



# BLUE MOUNDS STATE PARK

## TRAILS

- Paved
- Hiking
- Hiking Club
- Snowmobile
- Trail Intersections

## FACILITIES

- Park Office
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Bison Observation
- Amphitheater

- Volleyball Court
- Playground
- Historic Site
- Campground
- Group Camp
- Cart-in Campground

- Tipi Sites
- Drinking Water
- Primitive Toilet
- Restroom/Shower
- RV Sanitation Station
- Private Property



# MAP AND GUIDE: BLUE MOUNDS STATE PARK

1410 161ST STREET  
LUVERNE, MN 56156  
ROCK COUNTY  
507-283-6050



## ! VISITOR TIPS

- Bison can move very fast. Keep out of the enclosure fence!
- Don't see bison from the viewing platform? Check the south-western corner of the range from Mound or Western Loop trails.
- Stay on trails. Prickly pear cacti are common here and their spines can pierce shoes and clothes. Even their yellow flowers have small spines.
- Pack a water bottle for your hike.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 507-283-5000

## 🕒 ONLY HAVE AN HOUR?

- Look for bison from the viewing platform or Mound Trail.
- Hike the short Quarry Trail to explore the quartzite cliffs.
- Visit Eagle Rock, the park's highest point. Take the Mound Trail from the Eagle Rock Vista parking lot.



LOOKING FOR MORE TO EXPLORE?  
VISIT [MNDNR.GOV/BLUEMOUNDS](https://mndnr.gov/bluemounds)

## ABOUT THE PARK

Established in 1961, Blue Mounds State Park protects sheer quartzite cliffs and over 1,500 acres of highly diverse prairie. Here you have the opportunity to see more rare prairie species than in any other park in southwestern Minnesota. Management programs restore native grasses and wildflowers, resulting in a panorama of prairie colors in late summer. Amid this rich landscape, you may also spot bison. The herd you see today began with the introduction of three bison from Nebraska in 1961. New calves are born each spring.



Experience a stunning prairie landscape.

## TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Bur Oak Trail</b> Steep terrain • Bare rock • Packed dirt This narrow trail leads through a bur oak forest and large quartzite boulders and cliff faces.	0.75 miles one-way
<b>Mound Trail</b> One long, gradual hill • Mowed grass Hike along the western edge of the bison range and over the top of the Mound. You'll be rewarded with abundant views of tallgrass prairie. Loops can be made by returning on the Upper Cliffline Trail.	1.5-miles one-way
<b>Upper Cliffline Trail</b> One long, gradual hill • Mowed grass Travel along the upper edge of the cliffline and old quartzite quarry to experience the unique, pink rock.	1.5-miles one-way
<b>Lower Cliffline Trail</b> Mostly flat • Mowed grass • Some paved segments Take this trail to skirt around the base of a cliffline and join the bike trail. Connecting trails lead up the cliff to the Upper Cliffline Trail.	1-miles one-way

## MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

- Bike along three miles of paved park trails and continue onto trails that lead to Luverne, MN.
- Bring your own gear and go rock climbing.
- Stay overnight in a park tipi. This is a popular option, so make a reservation well in advance.

## SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT [MNDNR.GOV](https://mndnr.gov).



**PARK OPEN**  
8 a.m.–10 p.m. daily.



**VEHICLE PERMITS**  
Permits required; purchase at park office or entrance kiosk.



**PETS WELCOME**  
Keep on 6-foot leash; pick up after; attend at all times; not allowed in buildings.



**CAMPGROUND QUIET HOURS**  
10 p.m.– 8 a.m.; only registered campers may be in campground during quiet hours.



**FIREWOOD**  
Must be purchased at this park or from vendors who sell wood approved for this park; no gathering firewood in the park.

## BE OUR GUEST

Reserve electric or non-electric campsites, cart-in campsites, a tipi or a group campsite. Visit [mndnr.gov/reservations](https://mndnr.gov/reservations).

## ? MORE INFORMATION

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Information Center  
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888-646-6367 or [mndnr.gov/parks](https://mndnr.gov/parks)

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