

## Park Amenities

### Path of Imagination

Our 2-acre natural playscape area is primarily constructed with natural materials allowing visitors of all ages and abilities to challenge their imagination.



### Trails & Hiking

Approximately 8 miles of primitive trails wind through the prairies and wooded hills of Oxbow Park. The trails are marked with signs at intersections and maps are available at the nature center.

Pets are allowed on a leash on the campground trail, campground area, picnic areas, parking lots, and roadways.



## Winter Recreation

### Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

There are 2.5 miles of groomed ski trail with track set for classic cross-country skiing. Cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals are available in the nature center daily from 10am to 4pm.



## Plants and Wildlife

The park has an abundant and diverse population of wildlife.

- Over 150 species of upland and woodland birds and waterfowl have been seen here.
- A diversity of insects, including many butterfly species, pollinate plants and feed numerous birds, reptiles, and amphibians.
- Remnant communities of native prairie plants reside in the park. These are managed to reduce invasion by alien species and encourage propagation of the native plants and animals.



### Olmsted County's Oxbow Park

Located 3 1/2 miles north of Byron, Minnesota on County Road 105

### Nature Center & Zollman Zoo Hours

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed: New Years, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas

### Park Hours

Open Daily 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### OXBOW PARK

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# OXBOW PARK

Byron, Minnesota

Open Year-Round!



624 Acres of Natural Beauty!

## MISSION STATEMENT OLMSTED COUNTY PARKS

The mission of Olmsted County Parks is to foster an appreciation of the natural world through environmental education, natural resource management, and public participation in the stewardship of our park lands.

## VISION

Learning life-long lessons in natural places.

## Oxbow Nature Center and Zollman Zoo

Open Daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Park Hours

Open Daily: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.





## Welcome to Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo!

Oxbow Park is located along the South Branch of the middle fork of the Zumbro River as it winds through the park creating “oxbow” bends in the river, that resemble an ox yoke, giving the park its name.

### History

The initial 465 acres of land was purchased in 1967. In 1974, an additional 107 acres north of the park were purchased, protecting the park from future development. A long-time park advocate, Dr. David Donald, donated 52 acres to Oxbow Park in 1998 bringing the total size of the park to 624 acres.

### Zollman Zoo and Nature Center

The Zollman Zoo houses over 40 native Minnesota animal species including mammals, birds of prey, reptiles, amphibians, and fish.

These animals are non-releasable due to injuries or being born in captivity. Our native animals provide countless opportunities for learning through Oxbow Park’s environmental education program. Our zoo is named in honor of Dr. Paul E. Zollman in recognition of the many contributions varying from donated vet care to the zoo, animal science studies, and rehabilitation services for wild animals.

Public programs are offered on weekends and evenings throughout the year and are typically free of charge. A schedule of these activities is available online or by calling the nature center. Donations are accepted at the door to help keep the Zollman Zoo admission free.



### Picnicking

The park offers four picnic areas; Caulfield, Main, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridge. Each picnic area has at least one covered pavilion, Main picnic area has three covered pavilions. All pavilions are available for rent, contact the park nature center to make reservations. Pets are allowed on a leash at the picnic areas.



### Camping

- 30-unit campground loops near the Zumbro River.
- 15 sites with electrical hook-up.
- Restrooms with showers.
- Water spigots located throughout the campground.
- Dump station.
- 3 ADA accessible sites.
- Playground equipment near campsites, short hike to the Path of Imagination, Zollman Zoo and nature center.

### Camping Fees

\$30.00 for electric campsites. \$25.00 for non-electric campsites. Camping reservations for the upcoming camping year will be taken on or after January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reservations can be made online (credit card), or in person (cash, check, or credit card). There is a \$5 fee if making a reservation online.

### Firewood

Due to the threat of Emerald Ash Borer disease, only wood sold by the park, pre-bundled firewood with DNR certification of disease and invasive species free or untreated lumber is permitted.

### Pets

Pets must be leashed **AT ALL TIMES** and are allowed at the picnic areas, campground, on the campground trail, and on the roads. Owners must clean up after their pets. Please read pet signage carefully.

