

Description of potential OHV camping sites in and near Hayes Lake State Park and Beltrami Island State Forest.

Site 1:

Site 1 is located on approximately 80 acres within the boundaries of Hayes Lake State Park on land managed by DNR Parks and Trails, but is separated from the main park unit by CR-4. This site is currently undeveloped and new facilities would need to be developed for camping. The site is easily accessed from CR-4 and a trail connection to the existing OHV trail system in Beltrami Island State Forest may be constructed by connecting to the trail approximately 1/2-mile north of the State Park boundary. Part of this area contains a S-2 plant communities, which will need to be considered prior to the start of any construction.

Site 2:

Site 2 encompasses the existing Hayes Lake State Park campground. The campground contains 35 drive-in campsites, of which 17 have electrical hook-ups, a shower house and a dump station. Campsites are relatively small for modern campers and for those with recreational vehicles (RVs). A trail connection may be made to the River Forest Rd. by utilizing a former roadbed. The trail connection would require a plant survey as it is in an S-2 plant community.

Site 3:

Site 3 is the former group camp in Hayes Lake State Park. The existing area of the group camp is relatively small and would need to be expanded for a viable multi-site campground. The road to the site may also need to be improved to accommodate an increase in traffic. The former group camp currently contains one pit toilet and a hand pump well. Electrical service ends approximately two miles before the site along the access road. A connection to the Beltrami Island State Forest trail system may be made by constructing a new trail between the group site and the River Forest Road.

Site 4:

Site 4 is located within the State Park on land managed by DNR Parks and Trails Division. The site is located along the River Forest Rd. and may utilize the road to access the trail system in Beltrami Island State Forest. The site is connected to rest of the Park by a non-motorized trail. This site is currently undeveloped and new facilities would need to be developed for camping. The site is surrounded by S-2 communities, which will need to be considered prior to the start of any construction.

Site 5:

Site 5 is located approximately six miles northeast of Hayes Lake State Park along the Thompson Forest Road in Beltrami Island State Forest. The site contains the Bemis Hill Forest Recreation Area, which includes an enclosed picnic shelter, ten campsites, pit toilets and a well with a hand pump. Electric and showers are not currently available at the site. OHVs are currently permitted to ride directly from the campsites to the trail system.

Site 6:

Site 6 is located approximately 12.5 miles northeast of Hayes Lake State Park at the end of the Thompson Forest Road in Beltrami Island State Forest. The area is known as the Clear River site and, although not a designated forest recreation area, experiences a high volume of users. The site contains some picnic tables and a hand pump well, which also can be powered by a generator. This site can be accessed via Warroad on the blacktopped CR-5 or via Hayes Lake State Park on the dirt Thompson Rd.