**WELCOME**

Washington County Parks provides a gateway to scenic landscapes and treasured natural resources, unique to the Twin Cities region. With more than 4,400 acres of parkland, Washington County provides a variety of ways to discover and enjoy the outdoors.

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**RESERVATIONS**

Washington County Parks reserves entrance, picnic pavilions, and ballparks or reading rooms. Reservations can be made by contacting the appropriate park office directly. Reservations for campgrounds can be made by phone or online at [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us).

**REGULATIONS**

**Red Wine/Beer:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted.

**Parking:** Please park in a designated parking area.

**Pets:** are allowed in parking areas and designated camping areas by park rule 1 in a maximum single-site limit of all times. 

**Trash & Recycling:** Please keep our parks clean by disposing of waste and recycling contents. Please follow posted regulations within the Parks.

**VEHICLE PERMITS**

Washington County Parks is available by vehicle permit only. The permits are sold on a daily, week, or annual basis and parking permits can be purchased at all park entrances. **Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas.**

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**Big Marine Park Reserve**

Big Marine Park Reserve is located in May Township. The park features unique natural landscapes, including the St. Croix Valley Moraine and high-quality upland and wetland wildlife habitat. Other features include a beach and boat access to beautiful Big Marine Lake.

**Hardwood Creek Regional Trail**

The Hardwood Creek Regional Trail is a 10-mile trail in northeastern Washington County. The trail consists of paved and unpaved parallel routes primarily along State Highway 61 in Hugo and Forest Lake. The separate unpaved routes are available to horseback riders in the summer and snowmobilers in the winter.

**Lake Elmo Park Reserve**

Lake Elmo Park Reserve resides in Lake Elmo and consists of 3,000+ acres. The park features a wide variety of outdoor activities for visitors, including a man-made swim pond which is filtered and chlorinated. Visitors also enjoy access to Eagle Point Lake and Lake Elmo.

**Point Douglas Regional Trail**

Point Douglas is a 10-acre park in southeast Washington County. The park offers a swim beach and functions as a trailhead for the Point Douglas Regional Trail. Check out the great views of St. Croix River, which makes a great backdrop for picnics.

**St Croix Bluffs Regional Park**

St Croix Bluffs Regional Park resides in Denmark Township, along the shores of the St. Croix River, a nationally-recognized wild and scenic river route. Popular features include access to the river and a variety of outdoor activities and camping opportunities.

**Square Lake Park**

Square Lake is in May Township and is a regional feature renowned for its beautiful St. Croix River.

**Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park**

Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park resides in Cottage Grove and consists of 500+ acres of hills and forested routes. The park features non-motorized boat access to Ravine Lake, a popular fishing lake. The trails and playground offer additional recreational opportunities.

**Historic Courthouse**

The Historic Courthouse, located in Stillwater, is on the National Register of Historic Places. The facility was originally built in 1879. It stands tall today, having been restored to display its original Victorian glory. It serves as a special event space and provides educational tours showcasing the County’s history.

**Pine Point Regional Park**

Pine Point Regional Park resides in Stillwater Township and serves as a trailhead to the Gateway State Trail, a popular multi-use trail in the region. In addition, a variety of soft-surface trails guide park users through hardwood forests, prairies, and wetlands. The park also features views of Louise Lake and Loon Lake.

**Point Douglas Regional Trail**

The Point Douglas Regional Trail is a 2.5-mile paved trail in southeastern Washington County. The trail runs parallel to Highway 1010 from Point Douglas Park into Hastings. The trail features scenic views of the Mississippi and St Croix River. Also, the trail links with neighboring trail systems, connecting two states and three counties.

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**TRAILS**

Over 75 miles of trail and paved trails are offered for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding and other multi-use in Washington County Parks and Regional Trails.

**PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

Educational nature programs, outdoor recreation seminars and special events, and an annual bluegrass music festival are just several examples of the activities offered year-round.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Washington County Parks is a natural resource-based park system which provides unique and passive recreational opportunities for people to experience and appreciate wildlife, plants and water they depend upon.

The park system is enhanced through invasive plant removal, and minimizing park vegetation. Over 75 miles of turf and paved trails are available – rustic, hike-in, modern, and St. Croix Bluffs and Pine Point Regional Trail.

**BEACHES**

Washington County Parks features beaches in five of its parks. Big Marine and Square Lake have both lakeshore beaches. The Lake Elmo Swim Park is a man-made, sand-bottom, and filtered, featuring shade structures and a concession stand. St. Croix Bluffs and Point Douglas both have beaches on the beautiful St. Croix River.

**PICNIC PAVILIONS**

Gather your group at a Washington County Park! Picnic pavilions of all sizes are available for reservations. Picnic Pavilions are a great place for family gatherings, company parties, or other special events.

**CAMPGROUNDS**

Spend the night in a Washington County Park! Washington County operates campsites in Lake Elmo Park Reserve and Big Marine Park Reserve. A variety of camping experiences are available – rustic, hike-in, modern, and St. Croix Bluffs and Pine Point Regional Trail.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

The Washington County Park system is committed to preserving and enhancing the natural resources of our parks, including trees, water, soil, and wildlife, through a variety of conservation projects. The park system is enhanced through invasive plant removal, and minimizing park vegetation. Over 75 miles of turf and paved trails are available – rustic, hike-in, modern, and St. Croix Bluffs and Pine Point Regional Trail.

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