FLANDRAU STATE PARK - SUMMER MAP

TRAILS
- Hiking
- Hiking Club
- Trail Intersections

FACILITIES
- Ranger Station
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Information
- Council Ring
- Historic Site
- Overlook
- Wildlife Observation
- Volleyball Courts
- Campground
- Camper Cabin
- Walk-in Campsite
- Group Center
- Restroom/Shower
- Toilet
- Drinking Water
- Dumpster
- Recycle Station
- RV Sanitation Station
- Swimming Beach
- Private Property

Scale 1:11,000
0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5
Scale in Miles

PARK ENTRANCE

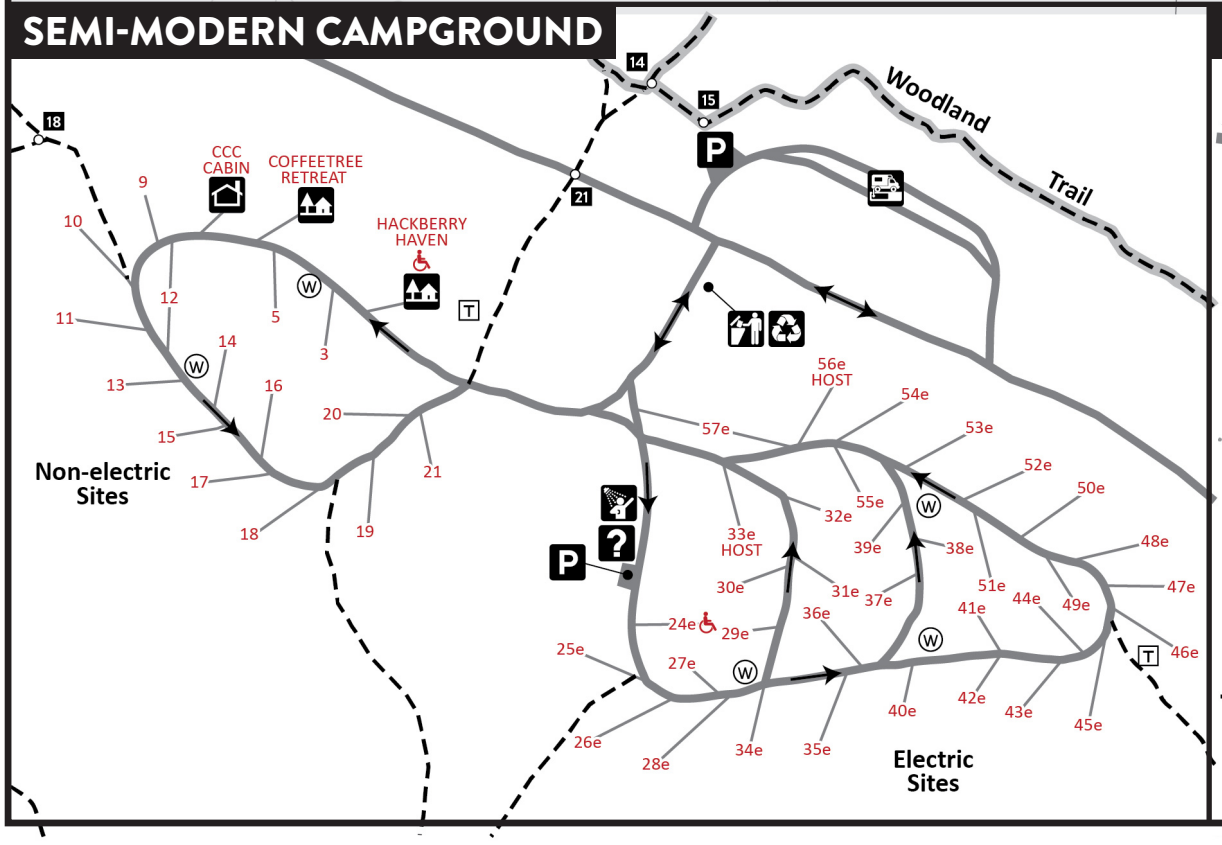
NEW ULM

COUNTRY CLUB (PRIVATE)

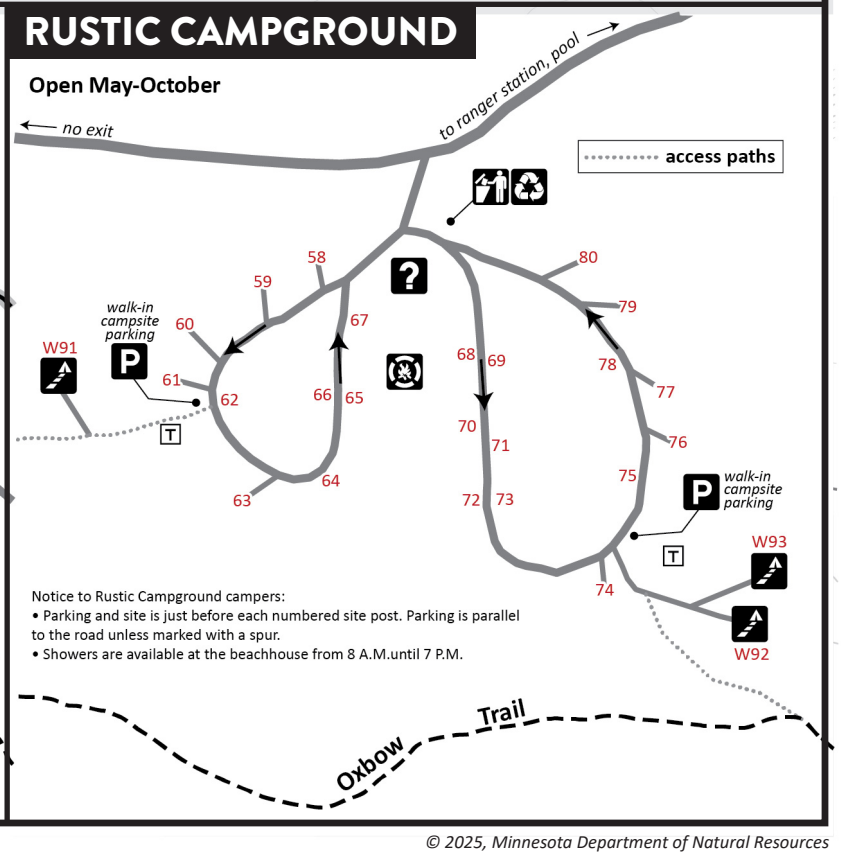
PRIVATE

Grassland Trail 0.6 mi.
Bluebird Loop Trail 0.2 mi.
Bluebird Trail 0.2 mi.
0.2 mi.
0.1 mi.
NO EXIT
Rustic Sites
0.4 mi. N. Oxbow Trail
Spring Trail 0.2 mi.
Ridge Trail 0.3 mi.
0.1 mi.
NOTE: Trail has steps
low water crossing
Oxbow Trail 0.3 mi.
S. Oxbow Trail 0.6 mi.
0.3 mi.
Non-electric Sites
Electric Sites
Woodland Trail
Hill Trail 0.4 mi.
Entrance
0.4 mi.
Pool Trail 0.2 mi.
Woodland Trail 0.4 mi.
Cottonwood Trail 0.2 mi.
Cottonwood River
NOTE: Trail has steps
Old Dam Trail 0.3 mi.
Old Dam Trail 0.4 mi.
Old Dam Trail 1.0 mi.
Former Dam Site
0.6 mi. Old Island Loop Trail
to group center
to group center
Oakwood Ave
Camelsback Rd
S Highland Ave
Woodland Dr
Indian Point Dr
Jonathon Dr
Lincoln La
Southridge Rd
Summit Ave
Payne St
15th St S
16th St S
17th St S
18th St S
17th St S
Franklin St
Crestview Dr
20th St S
Golf Dr
Settler Tr
Dacotah Dr
Cottonwood St
223rd St
225th St
215th St
13
860
880
940
900
840
820
960
1,000

SEMI-MODERN CAMPGROUND



RUSTIC CAMPGROUND



Notice to Rustic Campground campers:
- Parking and site is just before each numbered site post. Parking is parallel to the road unless marked with a spur.
- Showers are available at the beachhouse from 8 A.M.until 7 P.M.

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MAP AND GUIDE: FLANDRAU STATE PARK

1300 SUMMIT AVENUE
NEW ULM, MN 56073
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VISITOR TIPS

- The Cottonwood River is not recommended for swimming or non-watercraft use.
- Protect our rivers, check for invasive species before and after you launch.
- The park offers three different campgrounds and many site types.
- Rustic campers should use the beach house showers during open hours.
- Visit in winter when many park trails are groomed for either cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. Rent skis or snowshoes from the ranger station.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency police number: 507-233-6750

ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Take a refreshing dip in the man-made, sand-bottomed, chlorinated swimming pond on a hot summer day.
- Bring a picnic to eat under towering trees near the swimming pond, beach house and trailheads.
- Follow the Hiking Club Trail as it loops through the park's varied landscapes.
- Explore historic buildings built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Veterans Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration.

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

ABOUT THE PARK

The gently flowing Big Cottonwood River meanders through Flandrau State Park. Beyond the river, a sand-bottom swimming pond, picnic area, campgrounds and group center make this a popular destination in southern Minnesota. Visit and you'll be greeted by a diverse landscape with wooded river bottoms, oxbow marshes and open grasslands. Nestled amongst these features are goat prairies, small white lady's slippers and a floodplain forest. Hikers and cross-country skiers appreciate the flat trails on the valley's bottom and more challenging routes on the oak-shaded bluffs. Historic stone buildings, such as the beach house, were built by Works Progress Administration (WPA) crews and still remain in the park today. Rent the beach house during the summer for a get-together with family or friends.

The park is the perfect place to cool off on a hot day.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Grassland Trail — 0.6 miles one-way

Steep terrain • Packed dirt • Mowed grass

Hike to the northwest edge of the park to experience a prairie landscape surrounded by woods. Look for big bluestem, colorful butterfly milkweed, blazing star and prairie sunflowers during the summer.

Cottonwood Trail — 0.7 miles one-way

Packed dirt • Mowed grass

Follow the Cottonwood River through a floodplain forest. At dusk, you may spot deer browsing or hear beaver splashing in the river.

Old Dam/Old Island Trail — 0.2 miles one-way

Steep terrain • Packed dirt • Mowed grass

A beautiful overlook along the Cottonwood River awaits you at the end of a steep hike up this trail.

Pool and Woodland Trails — 0.5-mile loop

Mostly flat • Mowed grass

Discover a wide variety of plant life on this short hike through a mature forest. The park's many different plant communities provide habitat for over 60 species of birds.

MORE TO EXPLORE

- Join a free naturalist program and discover more about the park. Check out the calendar of events webpage for details.
- Check out a birding kit or a discovery kit for kids at the ranger station.
- Take time to play at the cornhole area or volleyball court. Check out equipment from the ranger station.
- Reserve the park's beach house for the day. Call the park to make your reservation.
- Watch for a wide range of wildlife including whitetail deer, turtles and numerous birds.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

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

PARK OPEN
8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.

VEHICLE PERMITS
Permits required; purchase online or at ranger station during office hours.

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

- Call the park to reserve the group center for your next big get-together. The group center has 8 bunkhouses and can accommodate a total of 96 people. Enjoy a large central dining hall with a full kitchen and a modern bathroom. Available June to mid-September.
- Reserve one of the park's semi-modern or rustic campsites or a cabin by visiting mndnr.gov/reservations or calling 866-857-2757.

MORE INFORMATION

CURIOUS ABOUT THE COTTONWOOD RIVER STATE WATER TRAIL? GO TO MNDNR.GOV/WATERTRAILS

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Information Center
500 Lafayette Rd. , St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
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