

APPENDIX C
EXAMPLES OF GREATER MINNESOTA REGIONAL PARKS
Spring, 2003

1. Hormel Nature Center: (City of Austin): 279 acres. Interpretive center and nature/hiking trails. Potential addition of 62 acres planned. Visited by 30,000 people annually, including over 10,000 area students and families.
2. Chilton County Park (Becker County): 205 acres. Provides boat launch, fishing, swimming and picnicking.
3. Three Island Lake County Park (Beltrami County): Approximately 3,000 acres. Provides boat launch, fishing pier, camping, and hiking trails.
4. Graves Farm County Park: (Benton County): 289 acres. In the planning stages for development. Will likely include trails, educational opportunities, picnicking, etc. Over 3,300 feet of Mississippi River frontage. Borders 220 acre DNR Wildlife Management Area and across the river from a 230 acre Stearns County park.
5. Bray Park (Blue Earth County): Approximately 100 acres. Facilities include a swimming beach, campground, boating, fishing, picnicking, nature trails, and interpretive center.
6. Daly Park (Blue Earth County): 126 acres. Provides camping, picnicking, swimming beach, fishing pier, boat launch and nature trail.
7. Blue Earth River Environmental Corridor (Blue Earth County): Approximately 140 acres in nine parcels along the Blue Earth River. Provides canoeing, fishing, rest areas, camping.
8. Lake Hanska County Park (Brown County): Acreage unknown. Over 10,000 feet of shoreline. Provides picnicking, camping, hiking/ski trails, historic/archeological site, canoeing, fishing.
9. Mound Creek Park (Brown County): 276 acres. Provides facilities for swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking and hiking. A campground is proposed. Site includes a waterfall, natural prairie, rock outcrops.
10. Bear Lake Park (Carlton County): At least 128 acres (1,100 acres proposed). Provides facilities for swimming, fishing, boating, camping, picnicking, and hiking.
11. Dennis Frandsen County Park (Chisago County): 117 acres. One mile of lake frontage. Includes picnicking, hiking trails, fishing pier.
12. Fish Lake County Park (Chisago County); 152 acres. Swimming, fishing, hiking, picnicking, boating, cross country skiing.
13. Long Lake Park and Campground (Clearwater County): 53 acres. Provides camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming, boating, canoeing, hiking and nature trails.
14. Paul Bunyan Arboretum (Crow Wing County): 200 acres. Includes an arboretum with walking trails.

15. Runestone County Park (Douglas County): 180 acres. Provides picnicking and hiking trails.
16. Duluth City Parks: Several parks might qualify as regional parks, including: Spirit Mountain, the Duluth Zoo, Lester Park (230+ acres, trails, picnicking), Fond du Lac Park (several hundred acres, trails, adjacent to Jay Cooke State Park).
17. Tipsinah Mound Park (City of Elbow Lake/Grant Count): 257 acres. Provides camping picnicking and swimming.
18. West Mill Recreation Area (City of Fertile): 600 acres. Provides camping, hiking, picnicking. Unique geological features (sand hills and dunes). Currently includes day use environmental education. Proposed residential ELC.
19. White Woods Nature Park (Freeborn County): 170 acres. Provides picnicking.
20. Cannon Valley Wilderness Area (Goodhue County): 780+ acres. Provides camping, hiking, canoeing, picnicking. Cannon River valley and bluffs.
21. Niemackl Park (City of Herman): Several hundred acres of lakes, marsh, prairie and woods. Provides camping, nature trails, picnicking and canoeing.
22. Carey Lake Park (City of Hibbing): 1,140 acres. Provides camping, swimming and hiking.
23. Springvale County Park (Isanti County): 172 acres. Provides picnicking and nature trails; glacial esker.
24. Bass Lake County Park/Campground: (Itasca County): 720 acres. Provides camping, boating ,swimming, fishing, hiking, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and wildlife observation.
25. Hok-Si-La Park (Lake City): 252 acres. Located on the Mississippi River. Provides camping, picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming and hiking.
26. Wayside Park (City of Lancaster): 280 acres. Provides camping, picnicking, canoeing and hiking. Popular site for Canadian tourists.
27. Hole in the Mountain Park (Lincoln County): 330 acres. Provides camping picnicking, downhill skiing, and hiking.
28. Garvin Park (Lyon County): 500+ acres. Provides camping, picnicking and hiking.
29. Florian County Park/Recreation Area (Marshall County): 197 acres. Provides camping, swimming, fishing, canoeing and hiking.
30. Lake Koronis Park (Meeker and Stearns counties): 62 acres. Provides camping, swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking, and a nature trail.
31. Seven Mile Creek Park (Nicollet County): 600 acres. Provides hiking, picnicking. Scenic valley of Minnesota River tributary.

32. Chester Woods Park (Olmsted County): 1,330 acres. Provides camping, swimming, fishing, canoeing, picnicking, horseback riding, hiking.
33. Oxbow Park (Olmsted County): 572 acres. Includes a zoo and nature center. Also provides camping, picnicking, canoeing and hiking.
34. Maple Lake County Park (Polk County): Four separate sites located on Maple Lake. Provides Swimming, camping, picnicking, boating and fishing.
35. Plum Creek County Park (Redwood County): 210 acres. Site of Laura Ingalls Wilder pageant. Also provides camping, swimming and picnicking.
36. Alexander Ramsey Park (City of Redwood Falls): A former state park. 217 acres along a scenic gorge of the Redwood River, including two large waterfalls and rapids. Includes a small zoo and also provides camping, picnicking and hiking.
37. Quarry Hill Park (City of Rochester): 294 acres. Includes a nature center and also provides hiking and picnicking.
38. Foster Arend Park: (City of Rochester): Over 200 acres. Provides swimming, boating, picnicking and hiking.
39. Fremont Park: (Sherburne County): 114 acres. Planning for future development, which may include hiking/nature trails, picnicking, environmental education opportunities.
40. High Island Park (Sibley County): 225 acres. Provides camping, picnicking and hiking.
41. Quarry Park and Nature Preserve: (Stearns County): ~600 acres (with potential to expand to 700 acres). Includes historic granite quarries and unique granite outcrops, woods, wetlands and prairie. Provides swimming, fishing, hiking, with plans to develop facilities for picnicking and historical/nature interpretation.
42. Warner Lake County Park (Stearns County): 271 acres. Includes an environmental learning center. Also provides camping, swimming, picnicking, boating, fishing and hiking.
43. Bear Cave Park (City of Stewartville): 188 acres. Provides picnicking, canoeing, skiing and hiking.
44. Old Wadena County Park (Wadena County): 232 acres. Provides boating, fishing, picnicking, canoeing and a historic site.
45. Beebe Lake Regional Park (Wright County): 70 acres. Provides picnicking, hiking, group camping, a play structure and swimming.
46. Clearwater/Pleasant County Park (Wright County): 210 acres. Provides boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking and hiking.
47. Collinwood County Park (Wright County): 308 acres. Provides camping, swimming, boating, hiking and picnicking.

48. Otsego Regional Park (Wright County): 70 acres. Provides walking paths, picnicking, cross country skiing, a canoe access and a play structure.
49. Robert Ney Memorial County Park (Wright County): ~600 acres. Includes an environmental learning center. Also provides hiking, skiing and picnicking..
50. Schroeder Regional Park (Wright County): Provides modern camping, a boat launch, picnicking, swimming and a play structure.
51. Harry Larson Park (Wright County): 170 acres. Provides ski/hike trails, picnicking.
52. Stanley Eddy Memorial Park Reserve (Wright County): Three separate units totaling 660 acres. Provides ski/hike trails, picnicking.
53. Montissippi County Park (Wright County): 170 acres. Provides picnicking, boat launch, fishing pier, and skiing/hiking trails.

Potential/Proposed New Regional Parks:

1. Olmsted County: Proposed acquisition of 140 acres on the upper Root River in southern Olmsted County. Additional future planned acquisition would bring the total county ownership to about 350 acres. The area is also bordered by DNR state forest land, which could bring the acreage of usable recreation land to over 600 acres. Planned activities will include picnicking, camping, hiking, fishing, cross country skiing and canoeing. Identified by the DNR County Biological Survey as one of the most biologically significant areas in the county.
2. Lyon County: Possible acquisition of 147 acres along the Redwood River southwest of Marshall. Potential development of a campground and picnic area, as well as a possible trail connection between the City of Marshall and Camden State Park.
3. Stearns County: Potential acquisition of 330 acres of woods with approx. one-half mile of lake frontage. The lake, between St. Cloud and the St. John's University campus, presently has no public access. The property includes a high quality maple/basswood forest, which is shown on the Minnesota Biological Survey map of Stearns County. Planned activities would likely include swimming, boating, hiking/nature trails, cross country skiing, and picnicking.
4. Stearns County: Potential 172 acres Plum Creek Regional park near St. Cloud. This proposed park would have significant flood plain river frontage, forests, prairie and historical areas on the Mississippi State Scenic and Recreational River. It could also be connected to a planned trail system.
5. Sherburne County: Proposed 105 acre area on Rush Lake in Sherburne County with approximately 900 feet of lake shore. Planned use includes a public beach, hiking, biking, picnicking, cross country skiing, in-line skating, environmental education and restoration of native vegetation.