

Baker Park Reserve

Group Camping Area Guidelines



BAKER PARK RESERVE

Located on scenic Lake Independence, Baker Park Reserve offers 2,700 acres of natural landscape and accommodations for almost any activity from golfing to camping to cross-country skiing, and so much more. No matter the season, there is always something fun to do.

GROUP CAMP SITES

MARSHVIEW

Capacity 60, 15 cars. Barn with fully enclosed upper level. Electricity (not designed for camper hook-up). Horseshoe pit and volleyball net. 1 grill and 1 fire ring. Water pump. Latrines onsite. Access to turf hiking trails.

KATRINA 1

Capacity 50, 20 cars. Open air shelter (shared with Katrina 2). Electricity in shelter (not designed for camper hook-up), 1 large grill in shelter and 1 family-sized grill. Horseshoe pit (shared with Katrina 2) and volleyball standards. Fire ring. Drinking fountain with jug filler (shared with Katrina 2). Latrines nearby (shared with Katrina 2). Access to paved trail. Turf hiking trail behind shelter.

KATRINA 2

Capacity 50, 20 cars. Open-air shelter (shared with Katrina 1). Electricity in shelter (not designed for camper hook-up), 1 large grill in shelter and 1 family-sized grill. Horseshoe pit (shared with Katrina 1) and volleyball standards. Fire ring. Drinking fountain with jug filler (shared with Katrina 1). Latrines nearby (shared with Katrina 1). Access to paved trail. Turf hiking trail behind shelter.

OAK KNOLL

Capacity 60, 16 cars. Non-sheltered. Electricity (not designed for camper hook-up). 1 fire ring. Modern restrooms and showers. Access to trails.

HALF MOON –Year Round

Capacity 50, 20 cars. Garage-type shelter with stove. Family size grill. Beanbag toss, 1 fire ring. Latrines on site. Access to fishing dock on Half Moon Lake. Access to Lake Independence Regional Trail. You will have access to a solar well for potable water, to promote sustainability. Press and hold the button for 30 seconds. Groups using large amounts of water may need to wait for an extended time period to allow the solar well to recharge.

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2309 County Road 19, Maple Plain, MN 55359 | 763-694-7860

RENTAL FEES (Fees do not include sales tax)

Marshview	Sunday – Thursday \$110	Friday, Saturday and Holidays \$150
Katrina 1	Sunday – Thursday \$ 90	Friday, Saturday and Holidays \$120
Katrina 2	Sunday – Thursday \$ 90	Friday, Saturday and Holidays \$120
Oak Knoll	Sunday – Thursday \$110	Friday, Saturday and Holidays \$150
Half Moon	Sunday – Thursday \$ 90	Friday, Saturday and Holidays \$120

RESERVATION PERMIT

At the time of your reservation, payment is due in full. Your paid receipt is your permit and entitles your group to exclusive use of the area reserved for the time listed on your receipt. It does not include any reserved parking, watercraft rental, or exclusive use of any beach or play area. Please have your receipt with you when arriving at the park.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- If a cancellation is made 90 days prior to the use date, 100% of the fee will be refunded.
- If a cancellation is made 60 days prior to the use date, 50% of the fee will be refunded.
- All cancellations within 60 days are non-refundable.
- No refunds are given due to weather conditions unless the park or facility is officially closed due to severe, life-threatening weather.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

- Your camping area will be ready for occupancy at 3 p.m. on your arrival day. Check-out time is 1 p.m. on your departure day. Early entry is not allowed.
- Entry gates to group campsites are locked when not in use. The combination for your campsite gate lock will be emailed to you prior to your reservation date.
- Please be sure the first person to arrive has the combination for the gate entrance. We recommend that, for your safety, gates be closed overnight.

FIREWOOD

Two 12"x20"x12" compartments of firewood are provided per night at each group camp and should be on-site at the time of arrival. Additional firewood can be purchased from the Campground Office at 763-694-7662 or by calling Guest Services at 763-559-6700 at least two weeks prior to your reservation.

It is unlawful to bring firewood from unapproved sources into any Three Rivers Park District property. Only Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) certified firewood may be brought into the parks. The wood must be accompanied by a receipt with the MDA Certified logo. This policy was implemented to help prevent the spread of invasive pests such as the Emerald Ash borer. The Park District discourages any transportation of firewood.

QUIET HOURS

Quiet hours are 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. These hours have been established for the enjoyment of all campers. Use of a generator is prohibited during quiet hours. Please inform all members in your group of this policy. If there are noise violations or other problems after hours, please call 911 and ask for Three Rivers Parks Police.

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking is free for personal/family vehicles in all Three Rivers Parks. Vehicles with motorized boats must park in the boat launch parking area where a permit is required. Boat lines are common on weekends. All buses must have a reservation/permit.

SITE CLEAN-UP AND RECYCLING

- Normal site maintenance is included in your reservation.
- Permit holders are responsible for any property damage or extraordinary cleaning/maintenance time and will be charged an hourly rate to cover labor costs.
- Dispose of coals properly in the concrete receptacles provided.
- Please recycle. Each reservation picnic area has recycling receptacles for beverage cans and plastic bottles.
- The caterer or reservation group must take grease out of the park. Do not pour grease on the ground or in garbage containers.
- No confetti, rice, birdseed, streamers, glitter, flower petals, or poppers may be used in or around the shelter or park. Balloons are allowed but not permitted to be released or left in the park environment. They are dangerous to wildlife.
- If using a plastic bag to collect recyclables, dump the recyclable materials from the bag into the appropriate bin, then throw the plastic bag in a waste bin or reuse it.

SIGNS, BANNERS, AND DECORATIONS

Temporary, free-standing signage may be set up within the park and must be removed when your reservation time is over. Signs cannot impede access to an area and cannot be affixed to Park District Property or trees.

CATERING IN THE PARKS

If you choose to have your event catered, we require you to contact a caterer from the Three Rivers Park District Approved Caterer List or direct your desired caterer to apply for our Approved Caterer program. Applications for new Approved Caterers must be received no less than 60 days prior to the event. For a copy of the Park District Approved Caterer List, or more information on how to become an Approved Caterer, please visit our website at <https://www.threeriversparks.org/page/catering>

ALCOHOL POLICY

Alcohol must be single-serving. Beer, wine, ciders, hard lemonades, and other malt based, single-serving beverages are permitted in glass bottles or cans only. Hard liquor is not allowed anywhere on Park District property. Kegs, boxed wine, or bulk containers are prohibited unless authorized by a special use permit. To obtain a special use permit please contact one of the Park District Approved Caterers.

SMOKING

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use tobacco products in or within 25 feet of any entrance to an indoor area or in the designated perimeter of any play area, beach, swim pond, or water play area.

CANNABIS

The use of controlled substances, including cannabis and cannabis products, is prohibited on Park District property.

MUSIC/AMPLIFICATION

Live bands, DJs, and amplification are not allowed.

HAMMOCKS

Hammocks are allowed on trees at least 12-inches in diameter within active use areas. Hammocks must have 2-inch straps, and padding should be used between the strap and tree. Stacking is prohibited.

DOGS IN THE PARK

Dogs are permitted in picnic areas and on turf and paved trails. Dogs are not permitted at beaches, play areas, or in buildings. Pets must always be attended to, and on a maximum of 6-foot non-retractable leash.

WILDLIFE

Please respect the wildlife found in the park. Do not attempt to feed or catch wildlife. Food should be kept in a latched cooler or other secure container, preferably stored in a vehicle. Trash needs to be brought to the trash containers; do not leave it at the campsite. Raccoons and other wildlife are attracted to food and trash. They will return to sites repeatedly if they find food.

MOSQUITO TREATMENTS

Three Rivers does not allow spraying or fogging by MMCD or other agencies to kill adult mosquitoes in any parks, trails, or special recreation features. Past use of these treatments has been shown to be short lived. The insecticides used in these treatments are not specific to mosquitos and kill several beneficial insects, including bees, dragonflies, and butterflies.

We do allow and encourage the use of personal sprays that contain DEET or natural oils, citronella candles and torches, and mosquito coils. The use of screen tents can also protect against mosquitoes in picnic areas and campgrounds. Mosquito traps that do not emit insecticides can be used in the group campsites. We do not allow the use of aerial insecticides or foggers (aerosol and propane) by the public in Three Rivers parks.

Park Amenities

BAKER NATIONAL GOLF COURSE

A special feature of the park is Baker National Golf Course, offering an 18-hole Championship Course and the 9-hole Evergreen Executive course, as well as a driving range. For tee times call 763-694-7670.

PLAY AREA

Features include a climbing structure almost nine feet tall and a zip line.

FISHING

An accessible fishing pier is located at the south end of the park on Lake Independence. Anglers 16 years and older must have a valid Minnesota fishing permit.

WATERCRAFT RENTALS

Paddleboats, paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks, and canoes are available weekends and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The boat rental building is located near the southern swimming beach. Rental hours are available at <https://www.threeriversparks.org/page/watercraft-rentals>. Advance reservations are recommended.

BOAT LAUNCH

Access to Lake Independence through the boat launch is permitted from 5 a.m. – 10 p.m. A paved boat launch is available at Lake Independence. All boat trailers parking in the designated launch area are required to display a boat trailer parking permit. The boat launch user fee does not apply to campers who choose to return their boat trailer to their campsite after launching. The boat launch capacity is monitored and if the maximum number of watercrafts have been launched.

Additional boats will not be allowed into the park until openings become available.

An unpaved boat launch is located at Spurzem Lake, and carry-in access is available at Half Moon Lake. No wake on Half Moon Lake and Spurzem Lake. Gas motors are allowed at Spurzem Lake.

PAVED BIKE/HIKE TRAIL (6.2 MILES)

Baker Park has miles of trails designated for biking and/or hiking. A 6.2-mile paved loop is accessible from the campground. Visit <https://www.threeriversparks.org> for a complete trail map.

SWIMMING

Beaches are open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Hours are 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. daily. Both the main beach and south beach at Baker are unguarded.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Bicycles, volleyballs, and bean bags are available to rent during campground office hours.

TURF TRAILS (9 MILES)

Baker Park Reserve offers scenic mowed trails for hikers and horseback riders; trailer parking is available off Homestead Trail. Trails are closed during the winter season.

USER FEES

User fees apply for boat launches and horseback riding. Daily and annual permits can be purchased at the Campground Office, online at <https://www.threeriversparks.org> or by calling Three Rivers Park District Administrative Center at 763-559-9000. Daily permits can also be purchased at pay boxes onsite.

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Most Park District facilities and parks are accessible to people using wheelchairs and can accommodate people with other disabilities. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Park District at 763-559-9000 for more information on the accessibility of specific facilities within individual parks.

PARK DISTRICT ORDINANCE

It is unlawful to disturb any natural feature (including plants and animals for treasure or scavenger hunt), solicit, sell, or otherwise peddle any goods, wares, merchandise, service, liquids, or edibles in the park. All members of a group must be 18 years or older or always have a parent or guardian on site during the reservation. Any permit or reservation may be revoked upon violation by the permit holder of any ordinance, rule, or regulation of the Park District. Furthermore, the permit holder may be charged with a misdemeanor for which a sentence of not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$700, or both, may be imposed. Complete ordinance available at <https://www.threeriversparks.org>

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Be aware of changing weather conditions while visiting the park. In case of severe weather, seek shelter or go to a low-lying area away from trees. Guests are expected to be aware of these conditions and the proper procedures for severe weather.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Park District Police are on duty to provide assistance to park guests and to protect the natural resources. If you need assistance, contact a park employee, or call 911 and ask for Three Rivers Park District Police.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions about Baker Park Reserve, please call 763-694-7662. For questions about your reservation, please call the Park District Reservations Office at 763-559-6700.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK

Baker Park Reserve is located approximately 20 miles west of downtown Minneapolis on County Road 19 between Highways 12 and 55. From Highway 12, take County Road 29 (Baker Park Road) north; follow 1.5 miles to the main park entrance. From the west on Highway 55, turn south on County Road 19 and follow approximately 3 miles to the park entrance. From the east on Highway 55, turn south on County Road 24 and follow approximately 7 miles to County Road 19, then take a left and follow County Road 19 to the main entrance.

Thank you for considering Baker Park Reserve for your special event. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

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SUMMER MAP

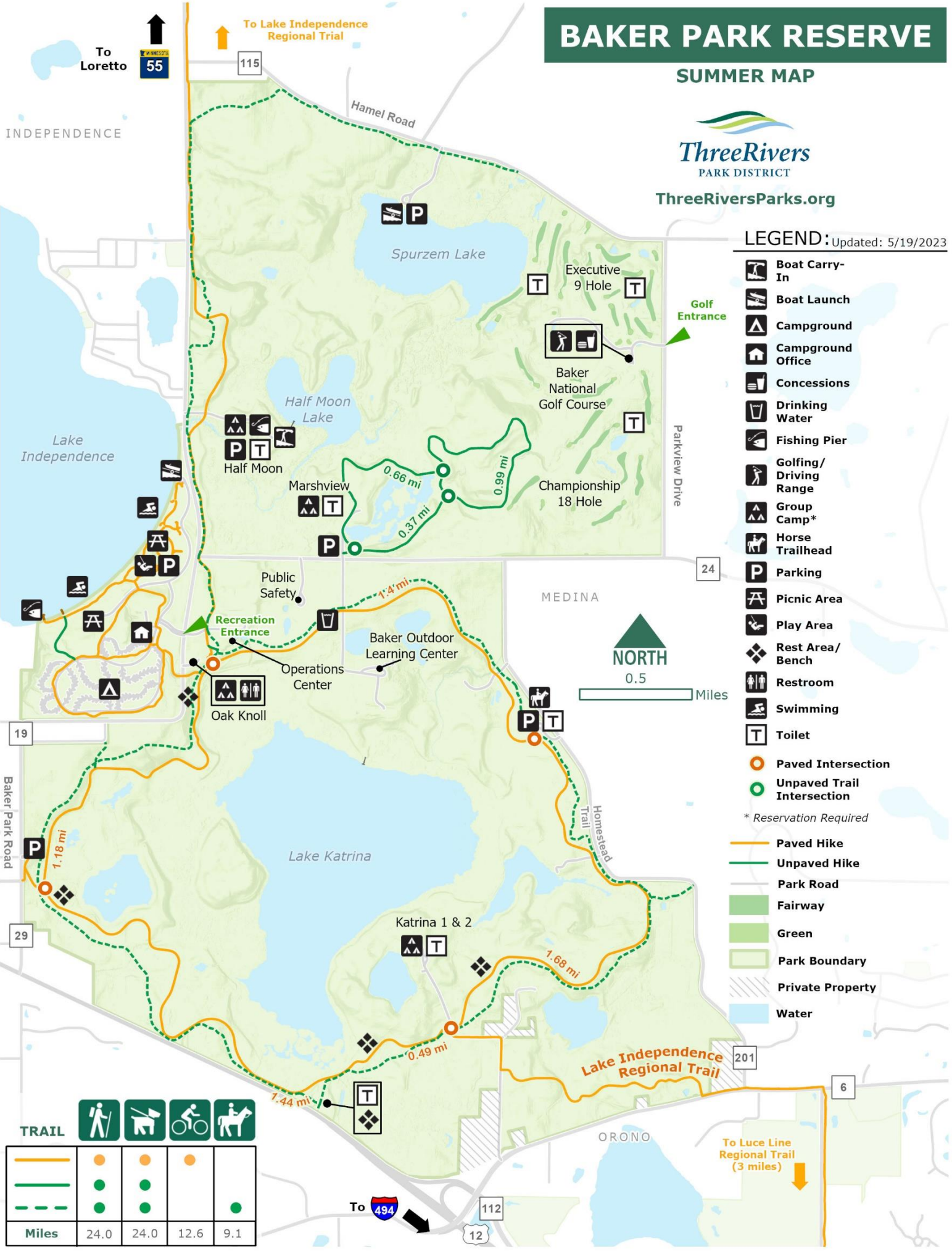


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LEGEND: Updated: 5/19/2023

- Boat Carry-In
- Boat Launch
- Campground
- Campground Office
- Concessions
- Drinking Water
- Fishing Pier
- Golfing/Driving Range
- Group Camp*
- Horse Trailhead
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Play Area
- Rest Area/Bench
- Restroom
- Swimming
- Toilet

- Paved Intersection
- Unpaved Trail Intersection
- * Reservation Required*
- Paved Hike
- Unpaved Hike
- Park Road
- Fairway
- Green
- Park Boundary
- Private Property
- Water



TRAIL

Miles	24.0	24.0	12.6	9.1

To Loretto 55

To Lake Independence Regional Trail 115

To Luce Line Regional Trail (3 miles)

To 494

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