Also available is a fishing dock 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.

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 hours in the park from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
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. Operation of ATV's or any unlicensed vehicle in the park is prohibited.

Additional rules and regulations information is 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.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

A public pay phone is available next to the entrance station.

POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE	911
LA CROSSE LUTHERAN HOSPITAL	(608)785-0530
LA CROSSE ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL	(608)785-0940
VERNON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	(608)637-2101
BLACKHAWK PARK	(608)648-3314
LANSING CLINIC	1-800-287-2050

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

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E590 Cty Rd BI
DeSoto, WI 54624
Phone (608) 648-3314
Fax (608) 648-3355
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For information on Nationwide Corps Recreational Facilities
www.CorpsLakes.us/

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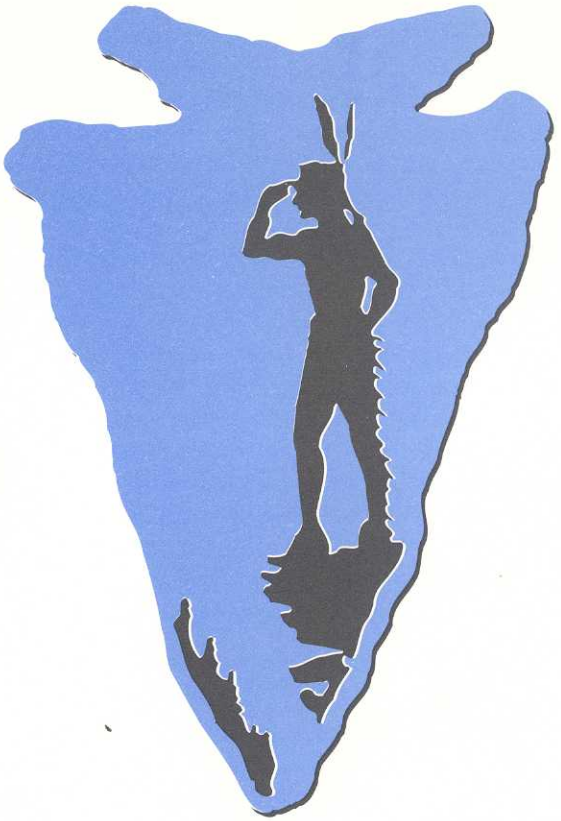


DeSoto, Wisconsin

Blackhawk Park

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 Pool 9 of the mighty Mississippi. A wide variety of recreational opportunities are available to meet each visitor's preference.

Recreational Opportunities

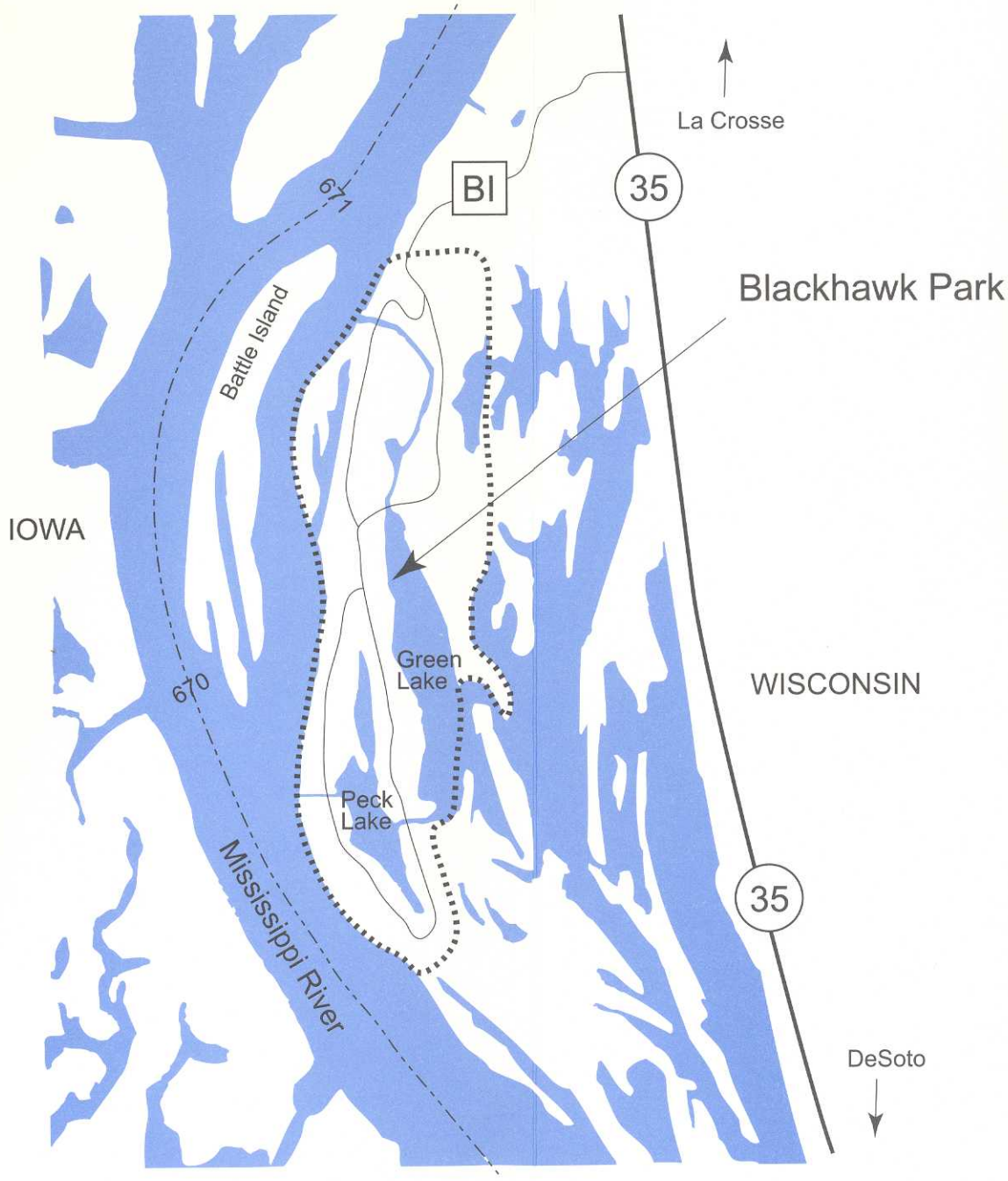
Camping

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.reserveusa.com**. 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 will receive a 50 percent reduction in camping fees, if they are holders of a Golden Age/Access Passport. Passports can be obtained from a park ranger or gate attendant.

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.

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