



MAP AND GUIDE: FLANDRAU STATE PARK

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VISITOR TIPS

- The Cottonwood River is not recommended for swimming or non-watercraft use.
- Protect our rivers, check for invasive species before and after you launch.
- The park offers three different campgrounds and many site types.
- Rustic campers should use the beach house showers during open hours.
- Visit in winter when many park trails are groomed for either cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. Rent skis or snowshoes from the park office.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency police number: 507-233-6750



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Take a refreshing dip in the man-made, sand-bottomed, chlorinated swimming pond on a hot summer day.
- Bring a picnic to eat under towering trees near the swimming pond, beach house and trailheads.
- Follow the Hiking Club Trail as it loops through the park's varied landscapes.
- Explore historic buildings built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Veterans Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT: [MNDNR.GOV/FLANDRAU](https://mndnr.gov/flandrau)

ABOUT THE PARK

The gently flowing Big Cottonwood River meanders through Flandrau State Park. Beyond the river, a sand-bottom swimming pond, picnic area, campgrounds and group center make this a popular destination in southern Minnesota. Visit and you'll be greeted by a diverse landscape with wooded river bottoms, oxbow marshes and open grasslands. Nestled amongst these features are goat prairies, small white lady's slippers and a floodplain forest. Hikers and cross-country skiers appreciate the flat trails on the valley's bottom and more challenging routes on the oak-shaded bluffs. Historic stone buildings, such as the beach house, were built by Works Progress Administration (WPA) crews and still remain in the park today. Rent the beach house during the summer for a get-together with family or friends.



The park is the perfect place to cool off on a hot day.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

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| Grassland Trail Steep terrain • Packed dirt • Mowed grass Hike to the northwest edge of the park to experience a prairie landscape surrounded by woods. Look for big bluestem, colorful butterfly milkweed, blazing star and prairie sunflowers during the summer. | 0.6 miles one-way |
| Cottonwood Trail Packed dirt • Mowed grass Follow the Cottonwood River through a floodplain forest. At dusk, you may spot deer browsing or hear beaver splashing in the river. | 0.7 miles one-way |
| Old Dam/Old Island Trail Steep terrain • Packed dirt • Mowed grass A beautiful overlook along the Cottonwood River awaits you at the end of a steep hike up this trail. | 0.2 miles one-way |
| Pool and Woodland Trails Mostly flat • Mowed grass Discover a wide variety of plant life on this short hike through a mature forest. The park's many different plant communities provide habitat for over 60 species of birds. | 0.5-mile loop |

MORE TO EXPLORE

- Join a free naturalist program and discover more about the park. Check out the calendar of events webpage for details.
- Check out a birding kit or a discovery kit for kids at the park office.
- Take time to play at the cornhole area or volleyball court. Check out equipment from the park office.
- Reserve the park's beach house for the day. Call the park to make your reservation.
- Watch for a wide range of wildlife including whitetail deer, turtles and numerous birds.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THE PARK OFFICE OR [MNDNR.GOV](https://mndnr.gov).



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



VEHICLE PERMITS

Permits required; purchase online or at park office during office hours.



PETS WELCOME

Keep on 6-foot leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings or at beaches.



CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS

10 p.m.–8 a.m.; only registered campers may be in campground during quiet hours.



FIREWOOD

Must be purchased at this park or from vendors who sell wood approved for this park; no gathering firewood in the park.

BE OUR GUEST

- Call the park to reserve the group center for your next big get-together. The group center has 8 bunkhouses and can accommodate a total of 96 people. Enjoy a large central dining hall with a full kitchen and a modern bathroom. Available June to mid-September.
- Reserve one of the park's semi-modern or rustic campsites or a cabin by visiting mndnr.gov/reservations or calling 866-857-2757.



MORE INFORMATION



CURIOUS ABOUT THE COTTONWOOD RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL? GO TO [MNDNR.GOV/WATERTRAILS](https://mndnr.gov/watertrails)

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