



some of the most scenic terrain found in S.E. Minnesota. The park is on the Minnesota Natural History Registry as one of the few remaining strongholds for several species of endangered flora and fauna.

Oxbow Park, in cooperation with Friends of Oxbow volunteer organization, offers a ten-week summer intern program for two college students seeking professions in fields related to biology, parks and recreation, natural history or environmental education.

Interns participate in the life and routine of Zollman Zoo and the greater park area under the direction and supervision of permanent staff members. The daily responsibilities of the interns involves cleaning and maintenance, care and feeding of the zoo

Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo feature an animal shelter housing wildlife native to Minnesota. All animals on exhibit are non-releasable because of physical injuries or prolonged habitation with humans. A nature center, constructed in 1982, displays several species of Minnesota snakes. More than 40,000 visitors come to the zoo and nature center annually. They participate in a variety of environmental classes.

The greater park area includes: four picnic areas, campgrounds, and about 12 miles of hiking trails in



residents, and other chores. Animal care is only a small part of park life when consideration is given to the thousands of visitors that come each summer to enjoy all types of recreational activities. Answering questions, serving as resource persons, and giving assistance in a variety of ways will offer each intern many learning experiences.

About 10,000 persons participate in the educational programs offered by Oxbow staff and volunteers each year. During the summer months interns have an opportunity to excel in information gathering, program designing, and public speaking as they assume the responsibility for many of these presentations.

General park work in the form of mowing, painting, minor repairs on park property, trail maintenance, and

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enforcement of park rules offer never an idle or dull moment to any day at the park.

Individuals who have interned at Oxbow have gone on in a variety of professions. Conservation officers, wildlife and forestry professionals, teachers, naturalists and nature center administrators to name just a few.

Independent thinking and decision making are qualities encouraged by all staff members. We feel this experience will most certainly help you grow toward your chosen profession.

- Limited On-site Housing
- Stipend Provided
- 40 Hour Work Week

For more details and job application, send self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Oxbow Park Internship Program  
5731 County Road 105 NW  
Byron MN 55902  
507-775-2451

*“As I reflect on my career as a naturalist I realize I would not be where I am today without my experience at Oxbow Park. Through hands-on learning I realized how to awaken the enthusiasm of not only children, but adults to discover the world through exploration. Due to the internship at Oxbow Park my career has developed into an exciting position as an Education Coordinator. I highly recommend this internship to any person who admires and respects nature.”*

*J. Brommerich*





*Animal Science had to offer. At Oxbow I learned quickly more hands-on information about wildlife, natural resources, animal husbandry, and park management than I could have at any lecture at college. I suggest interning at Oxbow to anyone who is interested in learning more about our valuable environment."*

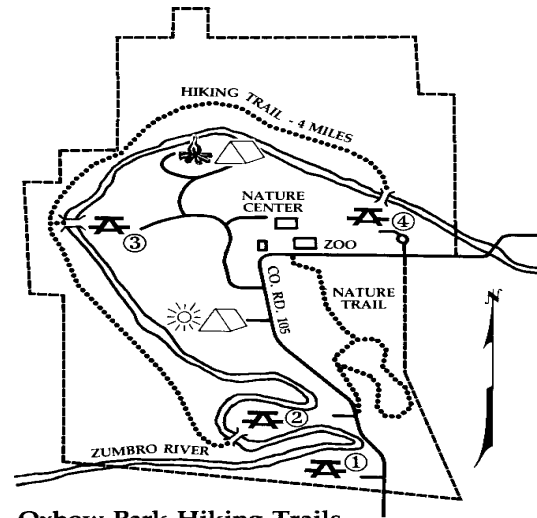
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## Olmsted County's Oxbow Park

Located 3 1/2 miles north of Byron, Minnesota on County Road 105. A unique 572 acre park facility.



### Oxbow Park Hiking Trails and Picnic Areas



### Hours:

Open Daily, 7:00 a.m. To 10:00 p.m.

### Nature Center Open

12:00 to 4:00 p.m., Labor to Memorial Day  
12:00 to 6:00 p.m., Memorial to Labor Day

### Zollman Zoo Open

12:00 to 4:00 p.m., Labor to Memorial Day  
12:00 to 8:00 p.m., Memorial to Labor Day

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# Intern Opportunities



## Oxbow Nature Center And Zollman Zoo

**Byron, Minnesota**

*"As I planned my life and pursued a career as a veterinarian. I wanted experiences that would expose me to all the possibilities Biology and*

