, commanded by Major Joseph R. Brown, were on a scouting mission. They set up camp along Birch Coulee Creek. At day-break, the Dakota attacked, thus initiating a 36 hour long battle to regain their homeland. On September 3rd, 240 relief soldiers from Fort Ridgely arrived and the Dakota retreated. The battle, known as the Battle of Birch Coulee, was one of the bloodiest and deadliest battles throughout the Dakota War of 1862.

Visitors can enjoy the park amenities, which includes a shelter, water, toilets, camping—both rustic and with electrical hook-ups, and picnic areas.



Skalbekken County Park



Skalbekken County Park became Renville County's first park in 1967. The original deed to the initial 300 acres belonged to Ole Salbekken, grandfather of former Renville County Commissioner Odean Skalbeck. Skalbeck's log house, originally built in 1868, still remains within the park.

Skalbekken County Park amenities include toilets, water, picnic areas, rustic camping areas, shelters, and horse trails and camps with picket lines and manure bunkers.

The river contains over 70 species of fish—great for fisherman!

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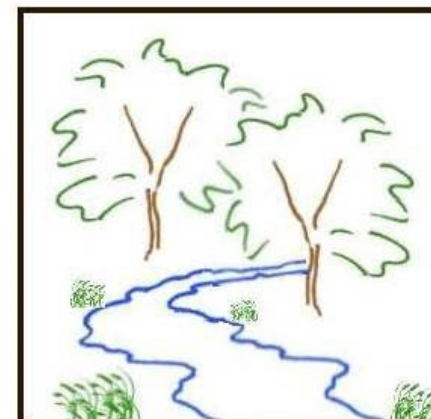
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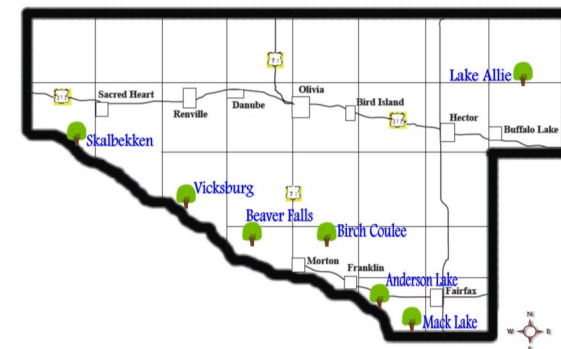
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Anderson Lake County Park



Anderson Lake County Park serves as a part of the West Central Minnesota Watershed. It feeds into the Minnesota River. Anderson Lake County Park formed when the Minnesota River Valley was carved into the landscape by the massive glacial River Warren that occurred with the collapse of Lake Agassiz between 11,700 and 9,400 BC at the end of the last ice age.

During times of high water, the park is subject to flooding. Shore line fishing is the principle feature of this park. This is a day use park and camping is not available.

Vicksburg County Park



Vicksburg County Park is named after a town that was nearby in the 1860s until 1905. The park is home to the County's first businesses: a trading post by French fur traders back in 1783; a fur trading post in 1833 run by Joseph Renville, whom the County was named after; and a freight line company from the mid-1800's.

The park features ancient granite and gneiss outcrops, a large sandbar, and oxbow ponds. Thanks to the outcrops, Vicksburg is home to the Five Lined Skink, Juniper Hairstreak Butterflies, and many other reptiles.

Visitors can enjoy the park amenities, which include a shelter, water, toilets, rustic camping, and picnic areas. The river is great for fishing, as well as canoeing and playing in the sandbar.

Beaver Falls County Park



Beaver Falls County Park is divided into two parts. The lower half features wooded ravines and Beaver Creek. Beaver Creek was formed when the Minnesota River Valley was carved into the landscape by the massive glacial known as River Warren. This glacial occurred with the collapse of Lake Agassiz, somewhere between 11,700 and 9,400 BC.

The old town of Beaver Falls once boasted a population of 500 people. It was the seat of Renville County from 1860-1900. Remnants of some of the buildings still remain.

The newly designed Beaver Creek Recreational Area consists of a shelter, toilets, water, fire pit, ample parking, as well as a few walking/hiking trails.

Lake Allie County Park



Lake Allie County Park amenities include toilets, picnic areas, camping areas, along with 16 RV sites with water and electrical hookups, a playground, waste dump station, and a fishing pier.

Lake Allie County Parks is the second largest lake within Renville County, covering 451 acres. It was deeded to Renville County back in 1969 from the Buffalo Lake Road and Gun Club and the Lake Allie Park Association.

Wildlife that you may see at Lake Allie County Park include bats, chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons, reptiles, and various song birds. Fishing at the park may net you black crappies, blue gills, or walleyes.