

# Lac qui Parle Recreation Area

Lac qui Parle Lake was originally managed by the state of Minnesota as a waterfowl conservation project.

After repeated severe flooding in the area, congress authorized the Flood Control Act of 1936, which tasked the Corps of Engineers with controlling future floods.

Upon completion of the three flood control dams in 1950, the Corps was granted full operational authority for the recreation area.

Today, the Lac qui Parle is managed for several purposes. These include flood control, water conservation, fish and wildlife management, and recreation.

## RECREATION AREA FEATURES

### Marsh Lake Dam

Type: Earth fill  
Length: 11,800 feet  
Height: 19.5 feet

### Marsh Lake

5,100 acres  
Length: Seven miles  
Depth: Five feet

### Lac qui Parle Dam

Type: Earth fill  
Length: 4,100 feet  
Height: 15.5 feet

### Lac qui Parle Lake

6,400 acres  
Length: 17 miles  
Width: .5 to .75 mile  
Depth: 13 feet

### Chippewa Dam

Type: Rolled earth  
Length: 1,900 feet

### Watson Sag Weir

Type: Rolled earth  
Length: 3,500 feet

### Highway 75 Dam

Type: Earth fill  
Length: 16,160 feet

## Emergency - Call 911

## Thank you for visiting!

Lac qui Parle Recreation Area is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District. Our trained staff is here to assist you, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Visit [www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov), or Call 1-800-VOL-TEER (800-865-8337) for more information.

Thank you for helping us keep the park clean. We hope you enjoy your visit. While around water please use the buddy system.

## Please recycle!

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## Visitor Information

Are you hungry for fresh walleye? Do you need some peacefulness in your life? If so, then the Lac qui Parle Recreation Area is for you.

The Lac qui Parle Recreation Area is known by many as the best walleye fishing place in western Minnesota. That's because the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources periodically stocks Lac qui Parle Lake with walleye. This stocking and a large food base, contributes to the walleyes fast growth. This means lots of "keepers" for the frying pan!

Along with being great for walleye fishing, the lake is also good for channel catfish, bluegill, small mouth bass, crappies and northern pike.

Besides fishing, the recreation area is also a great place for viewing wildlife. The recreation area is located in an area known as the prairie pot hole region. This area, which consists of a lot of small wetlands, can feed and shelter wildlife all year long. A flock of white pelicans, rare to this part of the country, uses Marsh Lake as breeding grounds.



## Lake Access

A total of 19 boat accesses, including canoe portages, are available to you at the recreation area. The Minnesota River is part of the state's wild and scenic rivers system. The Minnesota and Chippewa rivers are designated state canoe routes.



## Recreation

If your're searching for a peaceful retreat, you're in luck. The Lac qui Parle Recreation Area is tucked into western Minnesota's quiet countryside, far away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. The closest major city is Minneapolis, over 120 miles away!

Camping is available at Lac qui Parle State Park, located on the southwest corner of Lac qui Parle Lake.



## Hunting and Fishing

The recreation area offers many opportunities for hunting. You can hunt Canadian geese, mallard ducks, ring-necked pheasants, Hungarian partridge and white-tailed deer in certain areas of the recreation area. Be sure to check with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for areas that are open to public hunting.



## Water Safety

Your safety is our number one priority while you visit the Lac qui Parle Recreation Area. Be sure to wear your U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket every time you are in or around the water.



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Water Safety Link



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