



# MAP AND GUIDE: LAKE SHETEK STATE PARK

163 STATE PARK ROAD  
CURRIE, MN 56123  
MURRAY COUNTY  
507-763-3256



## VISITOR TIPS

- Rent a canoe, kayak, paddleboard, paddleboat or rowboat from the park office.
- Checkout free fishing and birding kits, GPS units, volleyballs and horseshoes at the park office.
- Visit the Nature Store for state park apparel, souvenirs and more.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff’s number: 507-836-6168.



## ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- A hike on the Loon Island Trail is a must for bird watching or scenic views of Lake Shetek.
- Visit the Koch Cabin, Shetek Monument, Stone Beach House and Smith Cabin Site for stories about the area’s history.
- Glimpse waterfowl and shorebirds from the Eastlick Marsh Observation Deck.
- Stop by the visitor center to learn about the history of local settlement.



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

## ABOUT THE PARK

Created in 1937, the park gives you access to the largest lake in Southwest Minnesota. Lake Shetek has long drawn humans. The first to farm and settle here were of the Great Oasis culture around 900-1100 A.D. The Dakota people, who had their homes around the lakes and prairies, came into contact with European explorers in the 1840s. Immigrants later created a settlement along the lake that came to an end during the tragic U.S./Dakota War of 1862. During your visit you may see reminders of this time. Today, the park offers you opportunities to make new memories in this historic place. Camp, fish, swim, hike, paddle and more.



There is so much to see at Lake Shetek.

## TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Loon Island Trail</b> Accessible • Mostly flat • Crushed rock Step across a causeway onto one of five natural islands in Lake Shetek for a variety of plants and birds.	1-mile loop
<b>Monument Trail</b> Mostly flat • Mowed grass Hike along Lake Shetek to the site of the Shetek Monument, the burial place for early Shetek settlers. Start at the parking lot for the cart-in sites.	0.5 miles one-way
<b>Lakeside/Fishing Pond Trail</b> Small hills • Packed dirt • Mowed grass Soak in the views and spot the wildlife that call Lake Shetek, Park Lake and the Fishing Pond home.	1-mile loop
<b>Webster Island Trail</b> Mostly flat • Mowed grass • Packed dirt Stretch your legs along this little-used gem. Start at the observation deck parking area and walk roadways through prairies and along the Webster Marsh shoreline to the island hiking trail.	1.5-mile loop
<b>Casey Jones State Trail</b> Mostly flat • Paved The bike trail can be accessed at a trail head in Currie or in the state park. The trail goes past several of the park's historic sites from 1862, past beautiful views of Smith Lake and Lake Shetek and through restored prairie areas.	Varies

## MORE TO EXPLORE

- Relax at Lake Shetek. Pack a picnic lunch, swim from the beach or fish from an accessible pier.
- Bike or hike the Casey Jones State Trail. Find more information at [MNDNR.GOV/TRAILS](https://mndnr.gov/trails)
- In winter, snowshoe, ski or snowmobile on designated trails and warm up at the stone shelter in the picnic area.
- Pelicans, bur oak trees, big bluestem and yellow coneflower are all staples of Lake Shetek not to be missed.
- Sharpen your knowledge of nature by joining an interpretive program. Check the DNR website for details.

## 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 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.

## BE OUR GUEST

- Reserve a drive-in campsite near the lake and stay awhile. Choose electric or non-electric. Each site holds a maximum of 6 people, one camping shelter and one vehicle.
- Enjoy a get-together with family, friends or a scout group in the reservable Zuya Group Center, or the rustic Wilderness Group Camp.
- Make your reservations by visiting [mndnr.gov/reservations](https://mndnr.gov/reservations).



## ? MORE INFORMATION

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Information Center**  
500 Lafayette Rd. , St. Paul, MN 55155-4040  
888-646-6367 or [mndnr.gov/parks](https://mndnr.gov/parks)

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