



MYRE-BIG ISLAND STATE PARK

TRAILS

(open to hiking, skiing and snowshoeing in the winter)

- Hiking
- Hiking/Biking
- Paved Trail
- Blazing Star State Trail
- Hiking Club

FACILITIES

- Park Office
- Parking
- Campground
- Backpack Campsite
- Camper Cabin
- Group Center
- Primitive Group Camp
- Trailer Access
- Picnic Area
- RV Sanitation Station
- Council Ring
- Restroom/Shower
- Drinking Water
- Toilet
- Private Property
Public Use Prohibited

BIG ISLAND CAMPGROUND

park office

picnic area

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WHITE FOX CAMPGROUND

backpack campsites

98 97 96 95 94 93 92 91 90 89 88 87 86 85 84 83 82 81 80 79 78 77 76 75 74 73 72 71 70

68 67 66 65 64 63 62 61 60 59 58 57 56 55 54 53 52 51 50 49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 40 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

to backpack campsites and wall tent

big island

Albert Lea Lake

MAP AND GUIDE: MYRE-BIG ISLAND STATE PARK

19499 780TH AVENUE
ALBERT LEA, MN 56007
FREEBORN COUNTY
507-668-7060



VISITOR TIPS

- Year-round camping is available.
- Monthly/seasonal campsites are available April-October.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 507-377-5200



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Hike Big Island for abundant spring wildflowers and wildlife. The 116-acre island has trails along the shores and into the shaded maple/basswood forest.
- Bike the Blazing Star State Trail for 3 miles through the park or take the 3-mile section into Albert Lea.
- Find amazing bird watching any time of year. Woodland, prairie and wetland species are all viewable.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO DISCOVER?
VISIT [MNDNR.GOV/MYRE](https://mndnr.gov/myre)

ABOUT THE PARK

Myre-Big Island State Park is an oasis of natural diversity. The park was created in 1947 to protect unique geologic features, plant life and human history. What began with 116 acres on Big Island now encompasses over 1,700 acres of rolling hills, ponds and marshes along the shores of Albert Lea Lake. The oak savanna landscape is surrounded by agricultural land. The area has been used by humans for over 9,000 years. Visit today and discover birding, hiking, biking, canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing, camping and much more.



The park has something for everyone.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Great Marsh Trail Rolling hills • Mowed grass Discover migrating waterfowl, abundant wildlife and wildflowers as you walk along rolling hills through prairie, woodland and marsh. Begins at the Great Marsh parking area.	1.7-mile loop
Big Island Trail Mostly flat • Packed dirt Follow the outermost edges of Big Island's 120 acres. Enjoy the shade of a mature maple/basswood forest and find intersections with other trails on the island.	1.5-mile loop
Pelican and Esker Trails Some hills • Packed dirt • Mowed grass Looking for a longer hike filled with variety? From the park office or White Fox Campground, hike east on the paved Blazing Star State Trail to the Pelican Trail along Albert Lea Lake. Then, follow the uneven Esker Trail over a ridge of sand and gravel left by a glacier long ago.	5 to 6-mile loop

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Checkout kids activity kits and birding kits from the park office.
- Explore the 2,600-acre Albert Lea Lake by renting canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards from the park office.
- Stay awhile at a drive-in campsite (electric or non-electric), backpack campsite or group camp. Or, rent the camper cabin for a cozy getaway. Make a reservation at mndnr.gov/reservations.
- Call the park office to reserve the group center for your next get-together.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A full set of STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS is available at 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 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.

? MORE INFORMATION



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT
THE BLAZING STAR STATE TRAIL?
VISIT [MNDNR.GOV/TRAILS](https://mndnr.gov/trails)

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Information Center
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888-646-6367 or mndnr.gov/parks

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