ABOUT THE PARK

In 1937, area residents petitioned state lawmakers to create a state park that would protect a unique hillside teeming with native prairie flowers. Shortly after, Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers built a dam and created the only lake in Pipestone County. The efforts of both groups resulted in a park that has offered recreation and enjoyment for generations of visitors. Camp overnight or come for the day to paddle the lake, cast a fishing line, view stunning wildflowers, picnic or hike. There is plenty here to keep you coming back for more.

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Hiking Trail
Mostly flat • Mowed grass • Gravel
See all the park has to offer from this trail. Hike from the campground, across Prairie Hill, along the wooded shores of Split Rock Creek Lake, and then across the Split Rock Creek Dam before looping back.

Split Rock Lake
Rent canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, paddleboats or rowboats from the park office (Memorial Day to Labor Day) and explore the calm waters of the lake. Take a dip in the water at the sandy swimming beach. The lake is the only sizable body of water in Pipestone County, making it a great place to view waterfowl.

Picnic Area
Enjoy a meal or just take in the lake view from the park’s picnic area.

Prairie Hill
View the flowered hillside that inspired the park’s creation. This small prairie holds diverse plant species. The prairie changes its colors as each season passes. Watch for pasque flower, blazing star and prairie smoke. Park your car in the lot along the west side of the road leading to the campground.

Historic Bridge
Works Progress Administration workers built this stone bridge from local quartzite in the 1930s. It still spans Split Rock Creek today. The bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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 leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings or 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 an electric or non-electric campsite or a group campsite and stay awhile. Visit mndnr.gov/reservations.

MORE INFORMATION
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