

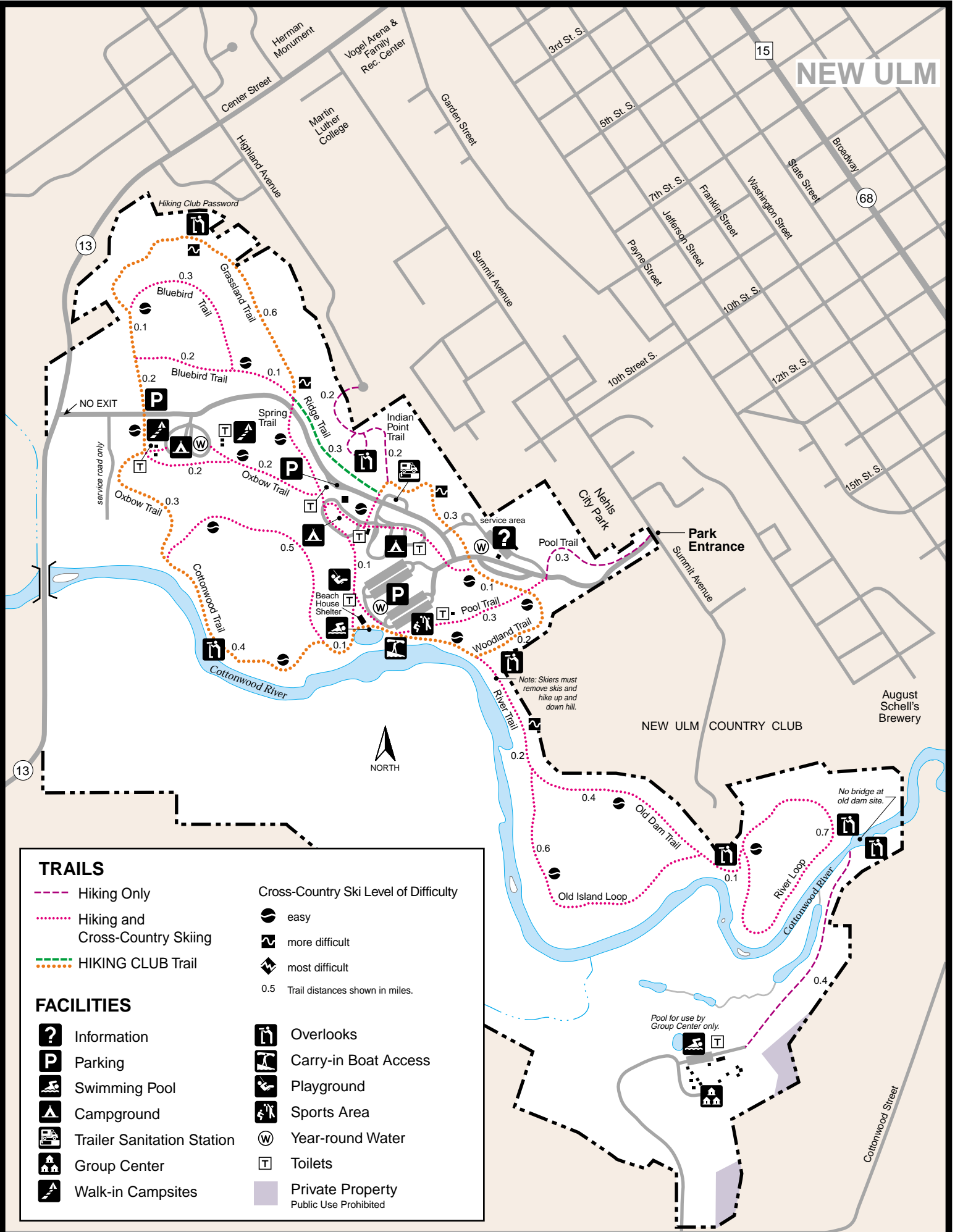
FLANDRAU STATE PARK

FACILITIES AND FEATURES

- 35 electric semi-modern campsites
- 22 non-electric semi-modern campsites
- 33 rustic drive-in campsites
- 3 rustic walk-in sites
- Dumping station, showers, and flush toilets
- Camping reservations accepted. 1-800-246-CAMP
- Volleyball
- Horseshoes
- Log play structure
- Modern group center (120 capacity)
- 60 picnic sites with an enclosed shelter
- Swimming pool with sand bottom and beach house
- 8.5 miles of hiking trails
- 7.5 miles of ski trails

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Indian Point Trail
- Cottonwood River—follow Woodland, Old Dam and Cottonwood trails. (Note: There is no river crossing at end of Old Dam Trail.)



TRAILS

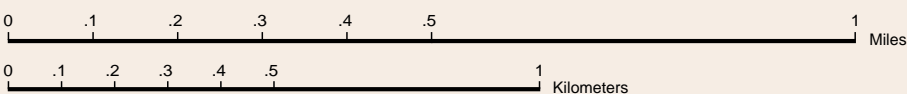
- Hiking Only
- Hiking and Cross-Country Skiing
- HIKING CLUB Trail

Cross-Country Ski Level of Difficulty

- easy
- more difficult
- ◆ most difficult
- 0.5 Trail distances shown in miles.

FACILITIES

- Information
- Parking
- Swimming Pool
- Campground
- Trailer Sanitation Station
- Group Center
- Walk-in Campsites
- Overlooks
- Carry-in Boat Access
- Playground
- Sports Area
- Year-round Water
- Toilets
- Private Property
Public Use Prohibited



Because lands exist within the boundaries of this park that are not under the jurisdiction of the D.N.R., check with the park manager if you plan to use facilities such as trails and roads other than those shown.



LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ?

The DNR has mapped the state showing federal, state and county lands with their recreational facilities. Public Recreation Information Maps (PRIM) are available for purchase from the DNR gift shop, DNR regional offices, Minnesota state parks and major sporting and map stores.

Check it out - you'll be glad you did.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Flandrau State Park
1300 Summit Avenue
New Ulm, MN 56073-3664
(507) 233-9800

Department of Natural Resources
Information Center
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040

(651) 296-6157 (Metro Area)
1-888-646-6367 (MN Toll Free)

TDD (Telecommunications
Device for Deaf)
(651) 296-5484 (Metro Area)
1-800-657-3929 (MN Toll Free)

DNR Web Site: www.dnr.state.mn.us

FLANDRAU STATE PARK is in southcentral Minnesota, adjacent to and partially within the city of New Ulm in Brown County. It is several blocks southwest of Minnesota State Highway 15 and two miles south of U.S. Highway 14. State highway map index: G-19.

The Cottonwood River, a scenic prairie river, flows southeasterly through Flandrau State Park. Within the park, oxbow marshes trace the river's past meanderings through floodplain forest and grassy expanses. Confining the river and forming

the park's boundaries are steep slopes covered with cool, moist forests and oak shaded bluffs dotted with dry prairie knolls.

GEOLOGY: Flandrau lies in a valley cut by the Cottonwood River through 100 to 200 feet of glacial "drift" deposited by glaciers which covered southern Minnesota thousands of years ago.

Underneath this glacial material is sandstone laid down millions of years ago by great seas which once covered North America. Fossilized plant materials and orange-colored iron oxide bands can be seen in the exposed sandstone near the park's eastern boundary.

WILDLIFE: A variety of plant communities provide summer habitat for over 60 species of birds and 25 species of mammals.

Bur oak, eastern red cedar, and aspen thrive on the warm, dry, south-facing bluffs. Nestled amongst the trees are open prairie knolls with big bluestem and Indian grasses, colorful butterfly milkweed, blazing stars, and prairie sunflowers.

Cool, moist shade is abundant under the sugar maple, basswood, and hackberry found on the north facing slopes. Towering cottonwoods dominate portions of the river floodplain while cattails and prairie cord grass grows in many oxbow marshes.

At dusk, visitors can spot deer browsing in the grassy meadows and hear beaver splashing in the river. Raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, mink, coyote, opossum and fox are also found in the park.

Broad-winged hawks nest in the park and can often be seen circling high overhead. Singing on some high branch, indigo buntings and northern orioles claim their territory. Other birds are kingfishers, huminbirds, bluebirds, and several species of woodpeckers.

HISTORY: For hundreds of years, American Indians hunted, fished, and gathered wild plants in the Cottonwood River Valley. No doubt they camped on the river's prairie bluffs where warm summer breezes kept insects away.

Abundant Indian artifacts, campsites, and petroglyphs, which have been found in the surrounding countryside, give evidence of the river valley's natural wealth and earliest inhabitants. Today, buffalo bones can still be found in fresh gravel washouts along the river's banks.

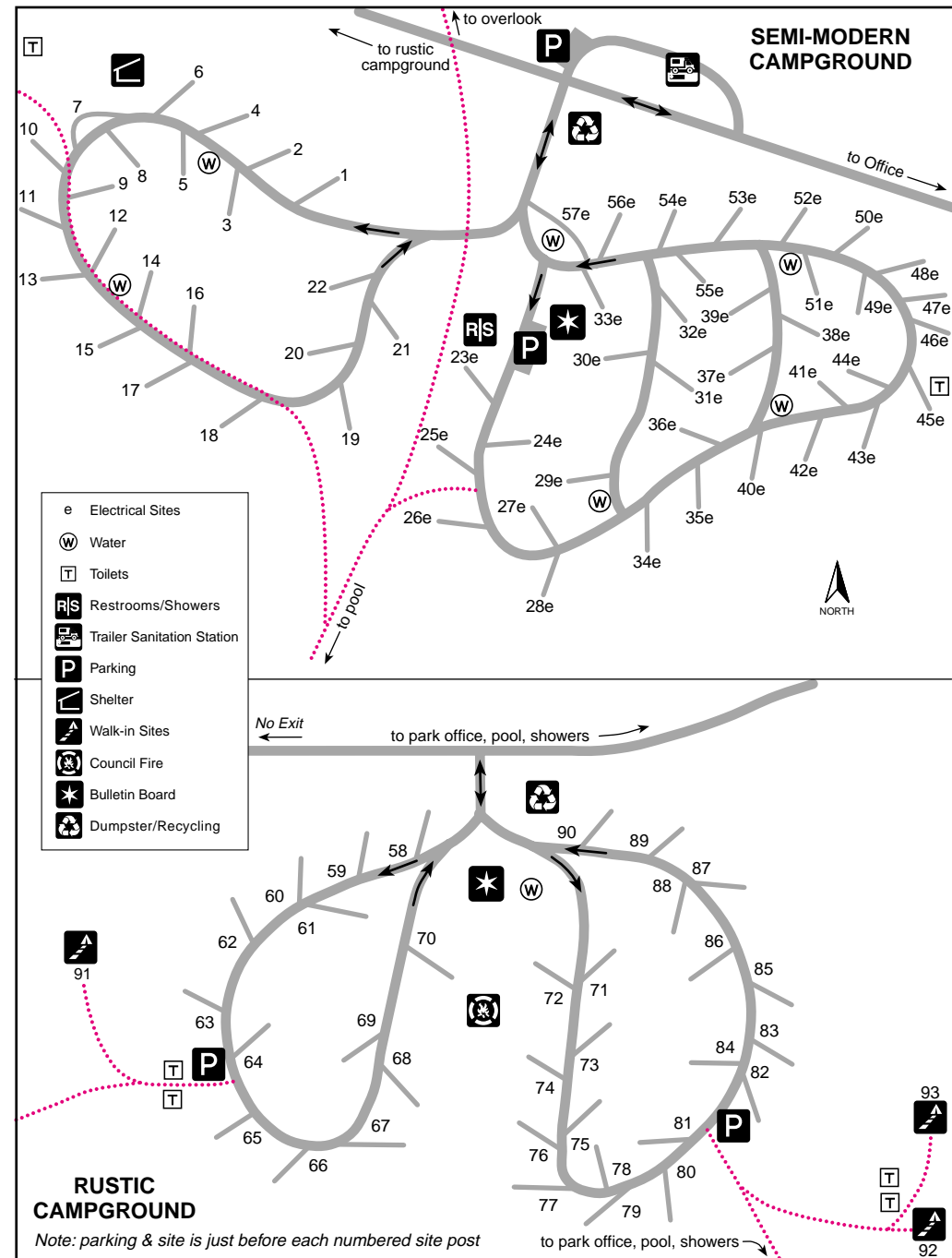
In the mid 1600s to the early 1800s adventurers, fur traders, and explorers came through the Cottonwood River Valley. By the 1830s, the first pioneers and settlers were entering the river valley, clearing and plowing the land for agriculture.

Land was acquired in the 1930s for the creation of a park with a lake and dam. The first of three dams, a beach house, trails, and tree plantings were completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Work Projects Administration from 1935 to 1942. Devastating flood waters destroyed three dams, the last in 1969. Since then, the river has been allowed to return to its natural state.

Originally named Cottonwood State Park, it was changed in 1945 to Flandrau State Park to honor Charles E. Flandrau, a prominent lawyer and Indian agent of the Minnesota River country during the 1860s.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

- The park belongs to all Minnesotans. Please treat it with respect and help us to protect it by following the rules.
- The park is open year-round. On a daily basis, the park gate is closed from 10:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. the following morning except to registered campers.
- Camp in designated locations.
- The use of firearms, explosives, air guns, slingshots, traps, seines, nets, bows and arrows, and all other weapons is prohibited in state parks.
- Pets must be restrained on a leash no longer than six feet. Pets are not allowed in park buildings or in pool area.
- Tight-fitting plastic pants are required on all diaper-age children to enter the pool.
- Park in designated areas only.
- Motor bikes and other licensed vehicles are allowed only on park roads, not on trails.
- Enjoy park wildlife and plants but please respect them. Do not pick or dig up plants, disturb or feed animals, or scavenge dead wood.
- Build fires only in designated locations—fire rings or fireplaces. Wood is available for purchase from park staff. Portable stoves or grills are permitted.
- Daily or annual permits are required for all vehicles entering a state park. They may be purchased at the park headquarters or the Information Center in St. Paul (see "FOR MORE INFORMATION" to left).



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