



MAP AND GUIDE: CAMDEN STATE PARK

1897 CAMDEN PARK ROAD
LYND, MN 56157
LYON COUNTY
507-872-7031



VISITOR TIPS

- Enjoy exploring all of the park's trails by being well prepared. Wear sunscreen, insect and tick repellent, and be sure to take along extra drinking water.
- Help prevent the spread of invasive species. Clean your boat *before* and *after* you launch.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 507-537-7666



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Hike the Dakota Valley Trail for an overlook of the Redwood River Valley.
- Trout fish on the Redwood River, a designated trout stream. The river runs through the cool, forested valley of Camden State Park and can be accessed at many locations.
- Take a refreshing dip in the spring-fed swimming pond built by the Veteran's Conservation Corps in 1935. Enjoy a sand beach and a bathhouse built from local stone.
- Bring your bicycle and ride single track mountain bike trails or the paved Camden Regional Trail.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE DURING YOUR STAY? VISIT MNDNR.GOV/CAMDEN

Though Camden State Park was not established until 1935, it has long been a popular place for people to gather. The wooded valley provided shelter from the frequent winds and periodic fires that moved through the surrounding tallgrass prairie. The cold water springs within the river valley's steep walls keep it cooler and more humid than the surrounding prairie. Moist soils and cooler temperatures allow the growth of one of the most westerly examples of a native sugar maple/basswood forest. The park's diverse habitats also includes tallgrass prairie and wetland complexes. Amid the landscape, visitors will see original Veteran's Conservation Corps buildings from the 1930s. Discover all the park has to offer as you hike miles of trails, bike, swim, fish and picnic.



Bike through many areas of the park's beautiful landscape.

Camden History Trail

1.8 miles one-way

Some steep terrain • Packed dirt • Mowed grass

Travel through flood plain forest near the Redwood River and the old Camden Village area. The trail also leads up out of the river valley and along the transition between open prairie and woodland.

Camden Regional Trail

10 miles one-way

Some hills • Paved

Walk or bicycle to the town of Marshall. Experience a variety of slopes from steep to level. The 1-mile segment within the park boundary is relatively level and provides a compacted shoulder area for horseback riding.

Dakota Valley Trail

2.5 miles one-way

Steep terrain • Packed dirt • Mowed grass

Hike up the Dakota Valley to overlook the wooded Redwood River Valley. From the overlook, you may choose to turn around and continue as the trail levels out and weaves along the border of woodland and prairie. As you near the trail's end, you will again drop into the wooded valley leading to the swimming pond and parking lot.

Prairie Pools Trail

0.5 miles one-way

Rolling hills • Packed dirt

Follow rock cairns for markers as you hike through tallgrass prairie to a sitting boulder with a panoramic view of a large restored wetland complex. While the trail segment is only a half-mile long, the starting point is over a mile from the south picnic parking lot. Not for the faint of heart!

- Rent a canoe, paddleboat, paddle board or kayak from the park office and paddle Brawner Lake.
- Try your luck for bass and sunfish from the fishing pier on Brawner Lake. Casting and fly rods, as well as bait, can be checked out at the park office.
- Checkout a GPS unit from the park office.
- With support from the Friends of Camden State Park and other groups, a variety of programs are offered throughout the year. Check for upcoming programs at the park office or on informational kiosks.
- Reserve a drive-in campsite, group camp or horse camp and stay awhile. Visit mndnr.gov/reservations.

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THE PARK OFFICE OR MNDNR.GOV.



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



VEHICLE PERMITS

Permits required; purchase at park office or entrance kiosk.



PETS WELCOME

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

- Keep others safe and protect resources. Bicyclists, snowmobilers and horseback riders may only use designated trails.
- Horses and snowmobiles are not allowed on park roads unless that portion of road has been designated for their use.
- Unload trailered horses only in the horse camp. Unload trailered snowmobiles only in the south picnic parking lot.



MORE INFORMATION



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FISHING REGULATIONS? VISIT MNDNR.GOV/FISHMN

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888-646-6367 or mndnr.gov/parks**

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