

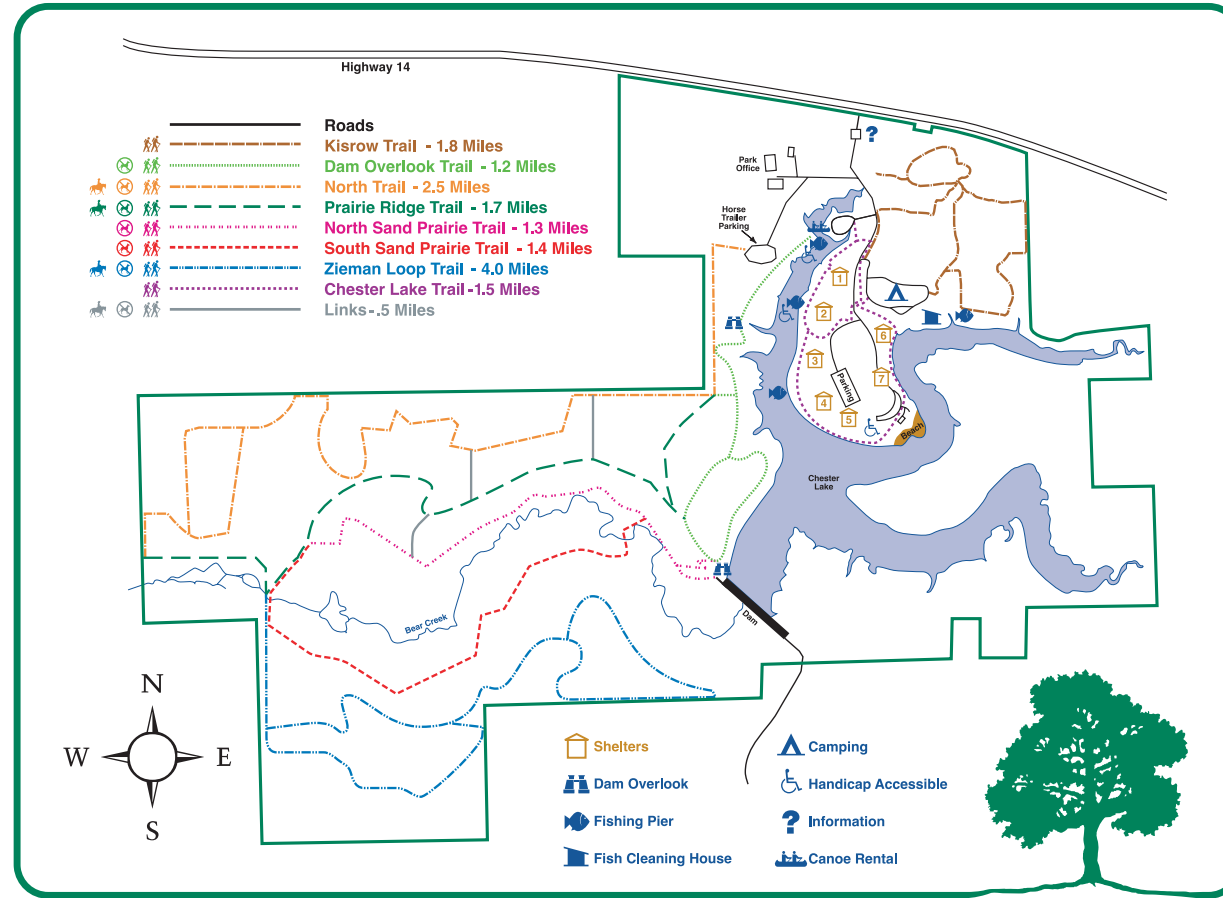
Entrance Permits:

All vehicles entering the park are required to display either an annual or daily entrance permit. Permits may be purchased at the park entrance.

- \$5.00 daily or \$25.00 annually.
- \$5.00 daily or \$20.00 annually for Senior Citizens.

Local Area:

- Nearest town to the park is Eyota, 3 miles east on Highway 14.
- A convenience store and gas station are located 1 mile west on Highway 14.
- Small game hunting is prohibited in the park, but deer hunting on a lottery basis is allowed to keep populations in check.
- Violation of park regulations is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and/or jail term.



Chester Woods Park



Open Daily
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Located 7 Miles East of
Rochester, Minnesota on Highway 14

Vehicle Entry Permits Required

Background:

Purchased from private developers to assist in the flood control project for the City of Rochester, Chester Woods was finished in late 1994. Federal funding was used in the construction of the park and dam. Total cost of the project was approximately \$5,000,000.

Flora and Fauna:

The park contains significant populations of:

- Whitetail Deer
- Wild Turkeys
- Remnant Communities of native prairie plants are scattered throughout the park. These remnants are managed to reduce invasion by other species and encourage propagation of the prairie.

Chester Woods Park
8378 Highway 14 East
Eyota, MN 55934
507 285-7050



Welcome to the 1330 acres of Chester Woods Park!



Chester Woods Park is located on the headwaters of Bear Creek in the rugged bluff country of Southeastern Minnesota.

Park Facilities:

The Park surrounds 118 acre Chester Lake and provides facilities for:

- **Camping**

52 Unit campground loops through a wooded area.

37 Sites have electrical hook-ups.

Restrooms with showers.

Water spigots scattered throughout the campground.

Dump station.

Handicapped accessible (2 sites).

Naturalist Staff will occasionally present programs for campers and park visitors on weekends throughout the Summer.

- **Camping continued...**

2 sets of playground equipment are located near the campsites along with several informal play fields.

The larger set of playground equipment is handicapped accessible.

Reservations

Reservations may be made in person or by mail, but will be accepted only when accompanied by advance payment in full.

Reservations must be for a minimum of two nights (three nights on holiday weekends).



Reservations must be received a minimum of five days prior to the reservation date.

Group camping is not allowed.

Pets must be leashed at all times and are not allowed outside the developed area.

Camping Fees:

\$18.00 for campsites with electricity.

\$15.00 for campsites without electricity.

- **Picnicking**

7 separate picnic areas, each with its own covered shelter and hard surface parking area.

- **Trails**

Motorized vehicles and bicycles are restricted to improved roads and designated trails only.

On dual use trails shared with horses, give horseback riders warning of your approach and give them right of way to assure safety for riders and others

Hiking

A mile long hard surfaced trail links the campground, boat launch, fishing pier, and picnic areas. Approximately 15 miles of primitive trails loop through undeveloped areas of the park.

Equestrian

Trails may be closed if conditions are deemed unfit or unsafe by the park manager. Call ahead for information: 507.285.7050.

Bridle permit required for each mount. \$6.00 daily or \$30.00 annually.

Cross Country Skiing

Eight miles of groomed ski trails.



- **Swimming**

Swimming beach with beach house, showers, dressing room, and storage lockers.

Vending machines are available on the patio overlooking the beach.

Lifeguards are NOT provided.

- **Canoeing**

Rental Rates:
\$6.00/Hour
\$25.00/Day
\$10.00 Key Deposit

Boat launch and parking for fishermen and boaters. Canoe rental is available.

Gasoline motors are prohibited, but electric trolling motors may be used.

- **Fishing**

The lake has been stocked with largemouth bass, panfish, and channel catfish.

Minnesota fishing regulations are in effect and a fishing license is required.

Vehicles displaying proper handicapped insignia may access the fishing pier via the asphalt surfaced hiking trail.