

MAP AND GUIDE: LAKE LOUISE STATE PARK

C/O FORESTVILLE/MYSTERY
CAVE STATE PARK
21071 COUNTY 118
PRESTON, MN 55965
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VISITOR TIPS

- Stay on trails to help avoid black-legged ticks and wild parsnip.
- Bring insect repellent in summer.
- The campground is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 800-437-9400.
- A courtesy phone is located at the entrance station.



ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Enjoy a dip in the lake or a picnic at the beach area.
- Walk from the picnic area to the historic dam which impounds Lake Louise.
- Take the Hiking Club Trail through a beautiful hardwood forest and along the lake and Little Iowa River.
- Bring your kayak or canoe and explore 15 peaceful acres on Lake Louise.



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ABOUT THE PARK

The park's lake was created when early settlers built a dam on the Upper Iowa River to power a gristmill, an important business for the growing frontier community of Le Roy. Later in time, the Hambrecht Family donated several acres along the lake as a recreation area called Wildwood Park. The lake was named "Louise" after a family member. The city of Le Roy donated Wildwood Park to the state in 1962, and Lake Louise State Park was established. Today, at 849 acres, the park offers woodlands and restored prairies with abundant wildflowers and wildlife. The park also includes the confluence of the Upper Iowa and Little Iowa rivers and features numerous sinkholes.



Swim, paddle and fish at Lake Louise.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Shooting Star State Trail

Flat • Paved • Accessible

Grab your bike and pedal through the park from Le Roy to Rose Creek. The trail passes through woodlands, meadows and rural farm environment.

19.7 miles one-way

Lake View Trail

Flat • Grass

Begin your hike from the campground parking lot. Head southwest to cross the Upper Iowa River at the low-water crossing. From there, the trail loops through beautiful restored prairies and woodlands and offers charming views of Lake Louise and the Upper Iowa River.

2-mile loop

Wildwood Loop (Hiking Club Trail)

Flat • Crushed rock • Packed dirt

Start from the picnic parking area and travel through a closed canopy woodland with lush plant life, including abundant ferns and spectacular spring wildflowers.

1.2-mile loop

Woodcock Loop

Flat • Crushed rock • Packed dirt

Wind through remnant and restored prairie, oak savanna with abundant summer wildflowers, and views of the Little Iowa River. Find the trailhead at the entrance station.

2.4-mile loop

BE OUR GUEST IN THE SUMMER

- Reserve a drive-in campsite, electric or non-electric, and stay awhile.
- Enjoy a get-together with family, friends or a scout group in a reservable group campsite.
- Bring your horse for a weekend on the trails and stay at a reservable horse rider campsite.
- Make your reservations by visiting mndnr.gov/reservations.



MORE TO EXPLORE

- Bring your fishing gear to cast for largemouth bass, crappie and a variety of other fish. The park provides plenty of kid-friendly shore fishing opportunities.
- Visit in the spring or summer to view numerous wildflowers along park trails.
- Bring your binoculars and search for diverse bird species.

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. Campground open Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.



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.

HORSEBACK RIDERS

Help ensure the future of riding at the park:

- Ride only on designated horse trails.
- Cross streams only at designated fords.
- Leave beverage containers at camp or pack out.
- Save shade and use designated hitching posts.
- Avoid riding along park roads.



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SHOOTING STAR STATE TRAIL? VISIT MNDNR.GOV/TRAILS



MORE INFORMATION

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Information Center
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888-646-6367 or mndnr.gov/parks

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