

## Major Parks

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### Ada Game Refuges

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#### Lockhart Swamp 218-847-1579

10 mi. N and 6.5 mi. E of Ada on Co. Rd 5.

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### Argyle State and County Parks

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#### Old Mill State Park

33489 240th Ave. NW

17 mi. NE of Warren, or 13 miles E of Argyle or 11 miles W of Newfolden on County Road 4.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

\* Open year round \* State Park fees

Modern camping with showers, flush toilets, 10 electric & water hookups, primitive camping, and 1 group campsite.

Summer Nature Interpretation, enclosed picnic shelter, swimming, canoeing, fishing, volleyball, horseshoe pit, and playground.

Historical sites include a flour grinding mill. Suspension bridges and Sliding Hill in the park.

Biking, 7 miles of cross-country skiing and hiking trails, Snowshoeing, and 3.5 Miles of groomed trails, warming house with electricity and fireplace. The park's trails run through prairie, wooded river valley and pine areas.

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### Crookston Wildlife Areas

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#### Burnham Creek Wildlife Management Area

<http://www.mnbirdtrail.com/hotspots/burnham.htm>

1,460 acres of prairies and a wetland impoundment. Large concentrations of sandhill cranes are likely in April. Area closed to the public during September and October (waterfowl refuge). Best times to visit are from April through August.

Pine to Prairie Birding Trail

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#### Chicog Wildlife Management Area 218-281-6063

11 miles SE of Crookston on MN Hwy. 102 to Melvin; 1 mile S on township rd.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

1,624 acre example of some of Minnesota's remaining mesic prairie. Winter opportunities include exploration by snowshoe and cross-country skiing. Spring and fall brings migrating cranes.

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#### Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge 218-687-2229

10 miles east of Crookston on Hwy 2.

[www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

More than 24,000 acres. Established Oct. 12, 2004 as the 545th National Wildlife Refuge. The Nature Conservancy's largest prairie-wetland restoration project in U.S. history. Prairie chicken blinds available, please call for reservations.

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#### Malmberg Prairie

Located SW of Crookston

This prairie has never been cultivated. The same sod that absorbed the hoof print of the buffalo remains intact today with its native grasses. Travel South on Hwy 75; turn right on to County Road 9 going 8 miles West. Turn left at the intersection of County Road 56 and go 2 miles to reach the NW corner of the preserve.

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#### Pankratz Memorial Prairie 218-498-2679

6 miles E of Crookston on Hwy. 2; 1.5 miles S on County Rd. 46; E on gravel rd. to parking lot.

[www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

2 units: 468 & 452 acres. A boulder can be seen that has been rubbed smooth by past buffalo herds.

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#### Pembina Trail Scientific & Natural Area 218-498-2679

9 miles W of Mentor on Co. Rd 45.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snas/index.html>

2,360 acres on/near a prominent beach ridge at the eastern edge of Glacial Lake Agassiz. The site is associated with the Pembina trail, a major ox-cart route that traders used to haul furs and supplies between Winnipeg and St. Paul. Also see [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

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#### Tympanuchus Wildlife Management Area 218-281-6063

3 miles E of Harold's Station on Co. Rd 45.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

This 840 acre WMA is open to public hunting, trapping & other compatible recreational uses. It is a remnant tall grass prairie with minor amounts of brush & trees. This area has some of the highest rare species diversity of any WMA.

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### East Grand Forks City Parks/Picnic/Camping

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#### The Greenway 701-787-3756

Along the Red River in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks

<http://www.greenwayggf.com/>

Consists of 2,200 acres lining the Red River & Red Lake River, flowing through Greater Grand Forks. This picturesque urban space offers countless recreational, cultural, historical & natural resource opportunities. You can hike, walk, inline skate, bike, cross-country ski, bird, canoe, fish, golf & much more in the heart of our two cities. An asphalt trail system covers over 20 miles.

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### State and County Parks

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#### Red River State Recreation Area 866-857-2757

515 2nd St. NW

1 block north of Cabela's in East Grand Forks.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

113 campsites, including 85 electric sites with full hookups, plus shower & bath facilities located next to downtown East Grand Forks. Electrical, sewer, and water hookups, dump station nearby, and flush toilets. Modern restrooms are open May - Sept.

This 1,200-acre state recreation area came about as a result of housing removal after the flood of 1997. Located near the area: groceries, ice, snacks, golf course, & laundry. Swimming pool, picnic area, playground, fishing, tackle, live bait, camping gear, gas, & boat ramp. Partially encompassed in the GF/EGF Greenway.

5 miles of paved hiking/biking trail & 2 mile cross country ski trail.

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### Erskine

#### Wildlife Areas

##### Rydell National Wildlife Refuge 218-687-2229

17788 349th St. SE

2.5 Miles W. of Erskine on Highway 2, 2.5 miles S. on Highway 210  
Rydell@fws.gov

2,120 acre refuge established in 1992. Includes a visitor center with bookstore, wildlife observation and photography, hiking, snowshoeing, crosscountry skiing, fishing, hunting and environmental education.

7 miles of trails.

### Fertile

#### State and County Parks

##### Agassiz Environmental Learning Center (Nature Cent) 218-945-3129

400 W. Summit Ave.

<http://aelcfertile.org/>

Primitive camping with flush toilets and showers.

Picnic area and modern washrooms.

Ten miles of hiking and cross country ski trails along the Sand Hill River and through the Fertile Sand Hills.

#### Wildlife Areas

##### Agassiz Dunes 218-574-2622

1 mile south and 1 mile east of Fertile.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snas/index.html>

Preserved remnant of the sand dunes that northwest winds pushed up on the eastern beaches of glacial Lake Agassiz. Operated by the Nature Conservancy.

Hiking Trails allow a close view of the area.

##### Fertile Sand Hills Recreation Area 218-945-3136

City Administrator: Lisa Liden 400 W. Summit Ave.  
One mile east of Fertile.

[www.cityoffertile.org](http://www.cityoffertile.org)

West Mill Recreation Area. Self-guided nature trail highlighting the unique sand dune formations, oak savanna, and native prairie of remnant glacial Lake Agassiz. Nature trail along Sand Hill River.

Ten miles of hiking and cross country ski trails along the Sand Hill River & through the Fertile Sand Hills. Trail maps available at the Fertile Community Center and on-site.

##### Public Nature Areas 218-945-3136

Contact: Lisa Liden 400 W. Summit Ave.

Open to Public Touring. Over a dozen wildlife management areas within 15 miles of Fertile. Native prairies offer spectacular wildflower blooms from April to October. Courting displays of prairie chickens and sharptail grouse during April and May. Maps to natural areas available at Fertile Community Center.

### Gary

#### Wildlife Areas

##### Agassiz-Olson Wildlife Management Area 218-847-1579

Contact: Earl Johnson

5 Miles north on Hwy 32, 5 West CSAH 5.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

A major feature is a flood control structure that allows a 300-acre open-water wetland to form. Sandhill cranes have nested here and the pool supports waterfowl. Greater prairie-chickens have used open areas for booming grounds.

### Greenbush

#### Game Refuges

##### Twin Lake Wildlife Refuge 218-463-1557

12 miles West on Hwy 11.

\* Free

### Gully

#### State and County Parks

##### Gully Fen (SNA)

1.3 miles North of Gully on Co. Rd. 2

Includes calcareous seepage fens, tamarack & shrub seepage swamps, conifer & hardwood swamps, and rich fens. This location was previously threatened by development of rice paddies and logging. Two areas of note that occur in the upper reaches of the site include a 100 acre calcareous fen & a complex of tamarack with calcareous and rich fens. Birding & wildlife viewing.

### Karlstad

#### Wildlife Areas

##### Twin Lakes State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) 218-436-2427

Contact: DNR, Karlstad, MN

4 miles NE, SH 11.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

Camping is permitted at 7 signed sites.

8,200 Acres. Recreation includes hiking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, berry picking, canoeing & wildlife viewing. Water access is available at several locations adjacent to the marshes.

There is a viewing platform located off Hwy. 11 that is wheelchair accessible. Contains a 1,200 acre waterfowl sanctuary. No trespass or hunting is allowed in the sanctuary during Sept & Oct.

##### Wallace C Dayton Conservation & Wildlife Area

<http://www.mnbirdtrail.com/hotspots/dayton.htm>

12,600 acres of aspen parkland habitat are preserved, & is an intact remnant of a vast dynamic landscape. Moose, elk, wolves & bear can be seen here. Best times to visit are from April-Oct.

Pine to Prairie Birding Trail

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## Lake Bronson

### State and County Parks

#### Lake Bronson State Park 218-754-2200

Hwy. 28 E.

2 miles E of Lake Bronson on South branch of Two Rivers.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

\* Open year round. \* 24 hours \* Normal State Park Fees

Campground - 162 semi modern campsites, electrical hook-ups, dump station, showers, flush toilets. There is 1 handicapped, 3 backpack, 1 group camp and 2 canoe in sites. Group camp has an enclosed shelter with dining hall, fridge, stove & toilets on site.

Boat rental and landing, power boating, canoeing, sailing, and fishing. Swimming, picnicking, playground, watch tower, volleyball, snacks, and ice fishing.

14 miles of hiking trails, 7 miles of groomed cross country ski trails & 2 1/2 miles of paved bike trail. 1.5 mile self-guided trail.

### Wildlife Areas

#### Beaches Lake State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) 218-436-2427

Just NE of Lake Bronson State Park.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

Seven camping sites are posted with camping permitted signs.

This WMA is one of the largest in the state (31,000 acres). Come see moose or listen to the wolves howl.

## Lancaster

### Wildlife Areas

#### Aspen Parkland Landscape 218-436-2427

Contact: DNR, Karlstad, MN

Links with the Aspen Parkland Landscape in Manitoba. Ecological classification with various habitats. Kittson County is 50% in the Aspen Parkland Landscape and 50% in the Red River Prairie.

#### Caribou State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) 218-436-2427

Contact: DNR, Karlstad, MN

North of County Rd 4 on County 51.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

Three camping sites are posted with camping permitted signs.

Just under 14,000 acres. There have been sightings of Elk, Bear & Timber Wolves. An example of the Aspen Parkland Landscape in NW Minnesota. This WMA is open to public hunting, trapping, hiking, berry picking, and wildlife viewing.

#### Joe River State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) 218-379-3205

Contact: DNR, Karlstad MN

Approx. 15 miles NE of Lancaster, near Canadian border.

[dnrkarlstad@wiktel.com](mailto:dnrkarlstad@wiktel.com)

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

160 acre marsh/grassland. Great place to view a variety of waterfowl, including Ruddy Ducks. Limited opportunities for waterfowl, Sharp-tailed grouse and Hungarian partridge hunting. Muskrat, mink, raccoon and fox offer some trapping.

#### Skull Lake State Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

218-436-2427

Contact: DNR, Karlstad, MN

East of Lancaster off of County Rd 4.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

Primitive camping sites, free with first come, first serve availability. Camping areas are identified with "Camping Permitted" signs.

7,500 acres of unique topography, unique upland prairie. Elk, bear and timber wolves have been spotted in this region. Cross-country skiing opportunities available. This is the only WMA in Kittson County where blueberries have been found. Hunting opportunities for grouse and deer are excellent.

## Middle River

### Game Refuges

#### Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge 218-449-4115

Contact: Refuge Manager

22996 290th St. NE

From Thief River Falls go 12 miles North on MN Hwy 32, then 11 miles East on Marshall County Road 7 to Agassiz Headquarters.

[Agassiz@fws.gov](mailto:Agassiz@fws.gov)

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/agassiz/>

\* Year round \* See below

Primitive camping allowed in designated areas on adjacent MNDNR wildlife lands.

Explore the refuge offering 61,500 acres of diverse bird, wildlife, and plant life. Over 295 bird and 49 mammal species have been observed rightfully making it one of the 50 best places to observe wildlife and one of the 100 best places to observe birds according to the National Wildlife Foundation. Nice general brochure, bird checklist, and mammal list available. Wildlife displays and Agassiz bookshop open Mon.-Fr. 7:30 am - 4 pm, excluding Federal holidays. Sunday afternoons from 1-5pm in June. Firearm & archery deer hunting open with regular firearm season. Ruffed & sharp-tailed grouse hunting begins with the opening of regular deer firearm season. Muzzleloader deer season, youth waterfowl & youth deer hunting is open during the appropriate season.

One of 45 sites along the MN Pine to Prairie Birding Trail. Three hiking trails-one wheelchair accessible at Headquarters (trail brochures available) & at Rodahl Trail. The 4-mile Lost Bay Habitat Drive open during the ice free months.

### Wildlife Areas

#### Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area 218-222-3747

Contact: DNR, Thief Lake Headquarters

42280 240th Ave. NE

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

Primitive camping in designated areas.

55,000 acres of wildlife habitat, including marshes, forests, brushlands, and prairie. Wildlife present seasonally include waterfowl and other marsh birds, deer, moose, bear, grouse, rabbits, furbearers, songbirds, sandhill cranes, and raptors. Activities include hunting for waterfowl, big and small game, and nature viewing. A scenic overview of the lake with interpretive signing and picnic shelter are available. Contact the headquarters for maps and bird lists.

## Major Parks

### Red Lake Falls

#### State and County Parks

#### Old Crossing Treaty Park 218-253-2684

At Huot between Crookston and Red Lake Falls. Pristine riverside, natural hardwoods, excellent walking, biking, swimming, tubing, boating & canoeing with public access to the Red Lake and Black Rivers. Water, power, & outdoor restrooms support all phases of free camping & day use. Superb family site. This park was the site of an 1863 treaty between the U.S. government and Red Lake/Pembina Ojibwe. Oxcart traffic also favored the area. Historical park and historical interpretations in summer and fall. Boat landing, water, fishing, playground. Adjacent to the park is a DNR Wildlife Management Area where hiking and wildlife watching opportunities exist.

### Roosevelt Game Refuges

#### Norris Camp 218-783-6861

South of Roosevelt in Beltrami Island State Forest. Headquarters of the Red Lake Wildlife Management Area. One of the last Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Resettlement Administration (RA) camps in the nation in operational condition. Listed as a historic place on the National Register. An excellent stop for bird watchers along the Pine to Prairie Birding Trail.

### Roseau State and County Parks

#### Hayes Lake State Park 218-425-7504

48990 County Road 4  
15 mi. S of Roseau on State Hwy 89, then 9 mi. E on County Rd 4.  
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>  
18 electric sites, 35 semi-modern campsites, flush toilets, dump station, showers. Two camping cabins, two backpack sites, and one group camp. There are two handicapped sites.  
Northwoods pine forest in remote lake setting. Man made lake popular for canoeing, fishing and swimming. Boat landing, Summer Nature Interpretation, playground, and picnic shelter. Bald Eagles, Gray Jay, Spruce Grouse, Winter Finches on 3,000 acres  
5 miles of biking, 13 miles of hiking and 7 miles of horseback riding trails. 6 miles of groomed ski trails. 2.5 mile self guided trail. 6 miles of snowmobiling trails, and snowshoeing. Trails are located in pine forest on the edge of the lake.

#### Wildlife Areas

#### Roseau Bog Owl Management Unit 218-463-1557

Great Gray Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw Whet Owl, Great Horned Owl, Spruce Grouse. Look for these various owls on 8,960 acres of peat bog covered with black spruce, tamarack and cedar.

#### Roseau Lake Wildlife Management Area 218-463-1130

27952 400th St.  
6 miles NW of Roseau on County Road 123  
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

Currently 6,000 acres with ongoing acquisition of adjoining land in order to complete the WMA and flood control project. Roseau Lake was drained in the early 1900's. Prior to drainage the area had a rich history of wildlife use and public recreation use. The lake remains drained yet today except during wet periods when the Roseau River overflows its banks and re-floods the original lake basin. Wildlife use of the area fluctuates dramatically with the water levels. It can be a good area to observe shorebirds and other wetland related wildlife during migration some years.

#### Roseau River Wildlife Management Area 218-463-1130

27952 400th St.  
Located in NW Roseau County, 8 mi. N of Badger  
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>

\* Year round  
Primitive camping.  
62,000 acre area with several thousand acres of other public land adjoining. The unit is low and flat, part of the glacial Lake Agassiz lake plain. The Roseau River flows west for 14 miles through the unit. 3 impoundments totaling 10,600 acres have been constructed. These wetlands are managed for resident and migratory waterfowl, other wetland wildlife species, public hunting, & other recreational pursuits as well as flood control. There are 3 sanctuaries totaling 7,000 acres which provide feed, resting, & breeding areas. This WMA is uniquely large & diverse. Hunting, fishing & birdwatching are popular pursuits on the WMA.  
Dikes open to hiking and snowmobiling.

### Stephen State and County Parks

#### Marshall County Park of Florian 218-478-3658

Contact: Al Kuck  
10 mi. East of Stephen, MN on Co. Hwy. 6  
\* Summer Months  
Electrical/water hook-up, showers, flush toilets, and dump station.  
Boat launch, fishing, sailing, canoeing, paddle boat rental, swimming, lifeguards, spiral slide, picnicking, playground, golf, basketball, backboards, volleyball, ball fields, ice fishing, snacks, and food stands.  
Skiing and country snowmobiling, snowshoeing. 2 mile bike trail (walking, roller blading) that is handicapped accessible.

### Strandquist Wildlife Areas

#### East Park Dam & Wildlife Area 218-436-2427

4.5 miles NE of Strandquist.  
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>  
There are eight primitive campsites on this unit.  
9,113 acres. A 450-acre State Duck Refuge exists on this unit to give waterfowl a place to rest and feed during hunting season. It is off limits to visitors from September 1st to October 31st. The 1,700 acre Nelson Slough impoundment provides excellent opportunities for viewing wetland species and waterfowl hunting.



# Major Parks

## Twin Valley

### Wildlife Areas

#### Neal Wildlife Management Area 218-847-1579

Contact: Earl Johnson  
5 miles South of Twin Valley to Syre.  
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas/index.html>  
This 1,278 acre unit is an inter-beach area of glacial Lake Agassiz. The greater prairie-chicken uses this area as a booming ground.

## Wannaska

### City Parks/Picnic/Camping

#### Bemis Hill 218-425-7504

Hwy 89 S, Box 34a

Northwest corner of Beltrami Island State Forest.  
6 drive-in & 4 horse sites. Campground is open in fall/winter.  
Picnic area and shelter. Sledding in winter.  
Hiking, horseback riding trails, skiing, skiing tours, snowmobiling trails, and snowshoeing.

## Warren

### Special Attractions

#### Agassiz Audubon Society

27391 190th St. NW

Experience wildlife at the beach along Glacial Lake Agassiz. To the west are the Tallgrass Prairies - to the east, the Aspen Parklands. The Audubon Center has them both. It's a great place to spot magpies & kingfishers, warblers and owls as well as the occasional otter, moose, bear, and wolf. Bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. Experience the quiet serenity of the pine groves, prairie vistas and aspen woodlands. There's plenty to see. While you're here, take a walk across the street to the Agassiz Valley flood control impoundment - one of the best birding locations in NW MN. Look for white pelicans, common loons, sandhill cranes, great blue herons, shorebirds and waterfowl. The Agassiz Valley Residential Pollinator Garden is available for you to visit, which showcases natural habitat plants, forbes, and trees. Agassiz Valley is closed during the winter months.

### Wildlife Areas

#### Agassiz Valley Impoundment 218-745-4741

Contact: Danny Omdahl  
This flood control project provides habitat for songbirds, waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds and marsh birds as well as access for the people who want to view them. An impressive list of species have been spotted in the neighborhood including owls, bald/golden eagles, peregrine falcons, waders, sandhill cranes, rails, grouse, black-billed magpies, bobolinks, waterfowl, grassland sparrows, warblers, thrushes and shrikes.

## Warroad

### State Forests

#### Beltrami Island State Forest 1-800-382-3474 or 218-386-1304

20 Miles SE of Roseau  
Camping at Bemis Hill Campground.  
669,000 acres in Roseau, Lake of The Woods, & Beltrami Counties. Canoeing, fishing, hunting, picnicking and birding. This is the second largest state forest. Nearby seasonal blueberry picking at Blueberry Campground near Williams.  
Hiking, Pine to Prairie Birding trail, horseback riding trails, cross country ski trails, and 138 miles of snowmobile trails. Off-road vehicles (ATVs, etc...) are allowed on all trails unless posted otherwise.

#### Lost River State Forest 218-386-1304

25 mi. S. of Canadian Border on Hwy 310.  
Wildlife area, fishing, and hunting. 63,000 acres of primitive forest which contains much of the original animal and plant life native to the area. There are no developed recreational areas but access is available to some parts by highway and county roads.  
Snowmobiling, hiking forest trails.

#### Northwest Angle State Forest 218-386-1304

Near Sprague, Manitoba on Provincial Hwy 308 to 525. Located on Lake of the Woods.  
Resorts, camping.  
Boat launch, power boat rental, canoeing, sailing, fishing, historical and Summer Nature Interpretation. Information can also be found at the NW Angle & Islands Chamber of Commerce ([www.lakeofthewoodsresorts.com](http://www.lakeofthewoodsresorts.com) or 1-866-NWANGLE).  
Hiking

