

Rock County Parks Guide



Hiking
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This brochure is a brief guide to the parks owned and operated by Rock County Parks Division. Individual maps and brochures are available from the Parks Division office or online.

Permits and Fees:

Permits are required at boat launches. All users are required to purchase a single day or seasonal Rock County launch pass to launch ANY watercraft at Gibbs, Happy Hollow, and Royce Dallman. Fee registration materials are available on site.

Camping in certain parks may be allowed by special request and discretion of the Parks Director, permit and fee required. Contributions for other park projects are welcome.

Pavilion Reservations:

Shelter reservations for family reunions, graduation parties, weddings, or group picnics should be made by contacting the Rock County Parks Department. Rentals must be made if you plan to use electricity. If the shelter is not reserved, it is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rentals always take precedent over drop-in users.



Please remember that certain parks and shelter dates fill up fast. Reservations for shelter rentals and special events begin at 7:00 AM on the first open business day of each year.

Take only memories and pictures and leave only footprints or hoof prints.

Rock County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in accommodations provided to persons using our parks. For additional information or if special accommodations are required, please contact:

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Janesville, WI 53545
Phone (608) 757-5451
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Hanover Wildlife Area:

Hanover Wildlife Area is 17.5 acres of marshland along Bass Creek, near Hanover. The site does not have easy public access or signage and is left totally undeveloped as a wildlife refuge.

Happy Hollow County Park:

Features of this 206-acre park include a boat landing and access to the Rock River, equestrian and hiking trails, picnic tables, drinking water, and restrooms. The roughly seven miles of trails travel through grasslands, wetlands and heavily wooded areas. Trails are flat and meandering along the banks of the Rock River. There are clearings along the river that serve well for picnicking or fishing. Happy Hollow Park is located between Janesville and Beloit, on Happy Hollow Road.

Ice Age County Park:

This 3.4 acre park provides a rustic trail access to the Ice Age Multi-use Trail. The park is currently undeveloped and located on Sable Drive off of Kennedy Road in the Harmony Township.

The Janesville-Milton Ice Age Multi-Use Trail

This former railroad bed is leased by the Rock County Parks Division from WI Department of Transportation. Equestrian use, hiking, dog walking, and bicycling are permitted. No ATVs or other motorized vehicles are allowed. A trailhead with parking is located on Kennedy Road.

Indianford County Park:

This 1.2 acre park offers excellent fishing on both sides of the shoreline of the Rock River at the Indianford Dam. The land was acquired from Wisconsin Power & Light in 1958 and 1962 when its generating station was shut down. Amenities include parking, drinking water, seasonal restrooms, and an unimproved canoe launch. It is located in the Village of Indianford on County Hwy M.

Koshkonong Lake Access County Park:

This is a totally undeveloped, forested and flood-prone County Park along the shoreline of Lake Koshkonong. This 12 acre site may be visited for bird watching and nature enjoyment. Please respect the neighbors as this is in close proximity to their back yards.

Airport County Park:

This 2 acre park provides a spot to observe low flying aircrafts. Picnic tables are provided. This park is located at the intersection of Hwy 51 and Knilans Road, at Rock County Airport's northerly boundary.

Avon Wildlife Area:

This 17 acre wildlife reserve is located on the Sugar River in the Village of Avon. At present, it is totally undeveloped.

Beckman Mill County Park:

This beautiful 50-acre park consists of a hardwood forest, restored savannah, wetland, and open areas. The highlight of this park is the restored Beckman-Howe Mill, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The mill is open for public tours on Saturdays and Sundays from May to October by the Friends of Beckman Mill. Amenities include a pavilion, picnic tables, drinking water, fishing pier, covered bridge, and restroom facilities. Beckman Mill County Park is located southwest of Beloit on Hwy H and Mill Pond Road.

Carver-Roehl County Park:

This park contains an outstanding limestone outcropping which stretches throughout the 53 acre park. It is Rock County's second oldest park dating from 1950. A wide variety of plants and trees provide an excellent place to observe wildlife along the hiking and cross-country ski trails. The historic grave of one of Rock County's oldest settlers is located at the southern end of this park. Amenities include a pavilion, picnic tables, drinking water, restrooms, and playground equipment. Carver-Roehl Park is located northeast of Clinton on Carver's Rock Road.

Gibbs Lake County Park:

This is Rock County's largest park, almost 287 acres, enclosing 3/4 of the shoreline of Gibbs Lake and the north half of Little Gibbs Lake. This park is a popular fishing location, with a boat launch located on the north shore of Gibbs Lake. The park features a multi-use equestrian, hiking, and cross country skiing trail. A separate equestrian parking lot is located east of the main lot, on Gibbs Lake Road. Amenities include picnic tables, grills, drinking water, and restrooms. This park is located just west of the intersection of Gibbs Lake Road and Eagle Road.

Lee County Park:

This beautiful, wooded, 40 acre park was originally bought by the Town of Clinton from the Lee family. The township donated the park to Rock County in 1966. Features include a pavilion, picnic tables, drinking water, fireplaces, and restroom facilities. The park has a large open field with a softball diamond, which was constructed with a significant amount of volunteer labor and materials. An arboretum planted by youth groups of the community is located in the north end of the park. The park also has an extensive wooded area with a trail system, which is home to many different kinds of wildlife. The park is located at the intersection of Hwy 140 and Hwy 67.

Magnolia Bluff County Park:

This 120 acre park contains nearly the highest point in Rock County. A scenic overlook from the bluff provides a feast for the eyes, it is a wonderful place to watch the sunset. Two trails are featured: one is multi-use equestrian and hiking; the other hiking and cross-country skiing. Amenities include picnic tables, drinking water, restroom facilities, grills, and fire pits. The park is located on Croak Road just south of Hwy 59.

Murwin County Park:

This 40 acre park is a popular fishing spot and picnic location on the Yahara River. This is an excellent spot for birdwatching. Amenities include drinking water, restroom facilities, picnic tables, a canoe launch, fireplaces and parking. The park is located in Fulton on Hwy H and Caledonia Road.

Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail:

Over six miles of trail runs from Clinton to Allens Grove on a retired railroad bed. Acquired by the county in 1995, this trail is used for hiking, bicycling, birdwatching and horseback riding during the summer. During the winter, it is part of the Rock County Snowmobile Trail.

Royce Dallman County Park:

While only 3 acres in size, a new picnic pavilion, restroom facilities, and drinking water are provided. The main feature is an excellent landing to launch small boats onto Lake Koshkonong. This park is located just off Hwy N north of Milton on Charley Bluff Road.

Schollmeyer County Park:

This one acre undeveloped park on Turtle Creek provides public access for canoeing and fishing. It is located on Hwy S (Shopiere Road) just north of the intersection of Hart Road.

Sugar River County Park:

This 15 acre park is mostly unimproved, but it has a sandy canoe launch on the Sugar River and limited parking. This segment of the river is navigable, but be prepared to portage fallen trees. It is a good spot for fishing. The park is located on Nelson Road.

Sweet-Allyn County Park:

This popular park was the first Rock County park, created in 1945. A cement canoe landing surrounded by low, grassy banks, provides easy access to Turtle Creek. The softball diamond was constructed, to a great extent, through the efforts of local citizens. Amenities include a pavilion, picnic tables, playground equipment, grills, drinking water, and restroom facilities.

Turtle Creek Parkway:

As Rock County's newest addition this 4 acre park features waterfront access to Turtle Creek, a formal rental facility, and the famous 5-Arch Tiffany Bridge originally built in 1869. The Tiffany Bridge is still in use by trains which makes it the only 5-arch stone bridge to still in use by railroad companies. The facility at Turtle Creek Parkway can be rented for \$125 on weekdays (Mon. - Thur.) and \$250 on weekends (Fri—Sun).

Walt Lindemann Sportsman's County Park:

Although the park is only nine acres, it is one of the most popular parks in Rock County! The highlight of this park is its white-tailed deer display. The enclosed display area includes an average of 12 deer, both bucks and does. Amenities include a pavilion, picnic tables, playground equipment, grills, drinking water, and restrooms.

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www.co.rock.wi.us/parks

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