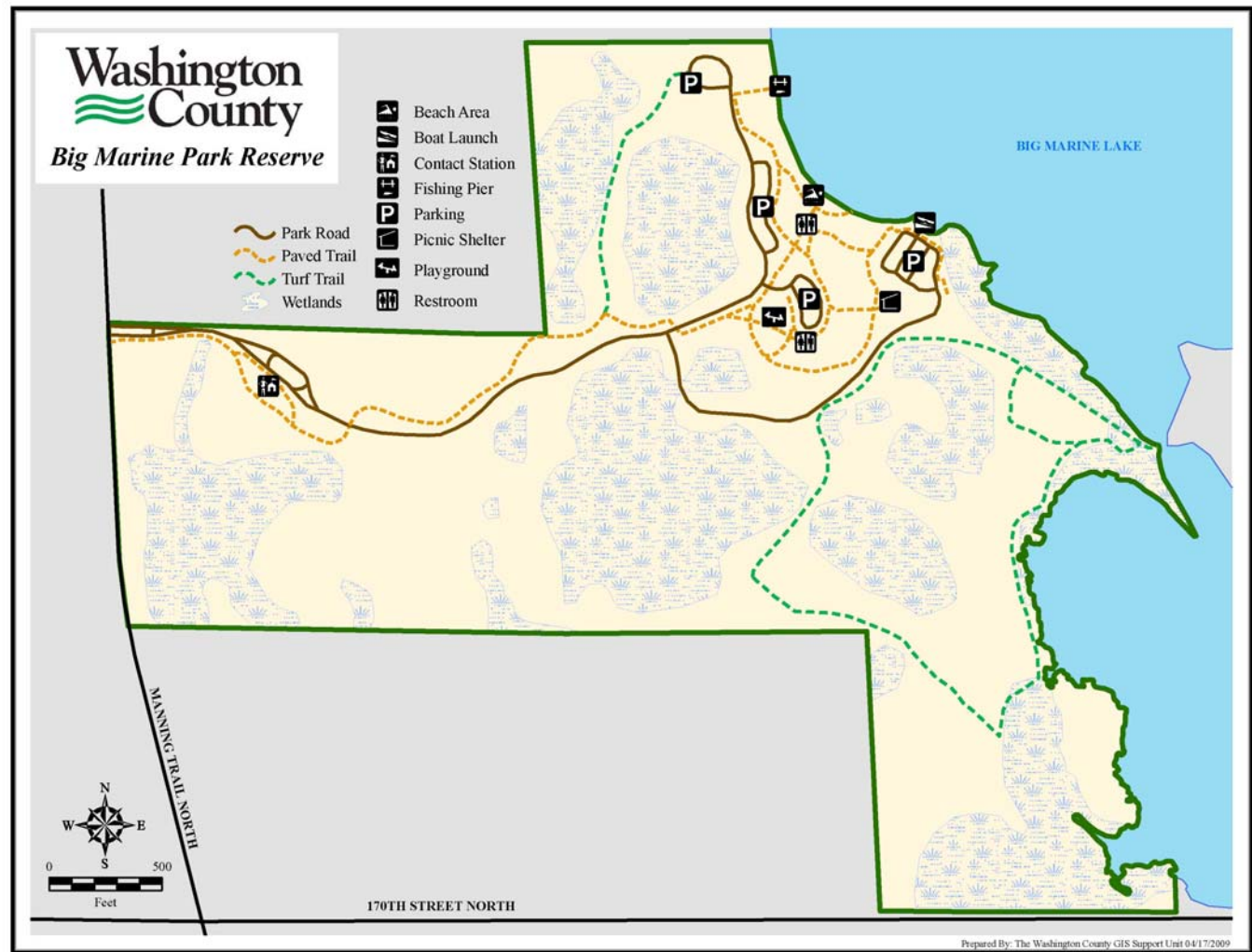
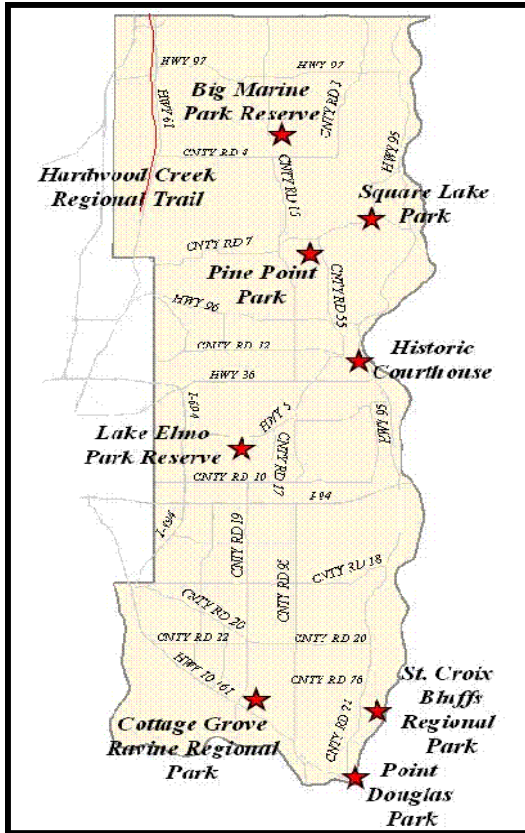


# Enjoy the Washington County Parks



## Facilities

### Boat Launch:

Located on the south shore of Big Marine Lake is a double lane boat launch. There are spaces for 31 boat trailers plus two reserved for handicapped permits. If the spaces are full, you must wait until a space opens up before launching. The lake is a great fishery, with populations of bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, and walleye.

### Fishing Pier:

A 100ft handicap accessible fishing pier is located north of the beach. Fishing equipment is available.

### Picnic Area:

Picnic tables and charcoal grills are available.

### Picnic Shelter:

The 420 square foot picnic shelter overlooks the lake and boat launch area. It can be reserved by calling the park office. Electricity is also available.

### Trails:

A paved trail enters the park from Manning Avenue and provides access to the developed part of the park. About two miles of turf trails also offer opportunities for hiking through the woods and wetlands of Big Marine Park Reserve. The turf trail is also groomed for classic cross-country skiing in the winter .

### Swimming Beach:

The gentle grade of Big Marine Lake makes this beach great for families. Lifeguards are on duty daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m. mid-June through mid-August. Please call the office for specific dates and to obtain group swim information. Groups arriving without pre-authorization will not be allowed to swim.

### Playground:

A highly accessible playground features a towering 18-foot slide, a colossal climbing rock and a 20 foot geodesic climbing web. The playground offers separate structures for tots and older children. A modern restroom is available nearby.

## Address

Big Marine Park Reserve is located in northern Washington County at 17495 Manning Trail, Marine, Minnesota 55047. The entrance is located on Manning Trail (County Road 15) just north of County Road 4 in May Township.

## Fees

A **Washington County** vehicle permit is required on all motorized vehicles. Please purchase this at the park office or the honor box near the park entrance. Annual vehicle permits are valid for a full year from the date of purchase. The Washington County Park vehicle permit also provides free admittance to Anoka and Carver County Parks.

## Parks Hours

**Park:** 7:00 a.m. until 1/2 hour after sunset.

**Beach:** Memorial Weekend through July 31,  
9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.  
August 1 through Labor Day,  
9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Boat Launch:** 6:00 a.m. until 1/2 hour after sunset  
Parking for vehicles with trailers allowed in designated lots only.

## Park Rules

For the protection of park resources and facilities and for the enjoyment of all visitors, please observe all regulations posted throughout the park:

- ◆ Dogs are only allowed in parking lots or hiking trails and must be leashed.
- ◆ Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, including 3.2 beer, is prohibited.
- ◆ Please refrain from smoking at the beach and the playground.
- ◆ All floatation devices including water wings, air mattresses and noodles are not permitted. Coast Guard approved life jackets are allowed.
- ◆ Glass containers are not permitted in the beach area.

## Big Marine Park Reserve

Washington County Parks proudly welcomes you to Big Marine Park Reserve. The park opened in 2008 and includes a boat launch, swimming beach, picnic area and shelter, a large creative playground, hiking trails and a park office. Future park plans include: family and group camping and additional miles of hiking and biking trails.

### The Land

Scandinavian immigrants settled the area 150 years ago and farmed much of it. A community grew and prospered around the lake for several generations. As the Twin Cities grew, the deep, clean waters of Big Marine Lake attracted new residents to the area. The unique lake and surrounding woods and wetlands were identified for preservation over 30 years ago. The rolling hills and numerous wetlands in the park are part of the St. Croix ground moraine landscape type, one of eight unique landscape types identified for protection in the Twin Cities. Big Marine Park Reserve will eventually contain 1,800 acres and will remain 80% undeveloped. Currently 657 acres have been acquired.

### Natural Resources and Sustainability

Proper stewardship of water, trees, animals and other resources is of strong importance to Big Marine Park Reserve. Efforts have been made to restore human impacts on the park's landscapes.

### Recycling

What better way to conserve natural resources than recycling at the parks! Recycling bins for both bottles and cans are available at each park building.



**Directions: 651-430-8368**  
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