

## Swimming

There is a designated beach for your enjoyment. Plenty of sand is provided for sunbathing and building castles. It is a popular place for swimming, splashing and cooling off on hot summer days.

## PARK RULES

To ensure the enjoyment and safety of park users, we ask that you observe the following rules:

1. Camping in the park is limited to 14 days in any 30-day period.
2. The unauthorized placement of camping equipment or other items on a campsite and/or personal appearance at a campsite for the purpose of reserving a campsite for future occupancy is prohibited.
3. Checkout time is 2 p.m. on the last day of your stay.
4. Please be courteous and observe our quiet hour in the park from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. This includes radios and generators.
5. Pets are allowed if kept on a maximum 6-foot leash or otherwise physically restrained. **All pet waste shall be picked up and disposed of properly.**
6. Only certified pest-free firewood is permitted in the Park. Firewood restrictions are in effect to prevent the spread of forest insects and disease, like EAB.

*Additional rules and regulations may be posted on the bulletin board located near the park entrance station. The "Rules and Regulations" brochure is available at the park office, from the park rangers or from the gate attendant.*

## WATER SAFETY

Protect yourself and your family. Think water safety at all times. The Mississippi River contains many unmarked water hazards and the recreationist must always remain alert. Remember to wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket when you're boating, fishing, canoeing, water skiing or participating in any water-based recreational activity.

**Coast Guard rules now require that all children under the age of 13 wear an approved life jacket while aboard recreational vessels underway.**

## Your Safety – Our Concern

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE.....	911
GUNDERSEN LUTHERAN HOSPITAL.....	(608) 782-7300
FRANCISCAN SKEMP HOSPITAL.....	(608) 785-0940
VERNON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.....	(608) 637-2101
BLACKHAWK PARK.....	(608) 648-3314
LANSING CLINIC.....	(800) 287-2050



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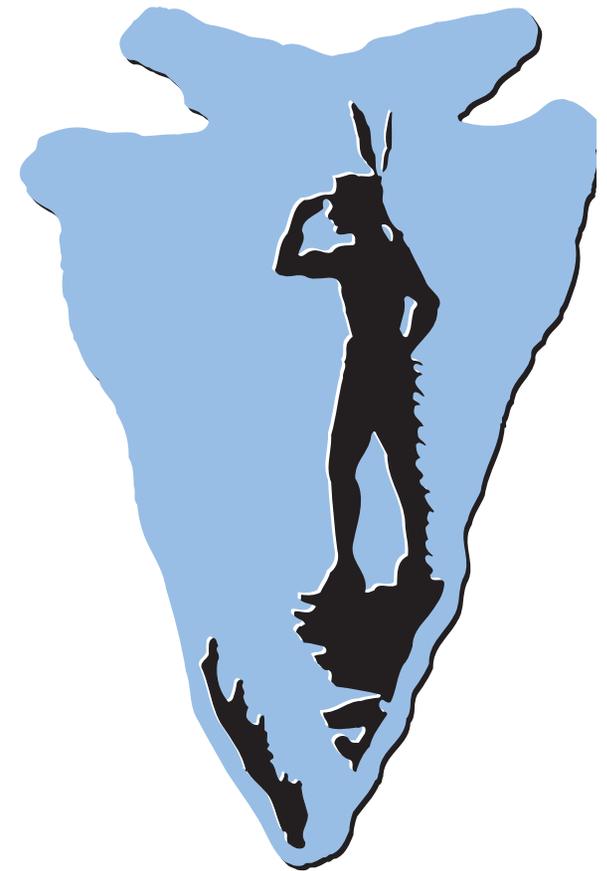
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# Blackhawk Park



## DeSoto, Wisconsin

**BUILDING STRONG**®

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes you to Blackhawk Park. Located adjacent to the main channel of the Mississippi River, the park is three miles north of DeSoto, Wis., and 30 miles south of La Crosse, Wis., just off Wisconsin State Highway 35 on County Road BI. Blackhawk is the largest public use facility in Mississippi's Pool 9. A wide variety of recreational opportunities are available to meet each visitor's preference.

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### **Camping**

Blackhawk offers a choice of single, double and pull through campsites with electrical hookups, as well as primitive campsites. Many sites are located along the shoreline and provide the camper with a picturesque view of the Mississippi River. A camping fee is required. Reservations can be made for a limited number of sites by calling (877) 444-6777, or on the Internet at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Most campsites are equipped with a picnic table and ground fireplace. Additional facilities include **coin operated showers**, playgrounds, toilets, drinking water and a sanitary dump station. All persons 62 years of age or older and individuals who have been medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled may receive a 50 percent reduction in camping fees if they are holders of a Golden Age/Access Passport or an America the Beautiful Senior or Access Pass.

### **Picnicking**

Picnic accommodations range from accessible, reservable shelters for large groups to individual tables and grills located in day-use areas adjacent to the Mississippi River.

### **Fishing and Boating**

Fishing can be enjoyed by all members of the family along any part of Blackhawk's shoreline. A fishing dock is also available that is accessible to the mobility impaired. Boats can be launched at either of two boat ramps, giving access to the Mississippi's main channel, lakes and backwaters. Courtesy docks and fish cleaning stations are also provided.

### **Interpretive Programs**

Park rangers provide a variety of programs and activities throughout the summer. Interpretive programs may cover such topics as recreation, local history and the environment. Other activities range from guided walks and campfire talks to natural craft programs.

