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WALK FOR GLENDALOUGH 2015



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Thursday, May 21, 2015
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 Glendalough Lodge - Open to Everyone

New/Renewing Park Partners

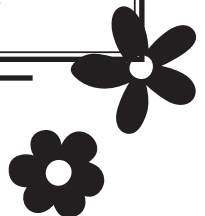
January 23, 2015 – May 3, 2015

NEW

- Karen Zell Verhelst, Ottertail
Tedd Olson, Mpls.
- Susan Olson, Sebastopol, CA.
- Steven and Ann Yetter, St. Paul
- Terri Kromenaker, Battle Lake
- Al and Carol Domke, Clitherall
Joan Thompson, Sabin
- Kathy and Fred Rizk, Battle Lake
- Jeff and Mandy Davis, McIntosh
John Bernauer, Battle Lake
Janet Ruhland, Battle Lake
- Maria Harvey, Wahpeton, ND
- Mark and Jennifer Shaul, Moorhead
Jed Wall, Wahpeton, ND
Joyce Soutor, Henning
Jessie Werner, Richville
- Tammy Anderson, Fergus Falls
Jon Nygaard, Fergus Falls
Bob Anderson, Battle Lake
Jim and Mary Jane Fitch,
Omaha, NE.
- Corey and Karri Gullickson,
Fergus Falls
Beth Rudh, Fergus Falls
Joe and Yvonne Morriatto,
Fergus Falls
Dave Hawes, Ottertail
- Kate and Brian Bjerke, Edina
Tyler and Catherine Nelson,
St. Louis Park
- Mac and Nette Nelson, Wadena
Whitney Windmiller, Wayzata
Max Windmiller, Wayzata
Mollie Windmiller, Mpls
Malcom Moore, Battle Lake
- RENEWALS**
Don and Judy Loe, Stillwater
Jeff and Dawn Larson, Mpls.
Jim and Anne Eidsvold, Alexandria
Jan Anderson, Ottertail
Scott and Jessica Poll,
Sunnyvale, CA.
William Ballantine, Kirkland, WA.
Johannes and Arlyce Wiersma,
St. Louis Park
Don Wolfe, Bloomington
Gerald Miller, O'Neill, NE.
Larry and Connie Fraser, Hutchinson
Peter and LouAnn Jacobson,
Plymouth
Jack and Susan Donelan,
Fergus Falls

RENEWALS (CONT.)

- Duane and Nancy Hanson,
Battle Lake
- Bob and Karen Perry, Battle Lake
Helen Haverberg, Madison
Duane and Judy Fraki, Ottertail
- Ken and Mary Jo Wentz, Battle Lake
Dani Hanson, Battle Lake
Carol and John Sayres, Henning
Larry and Sue Krohn, Battle Lake
James Loftness, Battle Lake
Catherine Shindler, Detroit Lakes
Jim and Jan Slater, Battle Lake
Bud Nornes, Fergus Falls
Bob Wasson, Battle Lake
Tim Bakken, Battle Lake
Rud and Timmy Wasson,
Battle Lake
- Steve and Jan Nelson, Battle Lake
Judy Dow, Lakeville
Carol Witt, Henning
Arlene Jenkins, Henning
Diane Bergman, Crystal
Dan and Lisa Malmstrom,
Battle Lake
Ned and Chris Windmiller,
Stillwater
- Tom and Grace Stoebe, Battle Lake
Elizabeth Stoebe, Mpls.
Tim Stoebe, Minnetonka
Greg Schimers, Mpls.
Shawn Wilde, Mpls.
- Larry and Claudia Loll, Battle Lake
Bill and Beth Reid, Naples, FL.
Sonja Peterson, Battle Lake
Richard Strassburg, Minnetonka
Vernal Lind, Battle Lake
Judy and Carl Carlson, Battle Lake
Cliff and Linda Poll, Perham
Rick and Sharon Schaller,
Battle Lake
Penny Lee, Battle Lake
Bill and Julie Taylor, Battle Lake
Jeff and Alice Crabbe, Austin, TX.
Paulson Land Co., Battle Lake
Maylon Thorstad, Danube
Lorraine Goesch, Beaver Creek, OH.
Alma Sheppard, Battle Lake
Bert Johnston, Battle Lake
Rob and Molly Johnston, St. Paul
Sam and Mary Phillips, Battle Lake
Tracy and Kent Kortlever,
Battle Lake



GSP Advisory Board Minutes

Minutes • Quarterly Meeting • February 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve Nelson with the following directors present: Deb Baker, John Christensen, Peter Christianson, Jean Dirckx, Chris Estes, Kristi Everts, and Pat Radermacher. Also in attendance was Park Manager Jeff Wiersma.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting were approved. M/S/C (Everts/Baker)

Treasurer's Report

There is \$51,328.65 in the Treasury as of February 26, 2015. The GSP Advisory Board is grateful to the family of Kent Olson for the generous memorial given to the Park Partners. The Treasurer's report was approved. M/S/C (Radermacher/Baker)

Committee Reports

Membership: Kristi sent out 80 complimentary copies of Tracks and Trails with an invitation to join the Park Partners. She will send more in the future as she receives names and addresses from board members.

Park Manager Report

FROM ST. PAUL:

- Region Manager Phil Leversedge has been appointed as Acting Deputy Director of Minnesota Parks and Trails through the legislative season. District Supervisor Melody Webb has accepted a temporary assignment as the Region 1 Manager, and Trails Supervisor Shawn Donais has accepted a temporary position as the District Supervisor.
- The Electronic Payment System pilot, which included the entrance station at Glendalough, has been postponed indefinitely until a new reservations system contract is in place.

PARK PROJECTS:

- Yurts – Door lock broke on one of the yurts and is being replaced. Curtains are being sewn next week, and lantern hangers are being installed. Yurt user manual is complete. Yurts are expected to open by March 14.
- Trail Center – Sentence-to-Service crew redid the glazing on the upstairs windows.
- Picnic Tables – Sentence-to-Service crew assembled a dozen new picnic tables for the park.
- Prairie Restoration – Seed cleaning is in progress.

JEFF'S JOTTINGS:

- A mountain lion sighting with multiple witnesses was reported in the park. The large cat has not been seen since, and is likely many miles away by now.

- Two winter lodge rentals took place since Christmas break.
- Boy Scouts Klondike Derby was held around Sunset Lake in January.
- Candlelight Ski was canceled due to lack of snow and severe windchills.
- Underwood School Snow Day was canceled due to lack of snow.
- Park office septic tank is frozen until spring.

Old Business

- The outdoor seating project: Gravel will be hauled in as soon as the ground thaws.
- All the signage for the bike trail has been received and is ready to install in the Spring.
- Purchase of Defibrillators: \$300 was received for each of the old defibrillators. Three new ones are on order.
- Furniture for the Trail Center: Kristi and Stephanie will pick some out and check out new window coverings.
- Bike Racks: The West Central Initiative grant will cover 3-4 bike racks for the park. Jeff recommended purchasing 12 Post and Loop style racks at the price of about \$150 each. M/S/C (Nelson/Christianson) to provide the funding for Jeff to buy these.
- The annual Walk for Glendalough, scheduled for April 25 was discussed.

New Business

- The Annual Parks and Trails Council is holding their annual ride based from Glendalough. Around 60-70 cyclists are expected. Some of them will be camping in the group campground. Jeff asked if anyone from the board would volunteer to be on the planning committee. Steve volunteered to do this. More volunteers will be needed later.
- The advisory board scheduled a retreat for Saturday, May 30th. There will be a tour of the park and time to brainstorm for ideas.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn. M/S/C (Christianson/Baker) The next meeting is May 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Dirckx, Secretary

RENEWALS (CONT.)

Connie Peterson, Fergus Falls
Chad and Jenny Harrington, Inver Grove Hts.
Mark and Kelly Harrington, Inver Grove Hts.
Pat Kostelecky, Battle Lake

MEMORIAL

Gifts to honor Kent Olson were given by his children Tedd and Susan Olson, and by Phyllis and Bud Narveson.

Thank you for keeping your memberships current. Please check the date on the address label on your Tracks and Trails to check your membership status.

Send your membership correspondence to:
Glendalough Park Partners/Kristi Everts
PO Box 901
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Chairman's Message

When I started to think about what I wanted to say in this issue of Tracks & Trails the word energy came to mind. That immediately brought me to one of my favorite words.....grandchildren. Oh, to have energy like that! And I suspect that I'm not the only one who can use a shot of new energy after one of those wonderful visits from the little ones.

One way you might be able to add a little spring to your step is to come and experience the arrival of spring at Glendalough State Park. As the sun warms up, the wildlife wakes up, and the trees and prairie grasses green up, you can't help but be energized by all that is happening around you.

Our recent Walk for Glendalough was a great example of the energy many folks have for our park. There was a great turnout of long-time and new visitors to this annual fund-raising event. When the final numbers are tallied donations will total nearly \$11,000, one of the highest amounts in history. 100% of this money will be used to enhance your future park experiences. Some of the items already purchased or planned for this year are a new outdoor seating/amphitheater area, some new bike racks and several defibrillators, as well as some furniture for the trail center and a large new propane gas grill for use at events at the lodge and trail center. We welcome your ideas on additional ways we can make the park even better.

Our new paved bike trail is getting lots of energetic use already this spring. Lots of bikers and hikers, as well as some in-line skaters and skateboarders can be seen at all times of the day and evening. That activity will pick up even more once school gets out and all our summer visitors return. And on Labor Day weekend we will be hosting 50-80 bikers for the Minnesota Parks & Trails Council annual ride. Using Glendalough as their home base, this group will have three days of biking and exploring all over our lakes area. This event will give our park and surrounding communities some great exposure, as well as positively impacting our local restaurants and other retail establishments. Alongside the trail on the shores of Annie Battle Lake our two new yurts have created lots of interest and advance reservations. I recently talked to a St. Paul couple and their young son who gave an energetic (there's that word again) endorsement of their stay in a yurt and entire Glendalough experience.

In keeping with our theme, Jeff and his folks have put together a tremendously energetic schedule of interpretive events for this year. Some of those include archery, canoeing and camping lessons, a fly tying workshop, fly fishing clinic, bug and bird activities, campfire programs and more. Look for more information in Tracks & Trails and call the park in advance to sign up.

And finally, your citizen's advisory board is using their collective energies to look for ways to make your park experience better and better. We invite you to join us as a Park Partner, but even more importantly we welcome your ideas on how to do so.

Steve Nelson
Chairman
Glendalough State Park Citizens Advisory Board

Walk for Glendalough 2015



A clear and mild day brought about 150 park enthusiasts to this year's Walk for Glendalough. Participants collected pledges from their friends and neighbors prior to the Walk, and gathered on April 25th to total the pledges, and enjoy the day. The total of the donations was \$10,484.00. Thanks to all who contributed and collected donations!

The main purpose of the annual walk is fund raising, but it is also a time to celebrate this beautiful and peaceful corner of the earth called Glendalough. The participants enjoyed walking, biking, viewing the eagle's nest through a scope with Ben the park naturalist, visiting with friends, touring the historic Lodge, and having morning coffee and a brat lunch.

The morning concluded with a program to announce the grand total for the day and award the prizes to the top donation collectors. Dani Hanson was the top fundraiser in the youth category. She is 14 years old, and collected \$255.00. Grace Stoebe collected \$3,415.00. Bob

Wasson was second with \$635.00. Jan Slater came in with \$405.00. Carol Witt collected \$300.00. The time and work put in by these amazing fundraisers is greatly appreciated!

All of the funds raised at this event are used for projects in Glendalough. Money raised at previous walks has funded the restoration and furnishing of the Lodge, the restroom addition and renovation of the Trail Center, the walking bridge across the Annie Battle Creek, the Molly Stark picnic shelter...and that is just to name a few. Our goal is to continue to identify areas of need that would not be funded by the state, and to plan projects that will make Glendalough State Park an even better place for all to enjoy the beauty of nature.

Kristi Everts, Walk Coordinator



Top donation collectors; Carol Witt, Jan Slater, Bob Wasson, and Grace Stoebe. Grace collected \$3,415.00 for first place, and the grand total for the day was \$10,484.00.



Retracing our Steps: A Brief History of the Walk for Glendalough

As predictable as the pasque flowers that bloom on the Prairie Hill, it seems that every spring brings a renewed enthusiasm for the Glendalough Walk. This is a time to look forward to new amenities and new park improvements, and celebrate those of the past year. It seems that we rarely take the time, however, to look all the way back down the trail behind us to see how far we've come. New Walkers may not have even an inkling of how important this annual rite of spring has been to Glendalough's development. With that in mind, it seemed appropriate to reminisce about our longest running annual event that began twenty years ago.

In 1991, legislation was passed to make Glendalough a Minnesota State Park, and by 1993, the DNR and a group of ambitious local citizens had produced a management plan for the facility. Yet, there was little funding for the new attraction, and Mn. State Parks expressed a desire to "mothball" Glendalough until better economic times. Heedless of this recommendation, the local Citizens Advisory Board and Glendalough's first Park Manager / Project Coordinator Les Estes forged ahead. Otter Tail County Sentence-to-Service crews were enlisted to clear trails and maintain a temporary picnic area by the bridge to the Old Camp. STS solved the labor problem for the moment, but development funding was still an issue for the fledgling park. A new park entrance road planned for 1996 would bring visitors to little more than a small picnic area and some unmarked trails. Just beyond the picnic area was the Old Camp, at that time a bunch of deteriorating buildings covered with "Employees Only" signs.

Enter the National Parks and Conservation Association. In 1995, in honor of the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the NPCA began sponsoring a national "March for Parks" movement. For a small registration fee, the NPCA would provide all the instructions and materials, including a banner, to help friends of federal, state, and local parks raise money for their favorite locale. The Glendalough Citizen's Advisory Board seized this opportunity, and, in 1996, the first "Walk for Glendalough", officially a March for Parks event, was born. That first Walk, skillfully coordinated by local teacher Tanya Hensch, raised over \$6,000, enough to purchase the hiking bridge that now allows a full circuit of Annie Battle Lake, and, coincidentally, appears on this year's Walk t-shirt. The synergy of this development funding source and free STS labor would prove to be the main driver of park development for years to come.

In a few short years, the Walk had taken on a life of its own. NPCA kept track of fundraising dollars at the March for Parks events, and Glendalough, in the small town of Battle Lake, was typically in the top five in the nation for dollars raised, rubbing shoulders with places like Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Eventually, the Glendalough March for Parks quickly outgrew its need for sponsorship and was renamed the Walk for Glendalough. The fact that it continues to be such a success is a credit to its coordinators. Those include Tanya, who started the event; Gayle Beecher, who revived it after a year without a Walk; and current

coordinator Kristi Everts, who has organized it for the longest period of time. The list of Walk projects is quite long, but here are a few of the ones with the greatest impact:

Annie Battle Hiking Bridge: The first Walk project not only completed a signature trail, but opened up options for canoe/backpack sites and yurts. Although the bike trail ultimately did not follow this route, without the Annie loop, the bike trail proposal would have never got off the ground.

Molly Stark Picnic Shelter : The purchase of a picnic shelter drove the entire development of the Molly Stark picnic area and beach. STS crews came from three different counties to complete the construction of this project.

Lodge Restoration : With significant water damage, the lodge was only a few years away from a sad end before the Glendalough Park Partners stepped up in a big way. Three years of fundraising, including a blockbuster \$18,000 in one Walk, rescued Glendalough's historic heart from demolition. Can you imagine Glendalough without the lodge?

Trail Center Restrooms: Year-round restrooms dramatically enhanced visitor use in the entire park, not just the trail center. This project also gave a home to park interpretive programs and visiting school groups. For visitor impact, this is #1.

Here are some smaller projects with a big kick:

Prairie Restoration: Walk donations jumpstarted Glendalough's premier prairie restoration program. This "seed money" started the restoration of over 700 Glendalough acres.

Canoes : From humble beginnings, Glendalough's equipment rental offerings now are second in the state park system for producing revenue. Several purchases helped the Glendalough fleet meet a growing demand.

Camper cabin heat and electricity: Year-round cabins helped Glendalough become a year-round destination for camping.

Interpretive projects and equipment: This includes projects from the Old Camp kiosk to the Beaver Pond Trail boardwalk to the new archaeology signs on the bike trail. It also includes spotting scopes, field guides, binoculars, and fishing poles. Glendalough was checking out binoculars and fishing poles several years before state parks began making birding kits and fishing kits available. Did we start a trend?

2001: The Year without a Walk

Lacking a coordinator, there was no Walk in 2001. Despite this, about \$5,000 was received in donations anyway! It just goes to show – the Walk is habit-forming. Make it an annual rite of spring. It's a great way to pass on your love of Glendalough to the next generation. Walk on!!





Historic Glendalough



From "A History of Cowles Media Company" by James Alcott

GLENDALOUGH (APPENDIX Y)

Glendalough game farm was acquired by the company as part of The Minneapolis Tribune transaction in 1941. Started in 1903 as an 80-acre summer lakeside retreat, it was bought by F. E. Murphy in 1927 and named Glendalough, after a monastery in county Wicklow in Ireland. In 1932, he established a hatchery where he raised turkeys, pheasants and other game birds as "a supplement to The Minneapolis Tribune program for a well-balanced Northwest agriculture.¹" During the Depression, he added adjacent farms, a practice that was continued under Cowles ownership until it was almost 2,000 acres with roughly 30,000 feet of shoreline on five lakes.

It was used by the Cowles family for summer vacations, and by the newspaper advertising department in the fall for hunting weekends. One of those weekends was designated the "Eastern Weekend" - the opening of pheasant season. Bankers, media executives and political leaders from "the East" were invited, most of them friends and associates of John Cowles Sr. Mike Cowles was a regular participant.

Shortly after he came to work for the company, John Cowles Jr. was given responsibility for organizing Glendalough hunting weekends. While he was still in college, his father arranged for him to be in a duck blind with Bruce Dayton with instructions to get acquainted, in spite of the fact that John didn't hunt and felt a cold coming on.² Guests came at other times as well; over the years they included Dwight Eisenhower (who visited after being nominated for President), Richard Nixon, and Walter Mondale.

Located about 200 miles west of the Twin Cities, it was a place for the family to get away and relax, although John Cowles Sr. conducted business by telephone with people across the country and dictated letters and memos to his secretary in Minneapolis. Mike Cowles and his family came from Des Moines when they lived there, often bringing friends. After Arthur and Morley Ballantine bought The Durango Herald in Colorado in 1952, they continued to come back for summer visits with their children. There was a main house of relatively modest size and several cottages for guests, located near the northwest shore of Annie Battle Lake. There were also tennis courts, a croquet court, a bowling alley, and later a paddle tennis court. (Croquet was a British Army variation of the usual lawn game, requiring oversize square-headed mallets with different rules and etiquette than its conventional cousin.) Bridge in the main house was often the featured social activity, but it was the dining room that was the heart of the place.

Jay Cowles remembers that children were not permitted at the table until age 12, when their table manners would be good enough for adult company. His grandfather treated Jay and his cousins just as he did other guests - with discussions about politics and world affairs in which they were expected to participate. (This was apparently a continuation of a tradition in the Gardner Cowles household in Des Moines, which is well remembered by most members of that third generation.) Richard Ballantine recalls that six or eight copies of The Minneapolis Tribune arrived every morning, and that "everyone jumped in," reading aloud and discussing parts of stories they found particularly interesting. They enjoyed their grandfather and his stories of current events, and were encouraged to think about the life of the community and the world. From these experiences came their understanding of the civic role of the newspaper, as an institution of information and ideas. The values learned at Glendalough continue to influence the family today.

The game fowl operations were considerable; the farm raised ducks, partridge, pheasants, turkeys and even cattle for a while. Millet, oats and other grain was grown, part of which was used for feed and part for migrating birds. For many years a Glendalough turkey was a prized gift at Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Glendalough was also used for management retreats for a week in the summer. By the late eighties, however, the hunting weekends were no longer the valuable marketing opportunities they once were, and family members visited less frequently. The cost of maintaining the farm and camp could no longer be justified, and the company gave the property to The Nature Conservancy, so that it could be made available to the State of Minnesota for a park. The property, valued then at \$2.6 million was given to the Conservancy on Earth Day, 1990. In the audience that day was Joseph E. Murphy Jr., a nephew of F. E. Murphy and a member of the board of the Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Because it had remained in private ownership for so long, Glendalough was valued not only for its beauty but because it was one of the last large tracts of undeveloped lake shore and land in the state. There had been no logging operations and very little fishing on the lakes.

Les Estes, then the farm manager, remained as the new manager of the state park. He and his wife, Helen, came to Glendalough in 1965, succeeding Mr. and Mrs. Alex Johnson.

¹ Bradley Morison, *Sunlight on Your Doorstep* (Minneapolis: Ross & Haines, Inc., 1966), p. 31.

² Bruce Dayton, author interview, June 6, 1996.



Summer Interpretive Program Schedule 2015

June

Friday 6/19 from 6:00-8:00pm --- Fly Tying Workshop

Learn how to tie flies from DNR Minnauqua experts. These are truly functional little pieces of art. All equipment and materials are provided to create your own masterpiece. You don't need to be signed up for the fly fishing clinic on Saturday to participate, but that would give you a great opportunity to test your creation. Space is limited so call the park at 218-864-0110 to register.

Saturday 6/20 from 9:00am-3:00pm --- Fly Fishing Clinic

Learn the basics of fly fishing from DNR Minnauqua experts, practice knot tying and casting, then test your new skills on pristine Annie Battle Lake, a unique Heritage Fishery which abounds with large panfish. All equipment is provided. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and a bag lunch. A fishing license is required only if you are not a Minnesota resident. Participants must be at least eight years old. Space is limited so call the park at 218-864-0110 to register.

Wednesday 6/24 from 9:30-11:30am --- Beginning Canoeing

Meet at the Molly Stark Fishing Dock to learn canoeing basics from a Naturalist. We will cover safety, parts of the canoe and paddles, and learn strokes, before heading out on to the water to practice our skills. Equipment will be provided, so come enjoy a paddle on a quiet lake. Space is limited so call the park at 218-864-0110 to register.

Wednesday 6/24 from 1:00-3:00pm --- Wild Wednesdays: Fishy, Fishy in the Brook...

We will be exploring lakes and streams and what lives there. Specifically, we will look at the life in these two habitats related to fish and fish food through a variety of hands-on activities. At the end of the program we will even try catch a few fish. *Only non-Minnesota residents need a fishing license. Meet at the Picnic Shelter near Molly Stark for this program designed for children aged 5-15, but all are welcome. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 6/27 from 10:00am-2:00pm --- Paddle the Glendalough Chain of Lakes

Explore this flat water, easy to paddle segment of lakes and streams in Glendalough State Park. This paddle is appropriate for beginners through experts, under the guidance of an experienced instructor. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$15 per canoe, with paddles and life jackets provided. Registration is required; please call (218) 864-0110.

Saturday 6/27 from 7:00-8:00pm --- White-tailed Deer: Evening Campfire Program

You see them almost everywhere you go, but how much do you really know about them. They are one of the most common animals not only in the park and this state, but around the country. Come learn about the physical and behavioral adaptations that make this animal so highly adaptable. This entertaining and informational program will have something for all ages. Meet at the Sunset Lake amphitheater area. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

July

Wednesday 7/8 from 9:30-11.30am --- Beginning Canoeing

See June 24th listing for details.

Wednesday 7/8 from 1:00-3:00pm --- Wild Wednesdays: Birds the Word

Tweet, tweet, tweet! What makes a bird different than any other animal? We will explore the answer to this question as well as learning some other amazing facts about birds. There will be playing games, doing a craft and going on a short birding adventure. So, bring your own binoculars or try out a pair of ours. Meet at the Picnic Shelter near Molly Stark for this program designed for children aged 5-15, but all are welcome. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 7/18 from 12:30-3:00pm --- Archery in the Park

See May 16th listing for details.

Wednesday 7/22 from 9:30-11.30am --- Beginning Canoeing

See June 24th listing for details.

Wednesday 7/22 from 1:00-3:00pm --- Wild Wednesdays: Bugs Bugs Bugs!

Are you sure that is a bug you just saw? We will explore what it means to be an insect through a variety of hands-on activities, including sweep netting and capturing. We will also play a few games and do a craft. Meet at the Picnic Shelter near Molly Stark for this program designed for children aged 5-15, but all are welcome. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday and Saturday, July 24-26 ---I Can Camp!

Learn basic tent camping skills, including setting up a campsite and tents, starting a campfire, and preparing delicious, simple outdoor meals. There will be lots of outdoor activities for kids and adults, from nature walks and wildlife watching to fishing and geo-caching. Registration is required and there is a cost of \$60 per family. Call the park at 218-864-0110 for more information.

August

Saturday 8/1 from 2:00-4:00pm --- Prairies- Upside-down Forests

What did you say? An upside-down forest! Did you know that the park has one of these? Upside-down forests are home to numerous species of plants and animals and contain some of the most fertile soils in Minnesota, it's a prairie. We will explore what they are, what lives there and then take a walk on one of the parks trails through a beautiful piece of prairie. Meet at the Sunset Lake amphitheater. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 8/1 from 7:00-8:00pm --- Predator/Prey: Evening Campfire Program

Do you know how to tell a prey animal from a predator? We will explore some of the common predator prey relationships taking place in the park. We will also look at some unique animal survival tactics and methods of escape. Meet at the Sunset Lake amphitheater area. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday 8/5 from 9:30-11.30am --- Beginning Canoeing

See June 24th listing for details.

Wednesday 8/5 from 1:00-3:00pm --- Wild Wednesdays: Call of the Wildflowers: Geocaching

Join the naturalist and discover the fascinating challenge of geocaching and how you can use it to explore Minnesota State Parks with the launch of the new geocaching series, "Call of the Wildflowers." Get a special pollinator card for this new series for attending! You will learn how to use a GPS unit, how geocaching works, and then head out in the park to find some specially placed caches for this event. This hands-on program is sure to get you geared up and ready for a modern-day treasure hunt. GPS units will be provided. Meet at the Picnic Shelter near Molly Stark for this program designed for children aged 5-15, but all are welcome. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 8/9 --- I Can Paddle! - On the Lake: Canoe

This program teaches the basics of canoeing on lakes, from launching a canoe to paddling efficiently and planning a safe canoe outing. *Children must be at least five years old and participants under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Programs last approximately two hours. Registration is required and there is a cost of \$60 per family. Call the park at 218-864-0110 for more information.

Wednesday 8/19 from 9:30-11.30am --- Beginning Canoeing

See June 24th listing for details.

Wednesday 8/19 from 1:00-3:00pm --- Wild Wednesdays: Animals of Glendalough

There are animals living all around the park, but are often not seen. They do however leave us clues that let us know they were here. Come learn about the animals of the park through pelts, skulls, and other animal props. We will look at how and why they are leaving the different types of clues, before heading out on your own animal mystery scavenger hunt. Meet at the Picnic Shelter near Molly Stark for this program designed for children aged 5-15, but all are welcome. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact the Park for More Information.

Glendalough State Park • Battle Lake, Minnesota



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Thank you, Park Partners!

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